



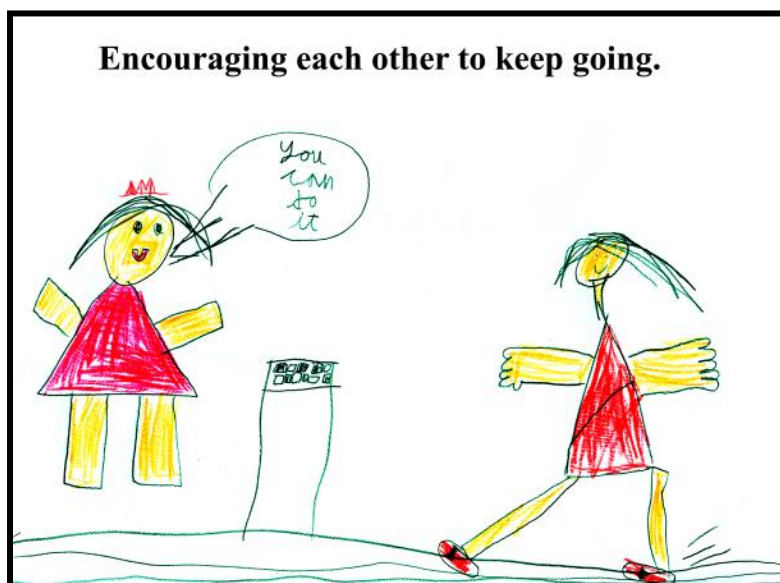
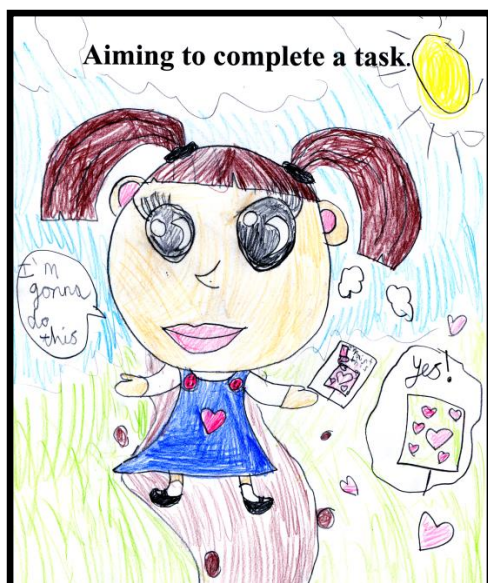
NEWSLETTER – 21st January 2022

VALUE: Perseverance

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4.13

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”

Thomas Edison



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week the teachers and I have continued working together on the curriculum. When Ofsted came, they identified a couple of areas for us to develop. One was the transition from phonics into reading fluency for a small group of children and this is work that Mrs Cook, as subject lead for English is working on with the staff. The other was to continue our curriculum development. Over the last couple of years, we have spent a lot of time developing Maths and English; what we teach and how we teach, providing resources and training for staff. Success in these subjects is so important and the inspectors recognised how well this is going. We have also been working through the other subjects, as we are committed to giving children a broad education and lots of opportunities to find out what they are good at and enjoy, and that work is ongoing. Minor distractions such as lockdowns and the pandemic have slowed us down at times.

In recent years, school leaders like myself, have been pleased to see that the amount and quality of up-to-date educational research has greatly increased. This means that we now have access to facts about what really works with learning and how we can apply it. Recent findings relate to an increased understanding of memory, how well children retain information and what can be done for different children to increase this. Teachers and parents too (particularly during the home learning or when doing homework) will recognise the feeling of frustration that leads to thoughts or words along the lines of, “but you know this, you could do it last time. Why can’t you do it now?”

We are therefore using the latest information as we work on our curriculum areas so that we have the most effective plans in place to help the children to retain more and be able to build on it. Our current focus is on Geography and Religious Education.

Our Values work on Perseverance has included asking the children to focus on different related phrases, talking about what they mean and illustrating them to share their understanding. The ones I have included are from across Key stage one and two. I think this value is so important and impacts on so many of our experiences. I particularly appreciate this quote by Thomas Edison, "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

I trust that as a school, we can help all of the children to become able to see and appreciate the progress they are making and to keep going until they are successful. We have initiated a new reward system and appreciate your support with this. I am hoping that all of the children will require certificates at the end of this half term. Any questions, please communicate with the teachers through ClassDojo.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



Spellbrook Newspaper

PERSEVERANCE

In assembly we have been learning about perseverance and it means - if you want to stop but you carry on. Like if you go on an adventure and you feel like you are going to give up but you don't stop and carry on or if times are challenging or tough but you don't give up.

QUOTES

Mya H- "Carry on when times are tough."

Taliya DM- "keep going and never stop."

Josh K- "Keep moving."

Olivia H- "Keep trying."

Ava E- "keep persevering in work."

Paige L- "Keep going, never stop!"

Mrs Cook- "Try your best, don't give up, face your challenges."

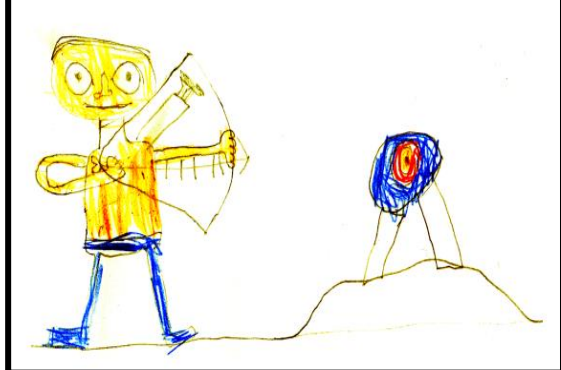
Arlo B- "Never give up when times are tough."

By Frank and Natasha

Not giving up.



Eyes fixed on the target.



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

As we continue to reflect in our collective worships on the theme of 'perseverance', these verses seem apt, capturing something of what it means to carry on doing good, even when there appears to be no reason to continue or even when others resist. They were written on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta and, in this version, are widely attributed to her.



*People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred
Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends
and some genuine enemies.
Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.
Be honest and sincere anyway.
What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.
Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.
Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.
Give your best anyway.
In the final analysis, it's between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.*



God bless,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sapphire
Lilly



Emerald
Sienna T

Diamond
Joseph

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- Annabelle for brilliant participation in all challenge activities.

Sapphire

- Scarlett for great effort in Maths.
- Tristan for perseverance with his handwriting.

Emerald

- Percy for brilliant perseverance in his Maths.
- Sienna R for fantastic deepening in all her writing.

Diamond

- Natasha for a great effort in her English writing.
- Finley R for good forms in his learning.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 94%**

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Attendance Ladder



Please contact school on the first day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204, Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

NOTICES

- Arbor** – we would like to thank parents for bearing with us during the setup of our new payment and booking system. Arbor is now up and running and all bookings and payments (except payment for Diamond Class Residential) can now be made there. If you have not yet registered to use Arbor, please do so by following the link: <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'forgot your password' to finish setting up your account.

- Sapphire Class swimming lessons** can be paid in two instalments of £17.50 or a full payment of £35.
1st Instalment due on 04/02/22
2nd Instalment due on 01/03/22
Please see the letter sent out earlier on today for more information.

- Dinner Money** – please ensure that dinner accounts are in credit at all times.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lamb Slice (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Veggie 'Meat-Free Balls' (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Deli Wrap with Rice (Red) ❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
20/07/22	Last Day of Term
21/07/22	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

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Vacancy for Premises Manager / Cleaner

We are looking to appoint a reliable and capable premises manager / cleaner to join our friendly team at Spellbrook C of E primary school. A quote from our recent Ofsted visit 'Pupils, staff, governors and parents all mention the 'family feel' where everyone looks out for each other'.

You will be line managed by the Headteacher, this is an important role with responsibility for the security of the premises, health & safety, light repairs, property maintenance, some grounds maintenance and cleaning the school daily to provide an appropriate environment for students to work and learn.

Salary and grade offered to the successful applicant will depend on skills and experience. The role ideally involves working a split morning and afternoon shift daily, totalling 37 hours per week. For example, 7.30am – 12.00pm (Premises manager) and 4:00pm – 7.00pm (Cleaning). These are guides and other hours could be negotiated. The successful applicant will be expected to work term time and school holidays. Annual leave of 24 days, the majority to be taken during school closure periods.

The appointed person will be a key holder, opening the school at 7.30am daily and preparing the premises for the start of the school day. Locking up times may vary and will depend on if there are any events or lettings held after school. Previous experience and a knowledge of health and safety issues would be an advantage, although training is available for the right person. Visits to the school are welcomed. Applicants are required to complete the HCC application form taking the person specification into consideration.

We are fully committed to the safeguarding agenda and the post will therefore be subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references. Any discrepancies regarding employment history will be followed up at interview. Previous employers will be contacted for verification.

Please phone the school and ask to speak to Miss Hayward, School Business Manager (01279) 723204 with any queries or to make an appointment to view the school.

Closing Date: Monday 7th February 2022 at 9.00 am
Interview Date: Thursday 10th February 2022
Start Date: Tuesday 29th March 2022
Salary: £20,903 - £23,080
Hours: 37 Hours p/w split shift, full time

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