



## NEWSLETTER - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### VALUE: PERSEVERANCE

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

"It's always too soon to quit!" – Norman Vincent Peale



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

**This week in school:** As part of their RE, the children in Sapphire Class had a classroom visit from Father Simon. The children know Father Simon well from collective worship, but having him in their classroom gave them much more time to talk and find things out. He was here to share his knowledge about prayer. He brought in items for the children to look at and learn about. These included prayer beads, a prayer book and holding crosses. He also showed an app that he has on his phone that includes a prayer of the day. The children were very interested and listened well as he explained and answered the questions they had prepared.



Diamond Class have been creating posters in their art to share important messages about the planet and the way we treat it.

Emerald Class are learning about the Amazon rainforest and the concept of biodiversity. They have been using laptops to research about animals that live there and have been presenting their findings in different ways.

Ruby Class have been learning about parts of a flower.



All of the children in Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond class have weekly buddy reading together. This promotes reading as well as helping others.

The older children are becoming very able to support their younger buddies as they read together.



- For all pupils who live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, reception age or above, it is recommended they should take an LFD test every day for 7 days. Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms should isolate immediately and book a PCR test. If pupils or staff are feeling unwell with other symptoms they should stay off school until well enough to return.
- We are still requesting that visitors to the school wear a mask as they are coming in and moving around the building.

Jeremy Fisher





## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



*Fr Simon writes:*

You've possibly noticed by now that I'm partial to the odd candle or five. (I'm talking in hundreds of course!) For me, there's something very holy in the action of lighting a candle and in watching it quietly shine a light into our world.

And it seems I'm not alone. By the time I lock the church up each day, many votive candles have been lit during the day by passers-by as a simple act of prayer; prayer perhaps for an individual; prayer perhaps for a situation. It's a heartfelt expression of our desires for our world, for ourselves, and for others, when words fail us.

It's just one of the aspects of prayer which I explored with the pupils of Sapphire class this past week when I popped in to help them think about what prayer is. I took a candle along with me - along with other things such as prayer books, holding crosses, and prayer beads - and they were transfixed by the candle. It seems there's something about candlelight which appeals to many of us.



If you're one of those people, this coming Sunday is going to be for you when we light many, many candles in church to celebrate Candlemas. It's the day the worldwide Church remembers Mary and Joseph taking the young Jesus to be presented at the Temple in Jerusalem, and when the aged Simeon, the Bible tells us, proclaimed Jesus to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel." It's therefore appropriate that traditionally this has been the Sunday when all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year are blessed at the mass or Eucharist - hence 'Candlemas'.



Whether or not you're able to be in church this Sunday at 9.30am to witness the beautiful candlelit scene, may the radiance of God illuminate your life with love and compassion.

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**No Birthdays This Week**



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## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✦ Caitlyn for great attention in learning and practising her writing.

### Sapphire

- ✦ Poppy for participation in her spelling lesson.
- ✦ Harvey for good partner work in Maths.

### Emerald

- ✦ Maizee-Leigh for all of her fantastic ideas in English this week.
- ✦ Stanley T for working really hard on his handwriting.

### Diamond

- ✦ Marcia for persevering with long division.
- ✦ Eshal for fabulous narrative poetry writing.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 89.6%**

**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

- ✦ **Diamond Class Residential Payment** - The second instalment is due on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. Payments should be made on **School Gateway for this instalment only**. We will be transferring the remaining instalments to Arbor and shutting down School Gateway.

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

- ✦ **Arbor First Time Login** - If you are having difficulty with logging into Arbor for the first time, please contact the office.

- ✦ **Breakfast and Afterschool Club Bookings** - Please ensure all bookings are done through Arbor prior to your child attending. Could parents also ensure that all outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible please.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| Day       | Menu  |
|-----------|---|
| Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)</li> <li>❖ Beany Bolognaise (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>      |
| Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Creamy Chicken Pasta (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>         |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Chicken (Red)</li> <li>❖ Crispy Topped Vegetarian Pie (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul> |
| Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Organic Beef Lasagne (Red)</li> </ul>  |

## 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 |

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|  | ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (Green)<br>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)                               |  |
| Friday   | ❖ Fish Fingers (Red)<br>❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green)<br>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) |  |
| Contact: <a href="mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk">admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk">www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk</a> |   |  |

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

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/premises-manager-cleaner\\_69612.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/premises-manager-cleaner_69612.htm)



# DON'T SHOUT AT ME!!

5 Steps To A Calmer Family Life



- Fed up with shouting?
- Are you constantly repeating yourself?
- Getting into constant power struggles with your child?
- Do you want tips and strategies to deal with angry children?
- Want to know how to model and teach safe ways of expressing anger?



An interactive "ZOOM" workshop for parents & carers of children aged 5-11.  
Discover how to explore the best ways of approaching angry behaviour, and develop a calmer family environment



Date: Tuesday 15th March '22

Time : 9.30am - 11.30am

Price: £2.00 per household

## Booking Information

Please contact  
Jo at ASPECTS  
Family Support Service

admin@aspects.org.uk  
or call 01279 758134



# TechSafe

An interactive workshop for parents & carers of East Herts (children aged 5-11)



## Safer Gaming for children with SEND

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2022

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Price: FREE

This workshop is for residents of East Herts  
(Includes Bishops Stortford, Hertford, Ware, Sawbridgeworth, Buntingford and



This interactive workshop will be delivered via Zoom

## We will discuss:

- The benefits of gaming for children and young people with SEND
- How to reduce the risks associated with gaming for children and young people with SEND
- Is this game suitable for my child?
- Time Management

To book this FREE interactive session funded by East Herts Council.

Please email: admin@aspects.org.uk

01279 758134



UK Council for Internet Safety



# BISHOP'S STORTFORD RUGBY CLUB FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP 2022

WHEN: Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 February

WHO: Boys and Girls U6 - U12

TIME: Start 09:30 and finish at 15:00 (Arrive from 09:15)

WHERE: Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club

FOOD: Packed lunch, a snack and water bottle for the day (no nuts)

KIT CHECK: Rugby boots, Trainers, Gumshields, suitable training kit and a spare set of clothes

COST: £30 per day

COURSE CONTENT: Tackle/Tagging Technique, Handling, Evasion Games/ Gameplay, various other activities and lots of fun.

For further details please contact:  
marcuscatell05@hotmail.com  
or call Marcus on 07870 163675  
Or visit: www.bsrfc.co.uk

Application Form available online or by email.  
Courses run by BSRFC 1st XV coaches.



## Pressing The Pause Button! Mind Full, or Mindful?

A zoom workshop for parents & carers



## Topics covered include:

- Anxiety around parenting skills...boosting your confidence!
- Parenting peer pressure, striving to be the "perfect parent"
- Learn simple mindful activities that will help you and child deal with anxiety
- A selection of 1 minutes tips and exercises to enable you to feel less stressed, no matter how busy you are!



Date: Thursday 10th February 2022

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Price: £5.00 per household

Booking requests: Please contact Jo at Aspects.  
email: admin@aspects.org.uk or call 01279 758134







CLASSES ALSO AVAILABLE FOR  
6-18 YEAR OLDS - SEE OUR WEBSITE

Phoenix Chicks is a fun-filled hour of drama games and creative play. Your child will learn how to move and talk with increased confidence, improve their communication skills and make new friends in the process.

HEALTHY . CONFIDENT . SUCCESSFUL

FOR PRE-  
SCHOOL TO  
YEAR 1



SAFFRON WALDEN - EVERY MONDAY - 4.30PM TO 5.30PM  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD - EVERY WEDNESDAY - 4.30PM TO 5.30PM  
HARLOW - EVERY SATURDAY - 9.30AM TO 10.30AM



**SPECIAL OFFER**  
**4 WEEKS FREE** QUOTE "SCH4"

BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL AT [WWW.PHOENIXTHEATRESCHOOL.CO.UK](http://WWW.PHOENIXTHEATRESCHOOL.CO.UK) OR CALL 01279 354 354



CLASSES ALSO AVAILABLE FOR  
3-6 YEAR OLDS - SEE OUR WEBSITE

YEAR 2  
TO  
YEAR 6

Phoenix Primary is a two hour session of creative theatre fun for children aged 6 to 11. Your child will learn how to move and talk with increased confidence, improve their communication skills and understand the importance of team work; all whilst making friendships that will last a lifetime.

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SAFFRON WALDEN - EVERY MONDAY - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD - EVERY WEDNESDAY - 5.30PM TO 7.30PM  
HARLOW - EVERY SATURDAY - 10.30AM TO 12.30PM



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