



## NEWSLETTER – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### VALUE: PERSEVERANCE

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

“Just remember, you can do anything you set your mind to, but it takes action, perseverance, and facing your fears.” – Gillian Anderson.



Holding 'Sticky', the baby stick insect



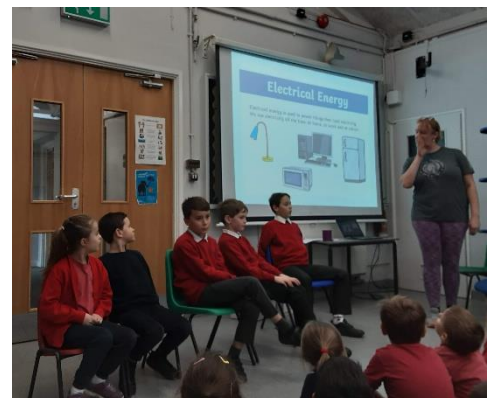
New tunnel and climbing equipment

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

**This week in school:** In our values we have continued to think about perseverance and this week we considered how good decisions can also impact on our successes. We heard the story of the man who built his house on rock and the other who built on sand and how that turned out.

The Eco Team led an assembly. They have requested Energy Champions for each class to make sure we switch lights and screens off when we leave the classrooms and they have started two new recycling projects. These are for items that often end up in landfill but can in fact be recycled. Any crisp bags that we collect will be made into plastic pellets to make new, useful items like garden furniture, roofing and flooring. Batteries can also be recycled and this is preferable to the dangerous alternative of toxic chemicals ending up in landfill. If you are sending in crisp bags, please make sure they are completely empty and that batteries are brought in an envelope or bag.

Diamond class have been litter picking and collected a huge amount from the area around the school.



**Internet Safety Day:** Next week is Internet Safety Day (11<sup>th</sup> February) and we will be focusing on internet safety throughout the week. The UK Safer Internet Centre has useful advice for parents including [Top Tips for under 11s - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

The ThinkUKnow team at CEOP have written a great new blog post to give advice and guidance to parents regarding social media. It's a nice, simple, quick read going into the risks, considerations for whether the child is ready, minimum age requirements and more. [social media \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/social-media/)

**Parent Governor:** Mr Hasty, one of our parent governors has reached the end of his period as a parent governor but we are really pleased that he will continue with us as a co-opted governor. This means that we now have a vacancy for a parent governor. There is a letter attached with further information but please get in touch if you have any questions. If you are interested in putting your name forward, send your intention to stand in an email marked 'nomination for parent governor' to the office by the closing date, which is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Healthy Food Strategy:** You may be aware that this week the government has announced their levelling up strategy. They are pledging to, *"act now to deal with one of the biggest contributors to ill health: poor diet and obesity."*

When we wrote our School Development Plan last September, we identified that during this year, we would review our approach to healthy eating and now that the Ofsted is out of the way, we have the time to give this proper attention. We will consider all aspects of healthy eating and drinking in school from Breakfast Club, snacks, school dinners and packed lunches. We will be consulting with parents and children over the next few weeks and will launch this in the summer term. This will include information for parents and opportunities for you to access key information, as well as to be part of our strategy.

**Homework:** Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> February is the deadline for the homework for this half term. I am really looking forward to seeing some of the work that has been done, particularly with the topic related tasks and hope to be giving out many certificates to recognise the hard work. If you have any issues, let the class teacher know using ClassDojo.

**Premises Manager:** This week Mr Cattlin installed a new tunnel and climbing slide for the Ruby Class children and we persuaded him to carry out an in-depth health and safety check, both inside and out. Unfortunately at the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Cattlin, who has been an excellent premises manger, but now wants to put up his feet and retire (hardly likely). We have an advert out for his replacement and would be grateful if you would draw that to the attention of anyone who could fulfil this role.



Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



**Diamond Class Litter Picking**



## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Fr Simon writes:*



Whilst the great national and local celebrations will be held in warmer weather during the extended bank holiday in June, this Sunday is the actual Platinum Jubilee day. It was on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952 that Her Majesty The Queen acceded to the throne following the death of her father King George VI. At that moment, his eldest daughter - Princess Elizabeth - who was in Kenya on a tour of the Commonwealth, became Queen at the tender age of 25.



It strikes me that The Queen's ongoing popularity amongst all ages has much to do with the way she has carried out her role over the decades. Where history records so many examples - regal or not - of so many people gaining authority and either abusing it or being corrupted by it, for 70 years Her Majesty has treated her position with respect, dignity, warmth, and gentle humour.

Her role model is Jesus; The Queen hasn't been shy in putting that fact on record. At the heart of her faith - and therefore of her life - is Jesus' life and ministry which was threaded through with compassion and humble service for others.

In contrast to the events planned for this June, The Queen will be spending the anniversary on Sunday - as she always does - at Sandringham, no doubt quietly and privately remembering the bittersweet moment when she lost a father and gained the responsibility of a crown. As a weekly worshipper, I wouldn't be surprised if Her Majesty were at Sandringham Church on Sunday. There she may well hear this official 'Prayer for the Sovereign':



Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,  
and all who are in authority under her;  
that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,  
to the honour of your name,  
and the good of your Church and people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Fr Simon*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald  
Ella



Emerald  
Michal

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Ruby

- ✚ Jessica for eagerness to do challenges set at school and at home.

### Sapphire

- ✚ Flora for creativity in writing.
- ✚ Aishwarya for excellent effort in lessons.

### Emerald

- ✚ Ollie for contribution to the environment.
- ✚ Joshua D for perseverance when writing his story.

### Diamond

- ✚ Jasper for perseverance and hard work in Maths.
- ✚ James for perseverance in Maths.

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School  
Attendance – 98.5%**

**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

- ✚ **School breaks up for the half term on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time of 3.15 pm (Ruby & Sapphire) and 3.20 pm (Emerald & Diamond).
- ✚ **Diamond Class Residential Payments** have now been moved to **Arbor**. All future payments can now be made on Arbor.
- ✚ **Sapphire Class swimming payment** 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**
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **The Gardening Club** starts on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** for children in Years 3 to 6. Please see the leaflet below for booking information.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce (Red)</li> <li>❖ Tortilla Stack (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Leek Slice (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Quorn Fillet (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (Red)</li> <li>❖ Sticky Vegetarian Sausages (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Green)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)</li> </ul>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
23/02/22	Y6 Lancaster Model Questionnaire
24/02/22	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
02/05/22	Bank Holiday
03/05/22	Class Photos
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](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)



HELLO, PARENTS & GUARDIANS! WE ARE BEEZEE BODIES, AND WE WORK WITH HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FREE (AND FUN!) HEALTHY LIFESTYLES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY TO BE HEALTHIER?

GOOD NEWS! WE HAVE NEW 12 WEEK COURSES STARTING NEAR YOU WEEK COMMENCING 21ST FEBRUARY.

\*to be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
WELWYN Ridgeway Academy 17:00 – 19:00	STEVENAGE Barnwell Middle School 17:30 – 19:30	CHESHUNT Goff's Academy 17:00 – 19:00	WATFORD Knutsford Primary School 17:30 – 19:30
HARPENDEN Katherine Warrington School 17:30 – 19:30		HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Longdean School 17:30 – 19:30	HERTFORD The Sele School 17:30 – 19:30
BOREHAMWOOD Allum Hall 17:00 – 19:00			
ONLINE Age 9 – 12 17:30 – 18:30	ONLINE Age 5 – 8 16:30 – 17:30	ONLINE Age 5 – 8 17:30 – 18:30	ONLINE Age 9 – 12 16:30 – 17:30

## HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR! LET'S MAKE CHICKEN CHINESE NOODLES

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE TIGER WITH THIS CHINESE INSPIRED NOODLE DISH!



### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 200g mushrooms, sliced
- 4 spring onions, sliced
- 2 peppers, seeds removed and cut into strips
- 150g sugar snap peas
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, diced
- 340g egg noodles
- 2tbsp reduced sugar or "light" sweet chilli sauce
- 1 ½ tbsp. reduced salt soy sauce

### WHAT TO DO:

- Wash and cut your vegetables. Put them in a bowl and set aside for later.
- Cut the chicken into bite size pieces.
- Heat 1tbsp of vegetable oil in a large frying pan, then stir - fry the chicken for about 3 mins until golden and cooked through.
- Add all the vegetables, stir and cook until the vegetables have softened.
- While the vegetables and chicken are cooking, prepare your noodles following the packet instructions. Place noodles into a large pan and cover with boiling water. Simmer for 4 mins, loosening the noodles with a fork. Drain well in a sieve.
- Add the noodles, sweet chilli and soy sauce to the frying pan and toss everything together for a final 2 mins of cooking. Serve straight away and enjoy!



[beezeebodies.com](http://beezeebodies.com)

BeeZee Families

01707 248648







# Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing  
Growing through learning

## Come and Grow After-School with Well Bean Gardening

Wednesday February 23 - March 30 from 3.20pm to 4.30pm



- Open to Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
- £30 for the six-week half-term
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:  
Working in the school gardens  
Planting seeds  
Working towards RHS Campaign for School Gardening Awards

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office in an envelope clearly marked FAO: Well Bean Gardening with £30 cash; a cheque made payable to Wendy Gordon or via BACS: Mrs W L Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Please use your name as reference) by Wednesday February 23

It's important that you return the slip below for safeguarding and emergency contact

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club:

Child's name: ..... Year group: .....

Your name: ..... Phone number: .....

Email: .....

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of: .....

\*Your child's safety is a priority but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

At 4.30pm my child will be picked up by: .....

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook page (please check it out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be used please tick the box:  
(Please note that children are never named)

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RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 23 WITH PAYMENT OF £30

Email: [wendy@wellbeangardening.com](mailto:wendy@wellbeangardening.com)  
Mobile: 07817 528652

[facebook.com/wellbeangardening](https://www.facebook.com/wellbeangardening)  
[www.wellbeangardening.com](http://www.wellbeangardening.com)

# HERTFORDSHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

## Get Playing Bishops Stortford Music Centre

We have an exciting new opportunity to 'Get Playing' a trumpet or Clarinet via FREE taster lessons for 1/2 a term, including the loan of an instrument.

During the term you'll learn:

- the basics for playing the instrument
- how to hold it
- make a sound
- change notes
- read from notation

You'll be playing as part of a small group, for half a term, developing your musical skills from day one.

We will provide the instruments during your learning and if you choose to carry



Music makes you smile  
Music helps with confidence and self-esteem, and plays an important part in nurturing a positive attitude to life.  
#HMSGetPlaying

Instruments offered:	Trumpet	Clarinet
	Suitable for school Years 4-6	
Takes place:	Wednesdays 5.20pm-5.50pm	Saturday 11.00am-11.30am
Where:	Bishops Stortford Music School Birchwood High School, Parsonage Lane CM23 5BD	
Starting:	Week beginning 21st February 2022	



To sign up please visit  
[surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/HMSGetPlayingBand/](https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/HMSGetPlayingBand/)  
or scan the QR code



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## GRANGE PADDOCKS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre  
Rye St, Bishop's Stortford  
CM23 2HH



- Arts and Crafts
- Table Tennis
- Fitness & Nutritional Workshop
- Games
- Swimming Activities

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February		
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00-	8-11
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	14:00	Years
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February		

To book onto our Holiday Activity Camp please contact main reception 01279 652332

If you have any queries or would like to find out more about our Holiday Activity Camp please email:  
[neilgilmore@everyoneactive.com](mailto:neilgilmore@everyoneactive.com)



30 mins activity  
5 days a week



TT Kidz gives 7-11 year old boys and girls a great first experience in table tennis.

TT Kidz is happening here:  
Grange Paddocks LC  
Starts Friday  
25th Feb  
16.00-17.00



Find out more and book

To book contact main reception or 01279 652332

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SAWBRIDGEWORTH EVANGELICAL  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CM21 9EH

# Make Lunch

Tight budget during the holiday period? We are here to support families needing a helping hand throughout the school holidays.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH - FREE OF CHARGE!  
ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday 16th February 2022  
11:30 - 13:00

To book please email: [makelunch@secchurch.co.uk](mailto:makelunch@secchurch.co.uk) or  
phone/text: 07549006777

# Walking Cricket

has arrived in  
Bishop's Stortford.

Walking Cricket is a great way to exercise, suitable for all ages, especially the over 50's and is totally inclusive.

Taking up Walking Cricket can inject a buzz of energy into your life on and off the pitch.

Meet new friends in a safe, friendly environment.

No running but lots of fun...

Come and join us on Tuesday evenings at Birchwood High School, Parsonage Lane, Bishops Stortford.

First of 10 sessions January 11 2022.  
6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Cost £5 per session, tea and coffee supplied.

Contact: Sean 07849 973451 [seancarey780@me.com](mailto:seancarey780@me.com)  
Richard: 07818 431144 [richard.hill@ecb.co.uk](mailto:richard.hill@ecb.co.uk)

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022

Enquiries:  
[applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)



## **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. However, we would consider splitting the roles and responsibilities for the right candidates but pay grade and conditions would be effected. Therefore, if you are interested in any of the potential roles please contact the school to discuss.

Premises manager 4.5 hours Mon-Fri (ideally 7:00-11:30)

Cleaning 3 hours a day Mon-Fri (Friday cleaning can take place over a weekend)

These are guides and other hours could be negotiated. The successful full-time 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, ideally opening the school at 7am 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.

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



A woman with dark hair, wearing a purple cardigan over a green top and blue jeans, is sitting on a grey sofa. She is smiling and looking at a laptop computer that is open on her lap. The background shows a window with light coming through and a patterned curtain.

## **TECHNOLOGY RETURNERS PROGRAMME**

If you are seeking to return to work after a career break, this Technology Returners Programme could be a great opportunity for you. Follow the link for full details <https://inclusivity.co.uk/nomura/>

Inclusivity Partners are experienced in helping career-breakers successfully transition and return to their career and industry whether you have been away for 12 months or 12 years. They also fully understand the challenges parenthood brings when it comes to work and have been helping people, totally free to you, across the UK for over 6 years.

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