



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 11th February 2022

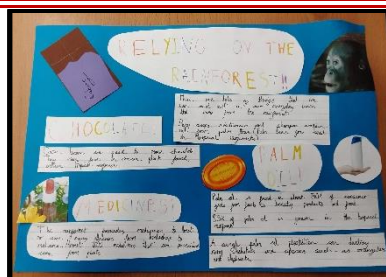
VALUE: PERSEVERANCE

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

“Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.” George Edward Woodberry



Topic work from Sapphire Class



Topic work from Emerald Class

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As the first half term of year, comes to a close, I am aware that we have had a much more straightforward one than last year. However, it is obvious that many of the children are tired, as is often the case towards the end of a half term, and hopefully next week will be pleasant and restful and give them all time to recharge. The staff will benefit from the same. I am grateful for the support of families in many ways and now that we are less restricted, have been able to speak to parents in person more and help solve any issues that have arisen. Please feel free to contact me via the office or dojo if you do have any issues or concerns.

I am pleased to note that the attendance has improved from last term and the overall attendance since September is now at 95.2%. This is still below our target but moving in the right direction. I hope that the impact of the pandemic continues to reduce. I cannot stress too strongly how absence impacts the children. It is very difficult for them to come into a sequence of learning part way through and although teachers offer support, they cannot immediately make up for the loss of previous lessons and the learning that accumulates from them. This often leaves a child with unpleasant and negative feelings.

It seems that we are in a period of change with regards to staff and unfortunately the School Business Manager, Simone Hayward, will be leaving at Easter. I encourage staff to progress professionally, and am pleased for them when they do so but at the same time it is a shame when we lose valued members. Simone has been a very hard

working and valued member of the team for a long time and has managed the finances and personnel superbly during the last two years. Our loss is her new employer's gain.

This year we have been considering ways to make homework more relevant and motivational for the children. We are also very keen that children develop their fluency in maths and as readers and this happens when children put extra time into purposeful practice. Today, we have been awarding certificates for children who have completed the topic tasks, their weekly maths and their reading. I am so pleased that many children have achieved the different awards, showing that they have kept up the reading and maths as well as engaging so well with the topic tasks. I have seen so many excellent pieces of topic work, including lots of brilliant models and it is evident that many families have provided a great deal of support. I heard in detail how one grandfather provided the technical expertise for this superb biome model. I am aware that some children will be disappointed to see others receive the gold certificate when they have not, but we hope that together, we can motivate them to complete the required amount of work next time.



Have a lovely half term break and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher

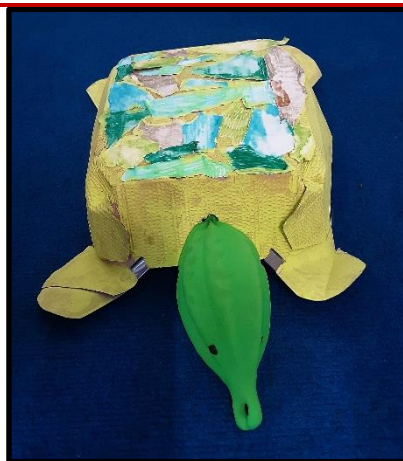
ROAD SAFETY ZOOM CALL

Yesterday the whole school had a zoom call about road safety. Each class had their own call in their classrooms with **Sarah Elliott, the Sustainable Travel Officer.**

We learned to look in all directions while crossing the roads, and don't go on your phone when crossing a road. Also traffic lights and other things that help you cross a road safely without getting hit by car too. It was great fun learning new things about road safety and different stuff that will help everyone to cross a road safely.



Written by Natasha and Frank



Topic work from Diamond Class

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

One of the most poignant moments in Lionel Bart's musical 'Oliver!' is when the young street boy Oliver Twist sings plaintively of his longing to find 'someone who I can mean something to'. It comes in the song 'Where is love?'

The need to find love is a fundamental requirement of human flourishing, and it's there

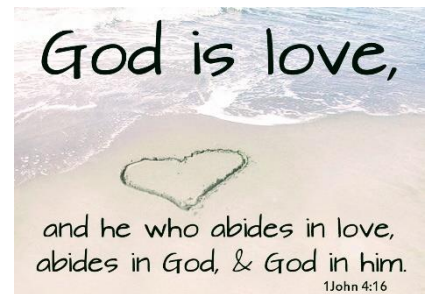
within us all - young and old alike. But where do we find such love?

The natural thing is to assume that it can be found in another person - the person of our dreams. Romantic love does seem to offer the answer to our longing - and, this Monday, the answer to many flower, chocolate and Valentine's Day card retailers' bank balances! But reality is often different. Whilst there are many who are blessed to find the love of their life and live together happily ever after, romantic love for many - particularly as the years pass by - isn't always the heart's panacea.



So where is love? Christians would believe Oliver comes nearest to answering his own question when he sings, 'Does it come from skies above?' Christians believe the only love that can truly satisfy the deep longing of the human heart comes from heaven, and it comes to us from God in the form of a

person - Jesus Christ. He was the embodiment of the love of God, and through his life and death demonstrated the enormity of the love that God has for each of us.



Human love is a wonderful blessing, but only divine love - reliable, sure, unchanging, healing, accepting - is the truest blessing, meeting our deepest need.

Whatever you're doing over the next week, I wish you all a very happy half-term break.

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE HALF TERM



Sapphire
Harry F



Emerald
Honey

Diamond
Celia

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Issy for fantastic sharing of information.

Sapphire

- ✚ Harry P for becoming more independent when writing in lessons.
- ✚ Georgia for always being kind and helpful to others.

Emerald

- ✚ Alden for challenging himself in Maths.
- ✚ Lorcan for trying really hard in his handwriting.

Diamond

- ✚ Olivia for always working to her best ability.
- Archie for working well with others.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 100%**

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

- ✚ **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 23rd February to Wednesday 30th March** for children in Years 3 to 6. Please see the leaflet below for booking information.
- ✚ **Parking** – could we kindly ask parents and carers when parking along the drop off area, to leave enough space for others to safely exit the premises please.
- ✚ **School resumes on Monday 21st February.** Have a lovely half term break.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages (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)

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

	❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)	20/07/22	Last Day of Term
Friday	❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red)	21/07/22	Occasional Day
	❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green)	22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu
	❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)		

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk
Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk



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)

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

Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
www.wellbeangardening.com

Vacancy for Premises Manager (Part-Time)

We are looking to appoint a reliable and capable premises manager 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 and some grounds maintenance 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 totals 20 hours per week. Ideally this would cover 7:00 to 11.00 am Monday - Friday. However, we would be prepared to discuss this if you are interested in the role, please contact the school to discuss.

The successful applicant will be expected to work term time and school holidays. The full-time equivalent of 24 days annual leave will be prorated, 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. 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: Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 9.00 am
Interview Date: Thursday 24th March 2022
Start Date: Tuesday 29th March 2022
Salary: £20,903.00 - £23,080.00 pro rata
Hours: 20 hours p/w

<https://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Vacancies&pid=93>

Vacancy for School Cleaner

We are looking to appoint somebody who is proactive, positive and flexible to join our team in providing a clean and safe environment at school.

The post is for 15 hours per week (3 hours per day Monday - Friday ideally 3.30pm - 6.30pm) term time plus additional hours for deep cleaning at the end of each term. Willing to discuss timings for the right candidate.

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.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Closing Date: Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 9.00 am
Interview Date: Thursday 24th March 2022
Start Date: Wednesday 30th March 2022
Salary: £17,842.00 - £18,198.00 pro rata
Hours: 15 hours p/w TTO plus additional hours

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JUNGLE RUMBLE

A WILD NEW MUSICAL
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

14-20 FEBRUARY 2022 THE FORTUNE THEATRE

Russell Street, London WC2B 5HH

JUNGLE RUMBLE

WILD, UNTAMED AND LIVE IN THE WEST END

In February half-term, a sensational West End cast will bring the jungle to life in **Jungle Rumble**, an unforgettable family musical and a perfect half-term treat.

Jungle Rumble tells the story of ancient elephant Eeli, shy zebra Zella and cheeky monkey Boo, as they journey deep into the heart of the jungle on a fearless expedition to rescue Snow, the last white lion, from the evil Lord Braggard.

With thrilling choreography, uplifting songs and an inspirational message about working together to protect the Earth, Jungle Rumble is the perfect half-term treat for the whole family as well as being an ideal way to introduce your child to the magic of live theatre.

SHOW DATES AND TIMES

Mon 14th Feb
at 14:00 and 15:45
Tue 15th Feb
at 10:00 and 11:45
Wed 16th Feb
at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
Thu 17th Feb
at 10:00 and 11:45
Fri 18th Feb
at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
Sat 19th Feb
at 10:00 and 11:30
Sun 20th Feb
at 10:00, 11:45, 14:00 and 15:45



14-20 FEBRUARY 2022

THE FORTUNE THEATRE

Russell Street, London WC2B 5HH



To book tickets visit atgtickets.com

Find out more at junglerumble.show

For Access bookings, please call 0800 912 6971

ATG TICKETS

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Snowdrop Sundays 2022

13 February & 20 February 2022

Opening times: 11.00 to 4.00 (last entry 3pm)

Adults £5.50, children free, dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available



Snowdrop Thursdays 2022

17 February & 24 February 2022

Opening times: 11.00 to 3.00 (last entry 2pm)

Adults £4.50, children free entry to the Gardens (excluding the Gardens of Warwick House)
Refreshments available

Tickets for both Sundays and Thursdays will be limited and bookable in advance: www.eastonlodge.co.uk or direct through www.Trybooking.com.

Little Easton, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 2BB
Enquiries: 01371 876979; enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk

Half Term What's on at South Mill Arts!

HALF TERM	MORGAN & WEST MON 14TH FEB, 2PM
LITTLE MIX TUE 15TH FEB, 7PM	MARVELUS THUR 17TH FEB, 7PM
THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF FRI 18TH FEB, 10PM	ROMEO & JULIET SUN 20TH FEB, 3PM
FREE KID CRAFT THURSDAYS 10.30-12.00 10-11 FEB & 17 FEB	DISCOVER & MAKE - FROM PICKS TO PIGS SUN & THU THUR 17TH FEB

South Mill Arts

We've plenty planned for Half Term here at South Mill Arts!

- **Morgan & West** dazzle with their magic for young and old alike, on Monday 14th.
- **Little Mix** bring the energy of a full pop concert experience on Tuesday 15th.
- We've a slice of the Edinburgh Fringe with the hilarious **MARVELUS**, a nerd-culture comedy double-act on Thursday 17th!
- **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**, trot onto our stage with their interactive, family fun show on the 18th! Catchy songs and funky dances aplenty!

We're also running **FREE** crafting sessions

for more information visit our site at: www.southmillarts.co.uk

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Family

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Southmillarts.co.uk

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Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

ONLINE course
starting
February 2022

A FREE course for Dads,
Step-Dads and Male Carers



Tuesday evenings Online
7.30pm - 9.00pm

22 Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March 2022

Sessions will run on Zoom



Please like us on Facebook for further
updates @familiesfeelsafe

Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours Services has been funded through HCC to provide Families Feeling Safe programmes across Hertfordshire. We deliver Protective Behaviours training for professionals and provide programmes and workshops to children and their families. www.familiesfeelsafe.co.uk E-mail: enquiries@familiesfeelsafe.co.uk

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

"I wish I had done the course sooner"

Places are funded by HCC for families in Hertfordshire and there are eligibility criteria.

For eligibility and to book your FREE place please
Email: enquiries@familiesfeelsafe.co.uk

Tel: 07748 332606



HM THE QUEEN'S
Platinum Jubilee

The Town Council is calling for residents of Bishop's Stortford to supply a record of their memories' of HM The Queen's 70 year reign to be included in a time capsule.

The entries can be written text or stories, drawings, photographs, newspaper clippings or small items etc.

To be buried at the Monastery Park on 2 July 2022

Submit your memories' at the
Tourist Information Centre or via
Email: tic@bishopsstortford.org
until 4pm on 22 June 2022

www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/jubilee-time-capsule

Bishop's Stortford
Town Council
01279 715000

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 Time Capsule and Tree planting

To honour HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 the Town Council will be burying a time capsule and planting a tree in Monastery Park.

The Town Council is calling for residents of Bishop's Stortford to supply a record of their memories' of the Queen's 70 year reign to be included in the capsule. The entries can be written text or stories, drawings, photographs, newspaper clippings or small physical items etc. The Council will also include items representing Bishop's Stortford in 2022 such as a map, newspaper etc.

All entries can be dropped off to the Tourist Information Centre either in person, via post or electronically via tic@bishopsstortford.org until 4pm on 22 June 2022 (this deadline has been extended from January 2022). Physical entries must be submitted with a donation form available from Town Council's website or at the Tourist Information Centre. For preservation all entries must be in polyethylene bags (a sandwich bag). Please not do include any entries with batteries, staples, paper clips, rubber bands, cling type films such as protective wrappers or any food products as this destroys preservation.

The time capsule will be buried and the tree will be planted on 2 July 2022 in Monastery Park, where there will be a ceremony with the Mayor. Members of the public are also invited to attend the ceremony and further details will be released soon.

The Tourist Information Centre is located at 2 Market Square Bishop's Stortford CM23 3UU and is open Monday to Saturday 9:30am-4pm, closed for lunch from 12:25pm - 1pm and is closed on Sundays and public holidays. There is limited space in the capsule so entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Maximum size of any item is 30cm (L) x20cm (W) x 10cm (D) cm and have a maximum weight of 250g.

Volunteer Mentors Needed

Do you have experience caring for children?
You may have the skills we need!



A Volunteer Family Mentor supports families in their own homes on a weekly basis for 2-3 hours

Recruiting Now
Next Courses - March & September 2022

Make a difference to the lives of parents and children

Help others whilst doing something for yourself



CREATING HEALTHIER, HAPPIER FAMILIES IN HERTFORD



Our free after-school groups are coming to Hertford this February!

Our team of family wellbeing experts and nutritionists make learning about healthy eating fun, and have plenty of tricks to help you and your kids turn what you learn into healthy habits for life!

Kids will cook healthy meals, take part in fun games and sports, and make loads of friends!

Parents are supported by our team to handle conflict resolution, and benefit from the support network of likeminded families.



WHERE AND WHEN?

THURSDAYS 17:30 - 19:30

Starting February 24th for 12 weeks

THE SELE SCHOOL

Welwyn Rd, Hertford, SG14 2DG



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE