



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 6th May 2022

VALUE: SERVICE

Focus: Receiving as well as giving
'Serve one another in love.' Galatians 5.13

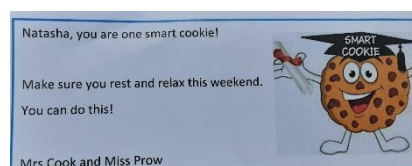


Enjoying learning outside and some have been having a lovely, messy time.

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Next week is SATs week for Year 6. Teachers, children and parents across the country have been preparing for this for quite some time. As the SATs had been postponed for the last two years, this is the first time I have been part of it at Spellbrook. We all have our responsibilities with this and one of mine is to ensure the correct and very precise procedures are followed, including ensuring that no test scripts are opened until a few minutes before each test. I have to sign a declaration that all is done according to the rules. We have a timetable that is adhered to by all Year 6 classes in the country and there will be many sighs of relief on Thursday morning, when the final maths paper has been completed. There will then be the wait until the results arrive in July. Mrs Cook and the year 6 pupils have been preparing for this and this week have been focusing on the last minute revision. Today, they were all given a slip of paper like this and a cookie, which I believe they ate rather rapidly. As you can see by the picture they are all approaching this positively and we trust that they will continue to do so. They will start Monday morning with a SATs breakfast together, then will start their first paper. All of the staff wish them luck and know they will do their best, which is all we can ask.



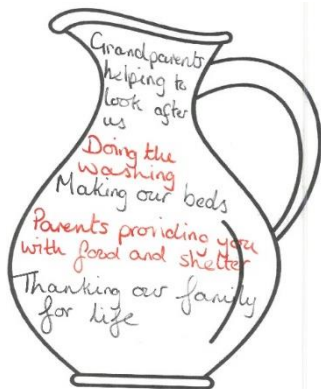


Seven children from Year 6 attended the Leventhorpe Book Awards on Tuesday. They had to read books which were selected by Leventhorpe and they got together with children from other local schools to discuss the books and take part in some friendly competition.



In an email from the organiser I was delighted to read that, "Everyone seemed to have a lovely time and many of the conversations taking place were original and thoughtful. You've obviously prepared the students really well in advance." To be honest, I think the pupils prepared themselves and enjoyed reading the books, so the credit goes to them.

Our current value is Service and this week we have been thinking about how relationships and friendships are made strong when we both give and receive from one another.



We've listened to a poem, 'Jugs and Jars', which is a retelling of a story from the Bible about a widow who served by sharing all she had and was rewarded in an amazing way. Her jug and jar were filled and even though she used them, they never emptied. We have written our ideas on jugs and jars, showing how we are served by others and how we can serve.

We have also been taking pictures, showing ways that we can help others. (See below)



Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher

SERVICE



We tidy up. Peer Mediators serve our school by helping to sort out friendship issues.



We look after, give out and collect the playground equipment
We help our friends by giving them their things.



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Revd Debbie - our Associate Minister - writes:



Last Sunday saw the welcome return after two years of the Sawbridgeworth May Fayre. It was wonderful to witness, once again, the different community groups coming together bringing their talents and enthusiasm for us all to see. From wood turners and crafters to the Town Twining Association, from Youth Create to the Local History Society, from Guides and Scouts to the WI. I hope, if you were in town last Sunday afternoon, you enjoyed yourself.



At Great St Mary's we welcomed a good number of visitors through the doors, warmly greeted by members of our church. It was a great pleasure to be part of a lively community event, and particularly to be part of a cheery and hospitable church community.



In church this Sunday we're going to be hearing about a small church community in Joppa, a coastal city 45 miles northwest of Jerusalem now called Jaffa. The story is about a much-loved disciple whose Aramaic name was Tabitha, which translated into Greek is Dorcas. She was a highly regarded Christian in her community. It would seem that she led a compassionate, loving assistance programme among the poor at Joppa - especially among the widows.

Understandably, when Tabitha became sick and died, the whole community felt a great loss. Two messengers raced to nearby Lydda where Simon Peter was staying and urged him to come without delay. Imagine their surprise and joy when Peter, after praying over her in Jesus' name, presented Tabitha - alive - to the community!



Tabitha's a great example of what it's like to be part of an active church community, putting her time, resources, and energy into helping those who needed it the most. She was an instrument of God's love and care for widows and she gave of herself, her time, skill and money in such a generous way that she was loved and respected.

May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

Rev'd Debbie

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Ewan

Diamond
Joshua

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Niah for outstanding effort in all areas.

Sapphire

- ✚ Harry F for working more independently when writing.
- ✚ Lilly for superb effort in lessons.



Emerald

- ✚ Billy for her fantastic focus and motivation when learning her tricky words.
- ✚ Poppy-Sue for her effort creating her impressive longship.

Diamond

- ✚ Frank for superb focus and effort in all his work.
- ✚ Ava for improving presentation in her work.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Attendance Ladder



Whole School Attendance – 100%

Whole School Target Set – 96%

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

Changes to the Lunch Menu – after receiving feedback from the children and Mrs Blackham, we have made some slight amendments to the menu effective from Monday 9th May. A new menu has been sent out to parents.

Diamond Class Residential – a huge thank you to parents who have completed payments for the residential. If you have not yet paid the final instalment, please do so by **Monday 9th May**.

KS2 SATS Breakfast Club – children in Year 6 are invited to attend the Breakfast Club in preparation for their SATs from **Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May**. Please contact Mrs Cook on Class Dojo to let her know your child will be attending.

Dinner Money – please ensure that your child's dinner account is in credit at all times.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Macaroni Cheese (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Vegan Sausages (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ BBQ Quorn Fillet (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
09/05/22 – 12/05/22	KS2 SATS
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
08/06/22 – 10/06/22	Diamond Class Residential
15/06/22	Year 6 Swimming Starts
14/07/22	Secondary Transition Day
20/07/22	Last Day of Term
21/07/22	Occasional Day
22/07/21	Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu
01/09/22	Inset 1
02/09/22	Inset 2
05/09/22	First Day Back
24/10/22 – 28/10/22	Half Term
02/12/22	Occasional Day
05/01/23	Inset 3
06/01/23	Inset 4
09/01/23	First Day Back

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Walk to School Week 16th - 20th May 2022



Clean Air Day 16th June 2022

Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

ONLINE course
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June 2022

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



Tuesday evenings Online
7.30pm - 9.00pm

7, 14, 21, 28 June, 5 & 12 July 2022
Sessions will run on Zoom

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"I wish I had done the course sooner"

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

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Tel: 07748 332606



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Mustard Seed -
our new
monthly short,
informal
service
with crafts
and activities



Followed by a
party tea for
children
and hot
refreshments
for grown-ups.

Why not join us at 4pm
on the third Sunday of the month?

Sunday 15th May
Sunday 19th June
Sunday 17th July

Sunday 18th September
Sunday 16th October
Sunday 20th November



Find something that's
right for you and you'll
stick to it.

Esther



It's never too
late to be active

So let's give it a go

Scan me!



Get a free 7-day activity pass and
discover local activities

Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/nevertoolate
Call us on 01992 555627
Or drop in to your local library

Creating a cleaner, greener, healthier Hertfordshire



Community FUN DAY

Free
admission &
parking

Family
fun

Sunday 15th of May 10:30 – 2:30
Birchwood High School
football pitch area

★ Police vehicles ★ Face painting ★ Batman, Spiderman, Elsa ★
Children's games ★ Angling Trust fishing ★ Spiritual Spa
Food & drink & Ice cream van

Football match
Kick Off ★ 11:30



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TOGETHER**

**Youth
CREATE**



QUEEN BEES & PLATINUM TREES FAMILY FUN DAYS



Please join us & local families at one
of our **FREE** celebration days for the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee

21st May 10am – 2pm
Hertford Selections Family
Centre, SG14 2DG

11th June 10am – 2pm
Buttercups Family
Centre, CM23 5BJ

21st May 10am – 2pm
Creswick Family
Centre, AL7 4FL

11th June 10am – 2pm
High Trees Family
Centre, EN10 6AE



YMCA