



NEWSLETTER – 15th July 2022

VALUE: TRUTHFULNESS

Focus: Having the Courage to be Honest

“Speak the truth in a spirit of love.” *Ephesians 4.15*



Strings Performance

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Outside, on a sunny afternoon, with the beautiful sound of violins, violas, cellos and a double base - I could almost have been at the Proms. In fact, it was last Friday, on our Multi Use Games Area, sitting with parents, listening to the performance by Diamond Class. I believe that our children are very fortunate in having Mrs White teaching them every week. As they have two years in Diamond class, this enables them to reach a pleasing level of proficiency and hopefully the confidence and desire to carry this on as they move into secondary school. We have put more pictures in this gallery on the website.

[Spellbrook C of E Primary School - Diamond Class Strings Performance](#)



Bouncy Fun: The children enjoyed a very active Bouncy morning on Tuesday. Fortunately, the weather was not too hot and we were able to position the different inflatables to take advantage of the shade. Each class had their turn and they bounced, slid, chased and bashed their way down, around, having a great deal of fun and expending a lot of energy.

Shakespeare was on trial this week; one hour to prove that his plays were not boring and irrelevant. The children in Diamond and Emerald Class treated us to their production of a musical play for schools ‘celebrating the life and works of William Shakespeare 400 years after his death’. It featured some very catchy tunes and Emerald Class whose main role was to be the chorus, enhanced the performance admirably. The majority of the lead roles were taken by those in Year 6 and they portrayed a host of characters from William Shakespeare’s life and plays as well as the three judges who were there to put him on trial. The children worked



really hard and with some excellent performances and the audience were truly entertained and certainly not ever bored.

A couple of other reminders:

On Tuesday, we have our leavers Service at Great St Mary's Church. Parents are most welcome to join us. We will be transporting the children there by coach and are asking parents to pick up from the church at about 3:00 pm. If there are any issues with this, please contact the office and we will try to help.

We end the term on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Please do remind your children to take home any water bottles and items of clothing. Please could you ensure that all RWI books, sharing books and library books are returned to school. These are a huge cost to school if they go missing, so any outstanding ones that your child has we would be very grateful for their return.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



Bouncy Morning



Shakespeare on Trial

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

Our school year is drawing to a close. We've enjoyed the end of year production, concert, and the sports day. Our time exploring this past half-term's value 'truthfulness' is also drawing to a close following some brilliant insights and lateral thinking from the children; I'm looking forward to seeing the whole school again after lunch on Monday to wrap things up.



And then the very final event of the school year will be the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Great St Mary's this coming Tuesday at 2pm. If you're free, all – parents, carers, relatives, and friends - are welcome to attend as we give thanks for the past year, wish each other well for the summer holidays, and send those who won't be returning to Spellbrook in September off to their new schools with our very best wishes and blessings.

At church, we're also coming to the end of term. We're already in the green season of 'Ordinary' time during which, whilst there are no major church festivals, we're able to spend some time in our services thinking more generally about Jesus' life and teaching and, as the colour green suggests, growing deeper in our faith.



And this Sunday we have the last 'Mustard Seed' of the school year. 'Mustard Seed', you may remember, is our monthly opportunity for the younger members of our community to gather together with parents and carers for a bit of fun, creativity, and craft, all followed by a tea party.



But this month, we're going to take advantage of the lovely weather (though we'll be remaining in the shade) to have an end-of-year picnic in the churchyard (all the food will once again be provided by the church). No doubt there will be some party games too.

So if you fancy a bit of fun for an hour or so this Sunday afternoon, do pop along at about 4pm. All you need to bring with you is some sun cream and something to sit on – be it a picnic blanket or a picnic chair. See you there!

God bless,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Annabelle

Diamond
Teddy L

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Connor for good concentration in lessons and creative flare.

Sapphire

- ✚ Nikita for working hard in lessons.
- ✚ Lisa for amazing listening in lessons.
- ✚ Harry P for improving his presentation and sentence writing.
- ✚ Poppy for excellent focus in lessons.



Emerald

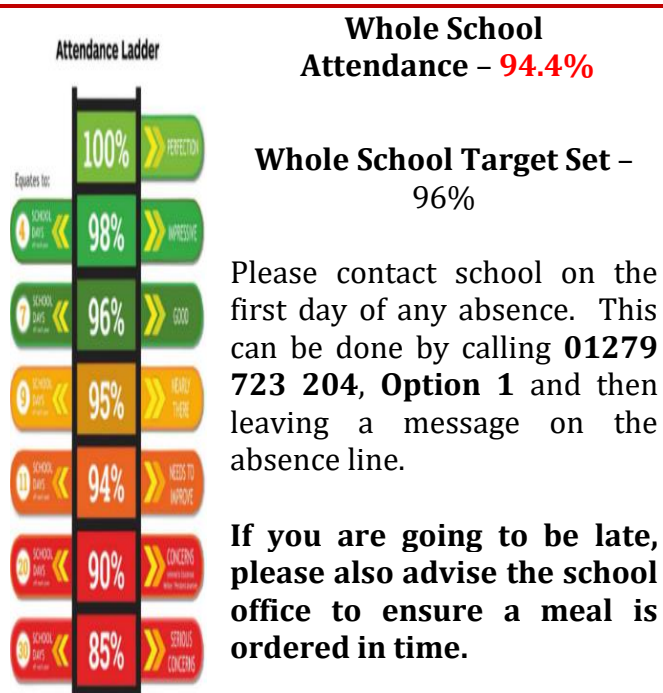
- ✚ Freddy for working hard in whole class reading.
- ✚ Harry S for coming up with good vocabulary.

Diamond

- ✚ Eshal for a superb characterisation of Queen Elizabeth I.
- ✚ Archie for great talent on the sound for the play.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



NOTICES

- Last day of term – On Wednesday 20th July,** school will finish at the earlier time of **1.30 pm** for all pupils.
- Dinner Money** –Please ensure that your child's dinner account balance has been cleared by **Tuesday 19th July.**
- Change to the menu on Wednesday 20th July –** as it is the last day of term, we will be serving Friday's menu. Please see below.
- The Breakfast Club** will resume on **Monday 5th September.** Please ensure that you book your sessions in advance. We will no longer be able to book sessions on behalf of parents unless there are enough funds in the child's breakfast club account to cover the booking.
- EYFS/KS1 & KS2 Afterschool Clubs** resume on **Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th September** respectively.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Ham Roll (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Battered Fish (Red) ❖ Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
19/07/22	Year 6 Leavers Service at Church
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
14/09/22	Emerald Swimming starts
24/10/22 – 28/10/22	Half Term
02/12/22	Occasional Day
08/12/22	Pantomime
21/12/22	Last Day of Term
05/01/23	Inset 3
06/01/23	Inset 4
09/01/23	First Day Back
13/02/23 – 17/02/23	Half Term
20/02/23	Inset 5
21/02/23	First Day Back
31/03/23	Last Day of Term
17/04/23	First Day Back

29/05/23 –
02/06/23

Half Term

21/07/23

Last Day of Term

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Sat 13th & Sun 14th Aug

2pm & 4.30pm | £15



Storytime - Billy's Bucket

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Wed 3rd Aug | 10am | Free

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FREE CHILDREN'S ROMAN SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Dress Like a Roman

Try on a Roman costume and make a laurel wreath to go with it. Write your Roman name on a wax tablet and make your own to take home.

Tue 2nd Aug | Wed 3rd Aug | Thu 4th Aug
10am - 2pm | Free Drop-in



March Like a Roman

Find out about life in the Roman Army and make some armour to take home. Find out what happened if you fell asleep on duty!

Tue 9th Aug | Wed 10th Aug | Thu 11th Aug
10am - 2pm | Free Drop-in



Live like a Roman

Find out what life was like in a Roman villa and bathhouse. Make your own mosaic card tile - can you follow the rules for mosaics?

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