



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER – 23rd September 2022

VALUE: GENEROSITY

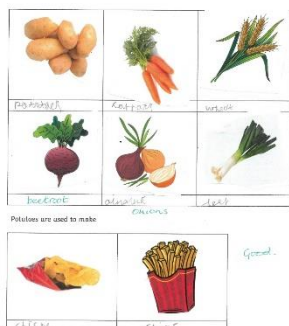
“God Loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7



Well done to the Gardening Club

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Whilst this has been a shorter week due to the Bank Holiday for Her Majesty the Queen's funeral, the wonders of our world have been at the heart of much of our thinking this week. Our gardening club has recently been awarded Level 3 of the RHS Gardening Award. To achieve this, they had to demonstrate that they meet a number of criteria including having the skills to prepare areas for planting, grow a range of fruits, vegetables and flowers, provide homes and habitats for wildlife and show commitment to re-using and recycling. Well done to all the different members of the club who have taken part over the last year and particularly to Wendy for running this super club. The lovely flowers that are growing in front of our school entrance evidence the hard work they have undertaken.



Sapphire Class have been thinking about being thankful and how this relates to harvest. They started by identifying things they are thankful for and then started thinking about food and where it comes from. They now know that these items grow underground and are grown on farms in our country.

We will be holding our Harvest Service at Great St Mary's Church on Thursday 29th at 2:15 pm and parents are welcome to join us. We are also collecting contributions for the local food bank that we will take to the church to combine with their collection. Any items can be dropped off in the school foyer on or before Thursday. An additional letter will be sent from the office to provide further details.

Meanwhile the classes have started their History topics. Sapphire Class have been thinking about chronology and the order of events in time. They put together a timeline showing developments in forms of transport. Diamond Class are studying Ancient Egypt (see below). They have been making cartouches using clay. They have also been learning about the Nile. They really enjoy showing their learning on a two-page spread and being able to be creative as they use both text and drawings.



Food survey: Thank you for the responses. We are collecting responses until the 30th September and would love to hear your thoughts.

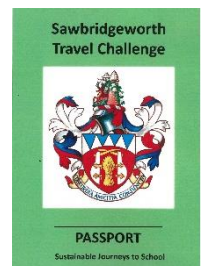
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A question that has been raised relates to drinking water throughout the day and whether drinking squash or flavoured water instead would be problematic or unhealthy. Please have a look at this link which explains that squash is bad for your teeth, even if it's 'no added sugar'.

[Is squash bad for your teeth? « Dental Choices](#)

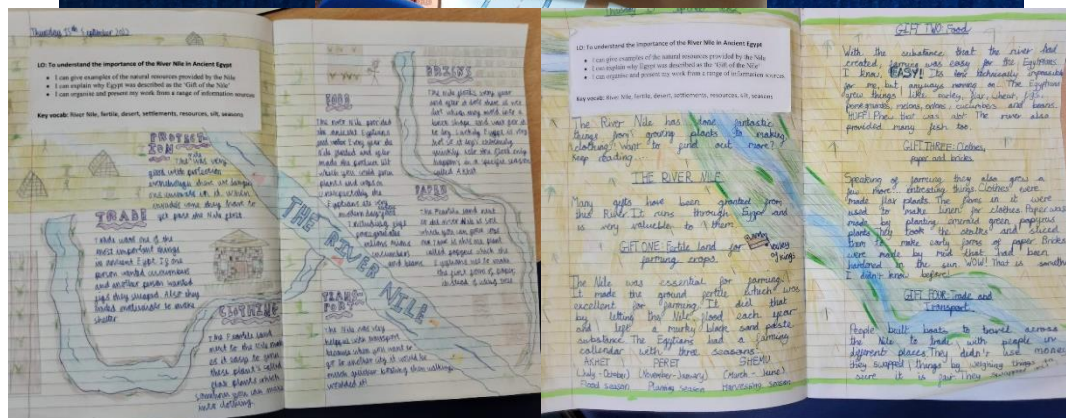


Sustainable travel: We had a visit from the Saubosaurus this week to help us to think ahead to next week's sustainable travel week. You should already have received a letter and the children will be bringing home a travel passport today. This will enable them to record and share the different ways that they have been involved.



Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher



Diamond Class work on Ancient Egypt

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Father Simon writes:

As things in Ukraine look increasingly bleak for President Putin, it strikes me that he's spent this week doubling down on Ukraine and the west in an attempt to save his own bacon.

Is talk of the use of nuclear weapons a bluff? Only time will tell.



It could so easily have been different. Only last month, Mikhail Gorbachev died. Considered to be one of the most significant figures of the post-war period, President Gorbachev recognised that the Soviet system was in desperate need of reform. His policy in the 1980s of '*glasnost*' ('openness') allowed for an enhanced freedom of speech and press, while his '*perestroika*' ('restructuring') sought to decentralise Soviet economic decision-making to improve its efficiency, heralding previously unknown levels of democracy.



Internationally, Gorbachev withdrew troops from the Soviet-Afghan War and embarked on summits with United States president Ronald Reagan to limit nuclear weapons and end the Cold War, leading to the breaking down of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and a greater sense of global peace and security than had been known for decades.

Sadly, the bubble soon burst, paving the way for a certain Vladimir Putin to



eventually take office in 2012. Whilst early economic reforms allowed the Russian economy to grow successfully, in later years Putin has overseen a Russia becoming increasingly authoritarian, with many accusations of corruption and human rights violations, and a rise in nationalism which has fuelled Putin's desire to win back former parts of the USSR. Besides, picking a fight with another nation is always a good strategy if you want to divert attention from problems at home.



This Sunday at Great St Mary's, we're going to be hearing a story Jesus told about two men: an unnamed rich man and a poor man called Lazarus. In his lifetime, the rich man never reached out in friendship and generosity to Lazarus, and so, we're told, in death their roles were reversed: the poor man was taken up into the heavenly realms whilst the rich man found himself more than miserable, left to his eternal fate.

It's a stark reminder to us that, if we're blinded by our riches - be they financial or otherwise (our time, ideas, abilities, love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, power, influence etc) - using them and retaining them only for our own benefit, we too shall eventually reap our reward, which won't automatically be positive.

And let's pray that President Putin soon reaches out in remorse and generosity before he too, in the light of God's judgement, loses his opportunity to improve his current fate.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond
Joshua
Marlon
Finley M



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Samuel for great participation in retelling stories.

Sapphire

- ✚ Jessica for effort and perseverance when writing.
- ✚ Henry for excellent independent work in maths.



Emerald

- ✚ Freddy for fantastic progress in maths this week.
- ✚ Louis for fantastic focus and effort this week.

Diamond

- ✚ John for excellent engagement in history lessons.
- ✚ James for great effort in English writing.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Attendance Ladder



Whole School Attendance – 98.13%

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

- ✚ We have a vacancy for a **1:1 SEN Learning Support Assistant**. The closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd September**. Please follow the link below for more information:

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,11-sen-learning-support-assistant_76617.htm

- ✚ **Walk to School Week** is from **Monday 26th to Friday 30th September**. Children are encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school. Jo Sargant from Sawbridgeworth Town Council as well as the police, will be on hand to safely walk with parents and children from the Three Horseshoes Pub to school all next week.

- ✚ **Harvest Festival Service** at **Great St Mary's Church** will be on **Thursday 29th September** from **2.15 to 3.00 pm**. **Children should be picked up from the church**. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

- ✚ **The school photographer** will be in on **Monday 3rd October** to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure children are in full uniform. If your child has PE on the day, they should come dressed in full uniform and bring in a pair of trainers in a bag.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Tomato & Cheese Tart (V) (Green) ❖ Ham Roll (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Veggie 'Meat-Free Balls' (Ve) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Mild Mexican Fajita (Ve) (Green) ❖ Ham Roll (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
26/09/22 – 30/09/22	Walk to School Week
29/09/22	Harvest Festival Service
03/10/22	School Individual Photos
06/10/22	Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Lunch
13/10/22	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
24/10/22 – 28/10/22	Half Term
02/12/22	Occasional Day
08/12/22	Pantomime
14/12/22	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
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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SILVER: VERY GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2022

The Sawbo Travel Challenge is back

We are very pleased to announce that the Sawbo Travel Challenge is returning this autumn, with local primary schools around Sawbridgeworth taking part in a week-long initiative to promote sustainable journeys to school.

Now in its fifth year, this national award-winning scheme will run from **Monday 26th to Friday 30th September** ending with the Town Walk on **Saturday 1st October from 11am to 2pm** at Bell Street Car Park organised by Sawbridgeworth Town Council.

A very special guest will be introduced, following in the footsteps of Buster, Hertfordshire's Stepasaurus Dinosaur. They will be joining schools during the week to promote walking, cycling, scooting and 'parking and striding' (parking at least five minutes' walk away) to school.

Each day will have a different theme – Eco Monday (wear something green), Trainer Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Fun Hat Thursday and Funky Footwear Friday – just add something quick and easy to school uniforms. Special passports will be issued to each pupil, which will be stamped each day they travel to school sustainably.

Schools will work together to see how many sustainable journeys they can do across all five schools, and a Daily Challenge Totaliser will calculate their combined progress. Representatives from all schools will be presented with participation certificates and a voucher for their schools to spend on a sustainable project at the Town Council chambers in the autumn term by the Mayor.

Bring the whole family to the Town Walk on Saturday 1st October to discover footpaths and twitchells around Sawbridgeworth, visiting community group stops along the way. Pupils should bring their passports for their final stamp and decide what they are going to collect. There will be a map showing the stations, and you can take any route you like, remembering to cross at the crossings and traffic lights. It will also be a great opportunity to support your school PTAs and local organisations, which will have stalls in Bell Street Car Park.

Every little bit makes a difference. For one week you and your school can make a positive impact on the environment by reducing pollution, being 'greener' and even getting healthier.

How can we help you?

Please join us at our first Community Connections event. Come along to meet local organisations - Citizens Advice, Housing, Health, Faith Groups & more



Sawbridgeworth
Community Connections

Friday 30th September 1pm–4pm
Saturday 1st October 10am–2pm

Location: Sawbridgeworth Town Council
Sayesbury Manor
Bell Street, CM21 9AN

For more information
www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk/upcoming-events



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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camps activities

17TH - 21ST OCTOBER LIMITED SPACES
24TH - 28TH OCTOBER LIMITED SPACES
 AGES 5 - 11 MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

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 "My kids loved it and we've rebooked for the next camps in October. The staff were also super helpful. Would 10/10 recommend!"
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How to book

STEP 1
SCAN THE QR CODE

STEP 2
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3
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What to bring to camp

www.nextthing.education E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

THE VOICE KIDS

THE VOICE KIDS 2023

APPLY NOW!

The Voice Kids is back and we're looking for super talented **SOLO SINGERS & DUOS** who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage!

If you know any 7-14 year olds who want their voices to be heard, we want to hear from you!

For more information about how to enter go to
itv.com/beontv/thevoicekids
 or **stv.tv/voicekids**

Applications close on
Friday 11th November 2022

We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our discretion

Other eligibility criteria and terms and conditions also apply (see entry form for full details).
 Personal data provided by you will be collected and processed in accordance with the privacy notices set out in the entry form.

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