



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 30th September 2022

VALUE: GENEROSITY

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



SCARF Live PSHE

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This has been a very busy week at Spellbrook. Thank you for all your help with our sustainable travel week. It has been great to see children getting involved with the daily challenges and to see so many of them scooting, cycling, parking and striding and taking part in the walking bus from the Three Horseshoes. A huge thanks to Jo Sargent from Sawbridgeworth Town Council and the community police for escorting the children. When I expressed my gratitude to Jo and the officers they all told me how much they have enjoyed doing this. We will continue to petition the council for a long term solution to providing safe options for walking to school such as a crossing but I know this has been an ongoing request for many years.



SCARF PSHE: On Wednesday, we had a visit from Nancy from SCARF Education. SCARF stands for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship and is produced by Coram Life Education. We use this charity to source our plans and resources for PSHE. Over the last couple of years Nancy, with Harold the Giraffe, has led remote lessons on video. This year, we have been delighted to welcome Nancy into the school, with the live tent, which is set up with technology and resources to enable the fun delivery of key learning. Each class went into the live tent and enjoyed a lesson specific to the year group of the children attending.



Diamond class have also been enhancing their understanding of science through accessing a live lesson on underwater exploration. They watched marine biologists inside a mini-submarine descend to the deepest parts of the ocean near the Maldives. They found out more about the different layers of the ocean and some of the inhabitants. Apparently, we know more about the surface of the moon than we do about our deep oceans.



Harvest Service: It was lovely to celebrate Harvest as a school family at Great St Mary's Church yesterday. The staff and children had worked hard learning harvest songs and preparing contributions, such as poems and prayers.



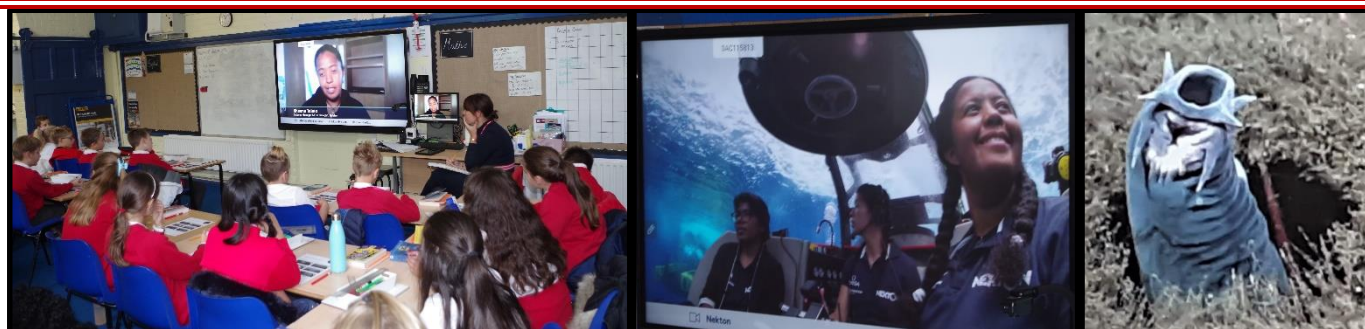
The older pupils read the poems and Bible readings with confidence, whilst the younger ones shared their drawings and models that they had worked hard on. Everyone sang beautifully. We are fortunate that there are so many lovely harvest songs. So, as well as the upbeat 'cauliflowers fluffy' and 'harvest samba', we enjoyed the more contemplative 'Praise the One' that recognises that God has given us life and all of creation. Then the children shared prayers saying 'thank you' for all which God provides. Of course, It adds to the feeling of community when we have lots of parents and grandparents with us. We really appreciate their modelling such generosity

by donating to the local foodbank, illustrating the importance of giving to others. Thank you all at Great St Mary's for their support.

Have a lovely weekend.
Jeremy Fisher



Harvest Festival Service



Diamond Class watching a live sea deep exploration

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Father Simon writes:

Well, yet another tumultuous week. Following on from the death of Her Majesty The Queen and, last week, Vladimir Putin's Ukrainian referenda ratcheting up even further the tensions between Russia and so much else of the world, this week we're living in a country working out the

repercussions of a mini budget last Friday which has since left the international financial markets perplexed.

I'm not going to get into politics and economics here about the most recent situation - not least because I'm sure I know far less about the subjects than many of you do - however, I offer one historical observation.

Whenever expectations have been high but delivery has been low, resentment and unrest have often followed. And this disappointment has often been fuelled by radical voices fanning the flames of people's broken hopes and dreams by pointing the finger at a scapegoat on whom the people can pin the blame.

Of course, it's always happened: in our school playgrounds, in our workplaces and, most worryingly of all, it's happened with the most horrendous of consequences at national levels, resulting in holocausts and genocides.

A cost-of-living crisis is looming and services are being stretched perhaps like never before. If the house of cards does begin to fall, we must be careful - both as individuals and as a country - not to transfer the blame to a vulnerable group in society whom we might perceive as being the cause of an over-stretched system. Instead, as people of goodwill and - dare I say it - as Christians, we must think and act as Jesus taught us: with compassion, mercy, and equality.



And what better way of doing that is there than donating our spare resources - be they financial or physical - to charity, just as many of you did at our school harvest service yesterday afternoon. Thank you to everybody who took part and for all the generosity on display which will help those who are currently struggling in our community.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond
Isabelle



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✦ Emilia for great effort with her learning

Sapphire

- ✦ Harvey for improving his presentation
- ✦ Annabell for effort and concentration



Emerald

- ✦ Bille for always working hard and showing such enthusiasm for every lesson
- ✦ Poppy for her hard work and fantastic writing in English

Diamond

- ✦ Izzie for always trying her best and working well with others
- ✦ Olivia for always trying her best in everything



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Attendance Ladder



**Whole School
Attendance – 95.4%**

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

- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **Reception Class Photo** – the Bishop's Stortford Independent will be featuring our new reception class in their paper. The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 4th October**. Please ensure children are in full uniform including shoes. For PE, children should bring in a pair of trainers in a bag.
- ✦ **Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Lunch** is on **Thursday 6th October**. Children who do not normally have school dinners are invited to join in. Please see below for more information.
- ✦ **Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone** is on **Thursday 13th October**. Payment should be made on Arbor. The deadline for payment is **Monday 10th October**.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Grill (Red) ❖ Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Tomato & Cheese Tart (V) (Green) ❖ Ham Roll (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
03/10/22	School Individual Photos
04/10/22	Reception Class Photo
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

Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Cheese & Broccoli Bake (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)	08/12/22	Pantomime
Thursday	❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)	14/12/22	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
Friday	❖ Crispy Coated Salmon (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)	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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23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the success of our last Gourmet Burger Fun Day, we will be holding another Gourmet Burger and Hot Dogs Fun theme menu on **Thursday 6th October 2022**.

The cost of this delicious two course meal remains the same as the school's normal price of £2.90. No additional costs are incurred.

- There is no charge for Key Stage 1 pupils (Reception to Year 2)
- Normal charges will apply for Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6) and Nursery pupils
- Benefit related Free Meal entitlements will be at no cost (If you require more information please contact the School Office.)

All children who already opt for a school lunch will automatically be included in this event. However, **if your child does NOT usually have a school lunch on this day and you would like your child to have a lunch**, please ensure your Arbor account has sufficient funds to cover the cost of the meal. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash.

Children do not need to pre-order their meal, and can choose what they want on the day.

HCL's themed lunches provide the reassurance that the menu meets Government Nutritional Standards, and provides the chance for all children to enjoy a fun lunch together.

Kind regards,

Spellbrook School Office

Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Day Menu

Thursday 6th October 2022

Menu

Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)

Or

Quorn Hot Dog (Green)

Or

Cheese Roll (Yellow)

Potato Wedges

Or

Pasta

Sweetcorn

Or

Beans

Cookies, Icecream or Fruit



ESSA Water Activities Centre October 2022 Half Term Activities

Water Multi-Activity Days

25th - 27th Oct. 10am - 4pm.

Activities vary each day. See website for further details. Care is available 9am-5pm, if required, but must be requested in advance.

RYA Sailing Courses

Stage 1 - 25th/26th Oct, 9am - 5pm.

Stage 2 - 25th/26th Oct, 9am - 5pm.

Stage 3 - 27th/28th Oct, 9am - 5pm.

Refresher/Improver Sailing Morning - 24th Oct, 10am - 12.30pm.

RYA Advanced Sailing Courses

Seamanship Skills - 22nd/23rd Oct, 9am - 5pm.

Start Racing - 29th/30th Oct, 9am - 5pm.

British Canoeing Courses

Introduction to SUP - 24th Oct, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Introduction to Kayak - 24th Oct, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

For all ages from 8 years old.



Please contact ESSA Bookings for more details.

Bookings@essa.org.uk 07483 336741 www.essa.org.uk

ESSA Water Activities Centre

Central Lagoon, Meadgate Road, Nazeing, EN9 2PB



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Saturday 15th October 2022

Church House

7.30pm

£15.00 per person



**Tickets available from the Parish Office
(Tuesday-Friday mornings)
or 'Full of Beans' in Church Street**