



SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents,

This week, the teachers have been focusing their training time on Maths. Mrs Smith, our Maths subject leader, provided training on further developing the mastery approach. This focused on the key elements of effective mastery teaching, including developing fluency with key knowledge, and teaching children to explain their mathematical strategies. We had a visit from our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner to review Maths in Key Stage 2, and governors joined that review using video. This has validated the good teaching in Maths and shown that our subject leader is proving very effective in passing on the expertise that she accesses through the local Maths Hub.



We are determined to enjoy Christmas at school as much as we can this year, despite the restrictions. The children have started their preparations. Ruby and Sapphire classes are preparing a nativity that will be videoed for parents to enjoy. Some of the children are also preparing contributions to the Community Christmas Carols which will be on YouTube via SEC Church on Sunday 13th of December.

All of the classes have started making Christmas decorations which will be used to decorate the school. They are making snow globes, paper baubles, snowmen, salt dough tree decorations, snowflakes and paper chains.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 7th December 2020.

Jeremy Fisher

Christmas Tree Donation

A big thank you to John & Lilly's parents - Mr & Mrs Milan for donating us a beautiful Christmas tree that will also be passed onto Great St Mary's Church at the end of term. If parents are looking to purchase a Christmas tree, they are available now until Christmas Eve with free local same day/next day delivery from Woodview, Thorley street, Bishops Stortford, CM23 4AS.

Dinner Menu

Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 7th December 2020**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausages with Gravy	Beefy Pasta Bolognaise	Roast Pork	Quorn Hot Dog	Pizza
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Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

Birthdays this Week

No birthday's this week!



Stars of the Week

Reception: Donnie
Year 1: Grace
Year 2: Stanley H
Year 3: Finlay M
Year 4: Eshal
Year 5: Teddy
Year 6: Sophie



The 'Great Expectation' for next week is perseverance.

PE Days

Diamond Class – Monday and Wednesday

Emerald Class – Wednesday and Friday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday and Friday

Ruby Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Dates for your Diary

16.12.20 Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.20 Bags 2 School
16.12.20 Christmas Dinner
17.12.20 Christingle Service
18.12.20 Last Day of Term. Finish at 1.30 pm.
21.12.20 – 01.01.21 Christmas Break
04.01.21 Inset
05.01.21 Inset
06.01.21 Pupils return to school
15.02.21 – 19.02.21 Half Term
22.02.21 Inset
23.02.21 Pupils return to school
19.03.21 Red Nose Day
26.03.21 Last Day of Term
29.03.21 – 09.04.21 Easter Break
12.04.21 Pupils return to school
31.05.21 – 04.06.21 Half Term

07.06.21 Occasional Day
08.06.21 Pupils return to school
08.07.21 Secondary Transfer Day
22.07.21 Last Day of Term
23.07.21 – 31.08.21 Summer Break