



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER 7TH MAY 2021

VALUE: FRIENDSHIP

"Encourage one another and build each other up." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think but the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you. " - Winnie the Pooh



Ruby Class have had a focus on the number 7



Sapphire Class had a Maths Treasure Hunt, looking for cards and solving maths puzzles

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week has been a very busy one in school, mainly carrying on with our usual timetable and encouraging and supporting all of the children to do their best.

I have had a week where I have been dealing with a range of the more challenging issues that sometimes come up. I am sure we all have weeks like this, however there are always positives and a very pleasing one has been the degree of openness and willingness to listen that I have observed. I do appreciate it when difficulties are faced by all involved in a thoughtful way, a willingness to be open minded and with an honest desire to ensure the best outcomes for all involved. This demonstrates the importance of values and the

NSPCC Number Day

Today, we have been taking part in NSPCC Number Day. It is a fun, nationwide maths-themed fundraising event that helps raise money to support the NSPCC.



Each class has been doing some fun maths activities.

Diamond and Emerald Class have taken part in NSPCC Rocks - the first UK-wide TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) competition. TTRS are donating to the NSPCC for every school that gets involved.

positive impact that focusing on these can have on our interactions with each, regardless of whether we are children or adults.

Reading

Thank you to parents, particularly in Emerald and Diamond Class for making sure your child is reading most nights and having their reading record signed.

We have seen a recent increase and would love to see it continue. We would really appreciate it if we saw the evidence of reading their Read Write Inc. books from more children in Sapphire and Ruby. The books may seem quite easy as they have read them in class but re-reading is important to increase their fluency and speed and this is vital for their development and progression.

Water Bottles

Please remember that water bottles should contain just that. If your child has a medical or similar reason for having something else to drink, please let us know so that we can consider your request. There are many reasons for us to promote the regular drinking of water, and would appreciate your support with this.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Jeremy Fisher



Emerald Class played 'Who Wants to be a Mathionaire'

Diamond Class also played who wants to be a Mathionaire

For Number day, we logged onto Times Table Rockstars and played 'Who wants to be a Mathionaire?' as a class.

You can get points for each question you get right! Every time someone logs into Times Table Rockstars today, you raise money for the children's charity, NSPCC.

It's very fun and you can even time yourself and earn coins! This is an enjoyable and educational game for all ages

Ava

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

This Sunday, we're going to be focussing on Jesus' words 'As God the Father has loved me, so I - Jesus - have loved you; abide in my love.' We'll be exploring how God offers us a love born, not out of fear, but out of hope. It's *not* a short-lived 'Made in Chelsea' romance which melts away as soon as the next better offer comes along. Instead, it's a full-blooded love which is prepared to die for us on a cross and to rise again so as to lead us to eternal safety. And nor does God wait to offer us this love until we've got ourselves sorted out. Instead, he commits to offering us this love in the midst of all the pains, complexities and insecurities of our lives. And, in turn, he hopes that we will offer that love to others - not when it suits us or when we're ready, but right here, right now.



You'll be guaranteed to receive a warm welcome at 9.30am on Sunday if you'd like to reflect more on this, and where, this week, I'll be leading our regular Sunday Club for those who are younger of heart.

Fr Simon

STARS OF THE WEEK

YR – Amelie for good listening to instructions and completing challenging tasks.

Y1 – Poppy for always working hard and being a good role model.

Y2 – Sid for being a good role model by always listening, working hard and being polite.

Y3 – Isabelle for always following the school rules.

Y4 – Teddy L for always being ready to learn.

Y5 – Teddy T for always being respectful, hardworking and a good role model.

Y6 – Ava for being a consistently good role model in aspects of school life.

Headteacher's Award

Y4 – Daniel for being a good role model of so many values.

Y6 – Leo for letting other children join in with his friends.



TTRS

TTRS Leaderboard

1. Ranjeet
2. Alfie D
3. Jasper
4. Joseph
5. Sam



Highest Earners from each year group

Y6 - Alfie C

Y5 - Joseph

Y4 - Alfie D

Y3 - Finley M

Y2 – Lorcan

Y1 - Flora



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK & DURING THE EASTER BREAK

Y2 – Ewan
Y5 – Joshua K
Y6 - Henry



PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Tuesday & Thursday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday & Friday

Emerald Class – Wednesday & Thursday

Diamond Class – Monday & Wednesday



Please wear PE Kit to school on these days to avoid the need to change.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School Attendance – 96.3%

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Attendance Ladder



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

- Diamond Class Activity Week** – reminder that the deadline for parents to consent on School Gateway is today, **Friday 7th May**.
- Ruby Class parent consultations** are taking place on **Tuesday 11th May** from **2.00 to 4.20 pm** and **Thursday 20th May** from **2.10 to 4.40 pm**. Please return your appointment slips by Monday 10th May.
- Mrs Blackham is raising funds for a school in Nepal. She will be walking 100k to raise awareness, please support this good cause. Thank you.
<https://gofund.me/6ebbb7031>
- As part of **Walk to School Week**, children can come to school wearing something green in addition to their uniform on **Friday 21st May**.
- We are running an **in-house afterschool club** for parents in need of afterschool care every Monday from **3.30-4.30 pm** until **19th July**. **£4** per session via School Gateway, more details in letter sent out.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Tuesday	❖ Chicken Fillet & Rice (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Thursday	❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Friday	❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
17/05/21 – 21/05/21	Walk to School Week
31/05/21 – 04/06/21	May Half Term
07/06/21	Occasional Day – School Closed
08/06/21	First Day Back
22/07/21	Last Day of Term
01/09/21	Inset 1
02/09/21	First Day Back
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 – 29/10/21	Half Term
21/12/21	Last Day of Term

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Vacancy

Community Fundraiser and Communications Manager

Bishop's Stortford Youth Project and Thirst Youth Café are looking for a new Community Fundraiser and Communications Manager to raise awareness, generate income and encourage volunteering.

The position is part time, 15 hours per week, and will require some flexibility to meet needs of role. There is an opportunity to negotiate flexible working for the right candidate.

Salary range is £10 - £12.50 per hour (£7,800 – £9,750 Pro Rata - £19,500 - £24,375 FTE).

We are looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated, excellent communicator with strong interpersonal and organisational skills and the ability to meet, and hopefully exceed targets!

If you are interested in joining our team and helping make a real difference to the lives of local young people in Bishop's Stortford please send your CV with a covering letter to jake@bishopsstortfordyouthproject.com by **Friday 21st May 2021**.



Netball
**CROSSKEYS
NETBALL CLUB**
WINNERS OF OUTSTANDING CLUB OF THE YEAR
2020
CALLING YEAR 5
NETBALLERS

We are looking for Yr5 girls to join our club

Training Wednesday's 5pm to 6pm
@ Herts and Essex School, Bishops Stortford

No netball experience necessary

Level 2 netball coaches

For more information call Lisa on 07776208770



Buster's Active Travel Challenge

17th - 21st May 2021

Please turn over

Start

Finish

Walking Bus

Walking

Cycling

Scotting

Park & Stride

Walk to Clean Air Day 17th June 2021

Your challenge is to walk Buster around Hertfordshire for walk to school week. Each journey to school you complete by walking, scooting or cycling equals 'one step' on Buster's fabulous journey. At the end of the week turn the poster over to take part in Clean Air Day 17th June 2021.

Active and Safer Travel Team

Hertfordshire