



NEWSLETTER 9th July 2021

VALUE: RESPECT

“Do unto others as you would have them do to you” Matthew 7:12

“Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to.
Respect is earned, not given.” Hussein Nishah



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This has been a very busy week as we try to fit in all of the summer events. I have not been able to be a full part of it as I am isolating as my secondary aged daughter caught Coronavirus from a school friend. I know that many secondary schools have really felt the impact over the last few weeks. Thanks to technology I have been able to stay involved, including carrying out interviews for a new teaching assistant via video (more information about our successful candidate next week) and being part of yesterday's whole school assembly. I have also been able to see pictures that the teachers have taken, showing a whole range of learning activities.

I particularly enjoyed Sapphire class's photos of their lettuce and chard harvest and tasting.



Proof that greens are in fact edible.

I was also pleased to see the children meeting their teacher from next year. As you know, due to our mixed age classes some children will be remaining with the same teacher but they will all have new class mates to get to know, or for the older ones, class mates that they have been with before and relationships to re-establish.



We postponed sports day but have now been able to run it. It took place this morning, in separate key stage bubbles and the children were able to earn points for their house team completing the obstacle course, egg and spoon race, target throw, javelin and long jump. They also took part in individual races within their year groups and then enjoyed their ice lollies (thanks PTA). We will put some more pictures on the website.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Jeremy Fisher



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

The England football team are doing the nation proud and perhaps even exceeding our expectations. And, for once, a decision by VAR (the Video Assistant Referee) didn't get in our way.

VAR is probably the nearest thing the world of football will ever come to having a plumb-line - the simple device made of a weight hanging from a piece of cord, used to ensure something such as a wall is built absolutely vertically.

In the Bible's book of Amos, the 8th century BC prophet has a vision of the Lord using a plumb-line to see if the nation of Israel meets with the Lord's approval. This, however, is not about measuring perfection - after all, not a single one of us can be perfect - but about God assessing what we do and who we are relative to his expectations for us.

In the past couple of decades though, we've seen a western world develop in which everybody's opinion - even President Trump's - is deemed to be equally valid. The notion of a non-negotiable divine plumb-line to measure morality is now often dismissed with an insistence that everyone has the right to define their own morality, standards and truth.

But surely, when we're faced with injustice, is it not always our duty to stand up and be counted? Is it not our duty to work for a world where vanity, amorality and brutality are replaced by kindness, self-control and reconciliation?

It's not just the England football team which can do the nation proud and exceed expectations. In our attitudes and behaviour to one another, we can all do that.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

- ✚ Jessie, Luna, Caitlyn and Issy for being great hosts to the new Reception children.

Reception

- ✚ Scarlett for great Read Write Inc. work with great concentration.

Year 1

- ✚ Grace for amazing effort and concentration in lessons.

Year 2

- ✚ Alice for always being kind, respectful and enthusiastic in everything she does.
- ✚ Percy for impressive work with fractions in Maths.

Year 3

- ✚ Harry S for working exceptionally hard in his Maths lessons.

Year 4

- ✚ Charlie C for fantastic sentence building in English.
- ✚ Teddy L for being really supportive to his friends.

Year 5

- ✚ Frank for his super effort to add detail in his writing.
- ✚ Archie for excellent atlas skills.

Year 6

- ✚ Leo for always working well with others.



TTRS

TTRS Leaderboard

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



Highest Earners from each year group

Y6 - Alfie C

Y5 - Jasper

Y4 - Alfie D

Y3 - Finley M

Y2 - Lorcan

Y1 - Flora



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

No Birthdays This Week



PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Tuesday & Thursday

Sapphire Class – Monday & Tuesday

Emerald Class – Monday & Wednesday

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 - 99.5%**

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

Parents Evening will be taking place via telephone consultations on the following dates:

Diamond - Tuesday 13th July - 2.30 - 5.00 pm

Wednesday 14th July - 1.00 - 3.30 pm

Emerald - Monday 12th July - 2.30 - 5.00 pm

Thursday 15th July - 1.00 - 3.30 pm

Sapphire - Tuesday 13th July - 2.30 - 5.00 pm

Thursday 15th July - 1.00 - 3.30 pm

Bouncy/Non-Uniform Day is on **Wednesday 14th July**. Children will have the opportunity to have fun bouncing in their bubbles. Could we kindly ask for a donation of **£2.00** for the PTA to be paid by bank transfer to:

Account Name: Spellbrook School PTA

Sort Code: 30-17-77

Account Number: 00104791

If you are unable to pay online, we will be accepting cash donations on the day.

Diamond Class Swimming - the last session will be on **Wednesday 14th July**.

Sapphire Trip to Southend is on **Thursday 15th July**. Children should wear their uniforms with old trainers and bring a packed lunch. Packed lunches have been ordered for parents who requested them. Please drop children off promptly at **8.30 am**. Pick up is at the usual time of **3.10 pm**.

Year 6 Leavers Service - This will be taking place on **Tuesday 20th July** at **school** from **2.00 - 3.00 pm**. Pick up time will remain the same as usual. Due to Covid restrictions, only Year 6 parents/carers will be able to attend. We will be restricting the numbers to 2 adults per Year 6 child.

Dinner Accounts - as we are approaching the end of the school year, could you ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared by **Thursday 22nd July** please. If you are experiencing any difficulties in clearing your balance and would like to have a discussion, please contact the office.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fingers (Red) ❖ Jacket Potato, cheese or beans (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs & Pasta (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
12/07/21 – 16/07/21	Parent Consultations (telephone)
14/07/21	Bouncy Day/ Non-Uniform
15/07/21	Sapphire Trip to Southend
20/07/21	Year 6 Leavers Service
22/07/21	Last Day of Term
01/09/21	Inset 1
02/09/21	First Day Back
13/09/21	Bag 2 School
11/10/21	Individual/Sibling Photos
22/10/21	Inset 2
25/10/21 - 29/10/21	Half Term
21/12/21	Last Day of Term
05/01/22	Inset 3
06/01/22	First Day Back
14/02/22 – 18/02/22	Half Term
31/03/22	Last Day of Term
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
30/05/22 – 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
21/07/22	Last Day of Term
22/07/22	Occasional Day

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

SPELLBROOK PTA



Monday 13th September

CLOTHING SHOES
BAGS JEWELLERY
SOFT TOYS CURTAINS
TOWELS BED SHEETS

Please switch off engine when parked



In partnership with:



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David Walliams Mr Stink

Adapted by David Kerby-Kendall | Directed by Scott Worsfold & Tristan Jackson-Pate
Music by Derry Pope | Designed by Kate Wragg



Recommended age **7+**
Running Time: 2 Hours

Open air theatre - Saturday 28 August
Monastery Gardens CM23 2ND

2:30pm and 6:30pm

Gates open 45 minutes before showings

Tickets £12 per person per showing

www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/shop - 01279 715001

Food and drinks concessions

Bishop's Stortford Town Council - 01279 715001

All events are subject to COVID guidelines and legislation at the time of the event

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Heartbreak Productions @OutdoorPlaysUK Heartbreak Productions Bishop's Stortford Town Council
A unique outdoor theatre experience... www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk

Watch David Walliams' "Mr Stink" come to life in the Monastery Gardens on 28 August. This open air theatre production will be performed by professional touring theatre company Heartbreak Productions at 2.30pm or 6.30pm. Bring a picnic blanket and dress for the weather. Once you arrive you can treat yourself from the food and drink vendors- sit back, relax and enjoy the show!

Packed with fun, humour and a heart-warming message, this touching tale provides the perfect family entertainment. Annabelle is celebrating her 10th birthday, hosted by everyone's favourite MP candidate, Janet Crumb! Everyone is invited including you apart from Chloe's particularly new smelly friend, Mr Stink. One perfectly normal afternoon Chloe Crumb met an incredibly smelly homeless Mr Stink and his loyal dog, the Duchess on a park bench. Chloe's curiosity and kindness pave the way for this extraordinary and rewarding friendship that takes them to the heady heights of live television and Downing Street via a garden shed.

Tickets cost £12.00 per person per showing and must be purchased in advance, to purchase your ticket please visit www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/shop. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult and parental discretion is advisable this production suitable for 7 year olds+. FAQs regarding this event can be found here. The running time is 2 hours plus interval and gates open 45 minutes before each showing. Heartbreak specialise in creating an interactive experience for audiences and for 45 minutes before the show starts, actively welcome the audience into the world of the play (while maintaining social distance) and create activities for children to participate in. For more information call the Tourist Information Centre on 01279 715001 - we look forward to seeing you there!

This outdoor theatre event is provided by Bishop's Stortford Town Council. All events are subject to covid guidelines and legislation at the time of the event.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are not just there for families receiving free school meals.

We would like to let everyone know that the Food Bank in Bishop's Stortford is open to help any family who might find themselves struggling financially at the moment.

If anyone is experiencing food crisis, for any reason, we want to support them. We have the food, the funds and the organisation to help anyone that needs food (both fresh and non-perishable), toiletries and cleaning items.

Families simply have to contact an agency such as Citizens Advice, and ask for a referral to us. All supporting agencies can be found on our website: <https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com/how-to-get-a-voucher>



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The number #1 summer workshop is back, providing experience to young people aged 4 - 7 years.

Sing

10am - 2pm

Record

Perform

Belford Street hall
Thaxted

2nd - 6th August

£120

To book:

Call Lisa on +44 (0) 7903 192 094 or email: lisa@stingperformingarts.com
Tamara on +44 (0) 7900 735 566 or email: tam@stingperformingarts.com

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POP... BOP... RECORD

Sting Performing Arts presents POP... BOP... RECORD
The annual holiday workshop providing experience to young people aged 5 - 16 years.

Professional studio album recording (to the latest music), learn the latest dance moves and perform at a live concert at the end of the week to your fans!

Sing

Record

The Malthouse
Saffron Walden
CB10 1EP
26th - 30th July
10am-3pm

£130

Perform

South Mill Arts
1-3, South Rd
Bishops Stortford
CM23 3JG
2nd - 6th August
10am-3pm

To book:

Call Lisa on +44 (0) 7903 192 094 or email: lisa@stingperformingarts.com
Tamara on +44 (0) 7900 735 566 or email: tam@stingperformingarts.com



STORTFORD CHEERLEADERS CHEER & ACRO WORKSHOP AT SUMMERCROFT 10AM-2PM AGES 6-12 £20/DAY



TUES 24th AUG / WED 25th AUG / THURS 26th AUG

Join Stortford Cheerleaders for a workshop days, building on all elements of Cheerleading including dancing, gymnastics, cheering and stunting!

Your child will enjoy working as part of a team, motivating each other as a group, gaining a desire for Cheer Spirit and will make new friends!

The day will start with a high energy cardio warm up Pom Pom dance, moving on to strength, flexibility and balance skills. We will cover fundamental skills for tumbling and how to be safe in stunts as well as fun and games.

This workshop promises to be fun for everyone regardless of ability.

If you would like to come to Stortford Cheerleaders Cheer & Acro Workshop at Summernote on either Tues24th, Wed 25th, Thurs 26th 10am-2pm, please contact Cressy MacDonald-Williams at stortfordcheerleaders@hotmail.com or 07788561175 to book your place.

Places are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis.

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stortfordcheerleaders@hotmail.com

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and 16/7/21 (st.albans)

Find the support you need at the **Families First Portal**

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Visit the [portal](#) for more information, with direct links to:-

- ✦ Relationship Support
- ✦ Parenting advice and childcare
- ✦ Money advice
- ✦ Emotional and mental health
- ✦ Domestic abuse support
- ✦ Staying healthy
- ✦ Online Safety
- ✦ SEND Local Offer

and many other useful links



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hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

"I am struggling to cope with everything at present, so feeling overwhelmed."

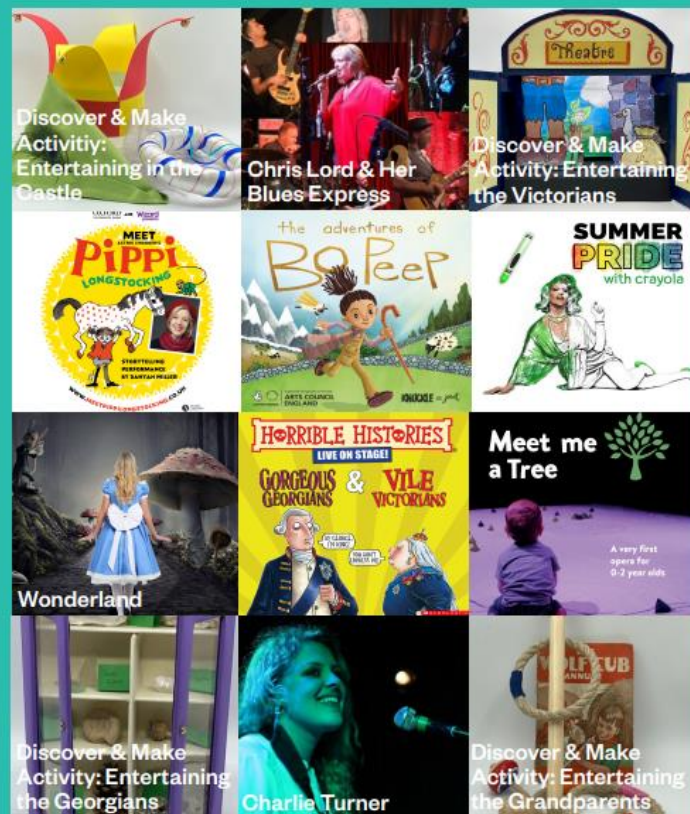
"I'm worried about money"

"I'm worried about my child's behaviour in school and at home"

"I need reassurance and support"



What's On this Summer! Please see website for dates & times



South Mill Arts

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Southmillarts.co.uk

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