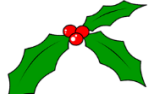




SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2020



Dear Parents,

This week, we are managing the usual end of Autumn Term challenge, of keeping learning going and also preparing for Christmas.



Our tree is up, using a range of decorations, including some made by the children. Classes have displayed their own decorations.



The children and staff in Sapphire and Ruby have been working on and videoing their nativity.

We are planning the Christingle afternoon for next week and are looking forward to Christmas lunch and seeing all the Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 16th December.

Yesterday, the PTA provided a treat of hot chocolate for all. This took place outside and in separate classes and the children enjoyed getting cream on their noses and gobbling up mini marshmallows as they had a great time in the woods or meadow. A huge thank you to the PTA!



We were pleased (and relieved) that Ms Onyeka is now back in school after a member of her family had to isolate for 14 days. This week, Mrs McDonald has had to isolate, although she is well, so thank you to Mrs Foster for taking Emerald class for much of the week. Unfortunately Mrs McDonald's 14 days will not end before the end of the term, so she will be talking to the children via video soon.

School Plan

This week, the staff have received training from Mrs Foster on SEND, developing their understanding of Special Educational Needs and disabilities so that our systems continue to develop and our expertise increases. We have also had an external review of our safeguarding and health and safety systems. Mr Cattlin and Miss Hayward are doing an excellent job making sure the systems for health and safety including risk assessments and the vetting of staff and visitors are robustly adhered to and all staff are clearly focused on ensuring that we have a culture of safeguarding in our school.

During the week, I go into English and Maths lessons quite a lot, but this week saw Sapphire Class working on part of their PE. They were working on a dance and I was most impressed with their focus and how well they are progressing in putting a long and complex sequence of moves together.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 14th December 2020.

Jeremy Fisher

Donation of Laptops

IT Vet in Bishop's Stortford have kindly donated two refurbished laptops to the school. If there are any parents who are experiencing difficulties in accessing a laptop for home learning, please contact the school office.

Christmas Gift Shop 2020

The ever-popular PTA Christmas Gift Shop is back with just a few tweaks to make it more manageable for 2020.

Children will be able to select a gift for mum and/or dad and bring it home ready wrapped to put under the tree. The shop will be operated by teachers in school from Monday to Wednesday next week.

All gifts are £3 (exact money pretty please in a named envelope or purse) and will be on a "while stocks last" basis. The earlier your child has their money with them, the better a choice they will have.

Thanks again for your continued support and the PTA look forward to updating you all with what we have been putting your money towards very soon.




Please don't forget to tune in on **Sunday 13th December at 6pm** to watch the Christmas Carols performance on **YouTube via SEC Church**.

Please see the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sec+church

Dinner Menu

Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 14th December 2020**. A reminder, that the children will be having their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 16th December**. We would like to invite the children who normally have a packed lunch to join the rest of the school for the Christmas lunch.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Christmas Lunch	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers	Burger in a Bun	Roast Turkey	Beef Lasagne	Pizza
OR	OR		OR	OR
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	OR	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
		Roast Quorn Fillet (v)		

Attendance for this week

Whole School Attendance – 94.5% 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.

Birthdays this Week

Harvey (Ruby)
Dominic (Emerald)



Stars of the Week

Reception: Luna
Year 1: Harry
Year 2: Lorcan
Year 3: Maizee-Leigh
Year 4: Bobby
Year 5: Marcia
Year 6: Reggie



Head Girl/ Head Boy Award: Oliver (Emerald)

Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been

The 'Great Expectation' for next week is Generosity.

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 (Ruby & Sapphire) & 1.40 pm (Emerald & Diamond)
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



Donate here



Food parcels for local families

Help us distribute Christmas food parcels to families in need and the elderly in Bishop's Stortford.

Text BSR0T 3 to 70085 to donate £3
For other amounts, from £1 to £20, just replace the 3 with the new amount in pounds (eg BSR0T 10 to donate £10)

Rotary
Club of Bishop's Stortford

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Wishing you a blessed Christmas

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

– Isaiah 9:6



WITH BEST WISHES FROM ALL IN THE ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SCHOOLS TEAM

David Bob Belinda Lizzie Vicki Charlotte Ruth Ryan Hannah



The Parish Church of
Great St Mary Sawbridgeworth

CHRISTMAS EVE

No Rotary
Carols on Fair
Green this
year due to
COVID...

...But Great St
Mary's are
LIVESTREAMING
instead

Featuring
Mayor
Annelise Furnace



6.30pm on Christmas Eve COMMUNITY CAROLS

No audience in church but livestreamed
on our website and Facebook



www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk

facebook – Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth

YouTube – Great St Marys Streaming



Please donate to the usual Rotary
charities so that they don't lose
out this year. From your mobile.....

Text to 70450 'Sawbo 3' to donate £3
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Ending with
doorstep singing
of "We wish you a
Merry Christmas"