



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER 11th JUNE 2021

VALUE: RESPECT

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

“I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university.”

Albert Einstein



Sapphire Class have been harvesting the radishes that they have grown.



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Today, the children have been celebrating Euro 2020 and raising funds for the PTA by wearing their football shirts. Lots of the children have enjoyed seeing who supports the same team as them. I found some of Ruby Class wearing the same top as me. The support from the PTA is greatly appreciated and this year they have purchased an additional Smart Screen for the library and helped increase our stock of books. Thank you for helping them.

It is always sad to say goodbye. I have some news that is simultaneously positive and negative. The positive is that Heather Foster, our SENCO, has secured a promotion and will become a Deputy Headteacher at a school in Ware after the summer break. This is a great achievement and fantastic career opportunity for her, and she will be a great asset to her new school. The negative is that she will be leaving us at the end of this school term. We are very sad to be losing her from the team. She has worked at Spellbrook for a long time as a teacher, SENCO and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. She has had a huge and very positive impact on the school and the children. Since her return from maternity in September, I have enjoyed working with her and am exceedingly pleased with the way that she has helped, not only to ensure that our SEND provision is at a high standard but also to have a very positive impact on many other parts of the school work, such as the teaching of English, Maths, music and PSHE and the development of our lunchtime provision. This will mean some changes in the way we operate and one is that from September, Charlotte Smith will begin training as SENCO. She will keep her classroom teacher role, and as I have had previous experience as a SENCO, will be in a position to provide assistance and support, so that the needs of all children with SEND continue to be met and their families continue to be communicated with. The class teachers are remaining where they are next



year, enabling them to build on this year's experiences. We will send more information about next year and will arrange a transition morning for the children in July.

Please could you make sure your child/ren have 24 hour sun cream on before coming in on the hot days and that they bring a hat. Thank you to so many of you for making sure your child always has a water bottle.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,
Jeremy Fisher



Also this week, Emerald Class have been learning about the Plague in order to write play scripts. Mrs McDonald came to school with the symptoms of the plague. The class had to identify what was wrong and how it would have been treated. They then had to put red crosses on the door to quarantine the classroom.



Diamond Class have started their new topic on Ancient Greece. They have a lot of new vocabulary to learn and understand.

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

The other day, I came across some wise words adapted from 'If Only It Were True' by the French novelist Marc Levy. They encourage me to take advantage of and to try to enjoy each day, each hour, each minute - even each second. After all, we only get to experience them once.

The words remind me that it's important to enjoy life's pleasures, and to enjoy the company, wherever possible, of those we've missed during the lockdowns. The words remind me that it's good to take time to delve deeper into life and to limit my consumption of superficial entertainment or online gossip.

So let's not let time slip through our fingers. Time is precious - both to us and to God.

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To realise the value of one year, ask a student who failed a course.  
To realise the value of one month, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.  
To realise the value of one week, ask a politician.  
To realise the value of one day, ask the editor of a newspaper.  
To realise the value of one hour, ask the lovers waiting to meet.  
To realise the value of one minute, ask the person who just missed the train.  
To realise the value of one second, ask the person who just survived an accident.  
To realise the value of one millisecond, ask the athlete who won the silver

medal.

*Fr Simon*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Nursery

- ✚ Luna for friendship, sharing and problem solving.

### Reception

- ✚ Amelie for great oral Maths.
- ✚ Scarlett for brilliant effort in using her phonics.

### Year 1

- ✚ Millie for amazing effort and concentration in lessons.

### Year 2

- ✚ Stanley H for excellent participation in class discussions.
- ✚ Lorcan for always being positive, kind and friendly.

### Year 3

- ✚ Ella B for settling really well into Emerald Class.
- ✚ Michal for working really hard in our English lessons.

### Year 4

- ✚ Taliya for always being helpful in class.

### Year 5

- ✚ Mya for amazing research and presentation in History.
- ✚ Ranjeet for always being polite and respectful.

### Year 6

- ✚ Darcie for excellent learning in French.

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

### Year 3

- ✚ Ella B for fitting in very well.
- ✚ Maizee-Leigh for making other children feel welcome.



## 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

Y2 – Sid



## 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 – 96.9%

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

- PE Days** – are changing, effective from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June until the end of term. Please see above for your child's new PE days.
- Classroom Teaching Assistant Vacancy** – 28.75 hours p/w, TTO, Monday to Friday starting in September 2021. Closing date is **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00 pm**. Please see below for more information.
- Father's Day Gift Shop** – Starts on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** until stocks last. Wrapped gifts are £3.50 each.
- Clean Air Day** – **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June** is clean air day, so leave your cars at home and walk, scoot or bike to school. On a general note, could we also ask parents and carers to switch off their engines while waiting to pick up children in the car park please.
- Diamond Class Activity Week** – A reminder that full payment is due on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**.
- Year 6 Leavers Service** – This will be taking place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth** from **2.00 – 3.00 pm**. Parents will need to collect children from the church. Due to Covid restrictions, only Year 6 parents will be able to attend.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| Day       | Menu                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato, cheese or beans (Green)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul> |
| Tuesday   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beefy Pasta Bolognese (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>                                                      |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Pork (Red)</li> <li>❖ Pasta Bake (Green)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>                                   |
| Thursday  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>                                                              |
| Friday    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>                                                  |



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date                | Event                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 14/06/21            | Father's Day Gift Shop opens         |
| 17/06/21            | Clean Air Day                        |
| 29/06/21 & 30/06/21 | Diamond Class trip to Edge Outdoors  |
| 01/07/21            | Diamond Class Overnight Camping      |
| 02/07/21            | Diamond Class Trip to Essex Outdoors |
| 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                       |
| 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                     |

Contact: [admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)  
 Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

## **Classroom Teaching Assistant Vacancy** **Spellbrook Primary School**

### **About the role**

We are looking to appoint a capable and caring person, who relates well to children to take up a term-time only position as a classroom teaching assistant from September 2021. You will become part of a dedicated and friendly team of staff, committed to providing the very best in learning support.

You will be required to work under the direction of a classteacher working primarily with Key Stage 2 pupils. The ability to support any year group across the school is desirable. Teaching and Learning Level 1 and/or Level 2 and/or experience in this role would be desirable. Training will be offered to support the successful applicant.

You will be required to work Monday to Friday 28.75 hours per week in term-time. The role may require additional INSET days to be worked, up to a maximum of 5 days per year. Pay and grade dependent on relevant experience.

Prospective candidates may be offered an interview upon receipt of an application form. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed between Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th June 2021. If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office to make an appointment. 01279 723204 or email [sbm@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk).

*Spellbrook C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding, equality of opportunity and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and employees to share this commitment.*

|                         |                        |                      |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Salary</b>           | <b>Employment type</b> | <b>Contract type</b> | <b>Closing Date</b>                |
| £18,562 - £19,312<br>H2 | Full / part time       | Permanent            | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 5:00 PM |

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Interview date</b>     | <b>Start Date</b>        |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2021 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep 2021 |

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,classroom-teaching-assistant\\_64779.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,classroom-teaching-assistant_64779.htm)

### **Hertfordshire Personal Safety Survey**

Following the death of Sarah Everard earlier this year, the County Community Safety Unit (CCSU) are currently producing a needs assessment on violence against women and girls.

As part of this work, they are undertaking a public survey of Hertfordshire residents to understand their experiences and feelings of personal safety, which will help to inform recommendations for the needs assessment. The survey will remain open until Friday 9th July.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/XFEVX8/>

This survey has been widely disseminated amongst adults, but it is really important that young people also have an opportunity to respond (aged 10+). Please note the survey is open to males and females of all ages to enable us to compare experiences and feelings of safety, so therefore we ask that any advertising refers to the survey as the 'Hertfordshire personal safety survey' to ensure that males are equally encouraged to take part.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email the CCSU team at [ccsu@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ccsu@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

## Wild World Heroes – Summer reading challenges in libraries

Libraries across Hertfordshire are currently preparing for this year's summer reading challenge – Wild World Heroes. Every year the Reading Agency oversees this exciting programme, which is run by library staff. It starts on Saturday 10th July and runs until Saturday 4th September.

This summer children will help six fictional characters - 'wild heroes' who live in the town of 'Wilderville'. As they read library books, children will collect transformation stickers to add to a foldout town map, fixing the environmental problem in each area and making Wilderville a better home for everyone.

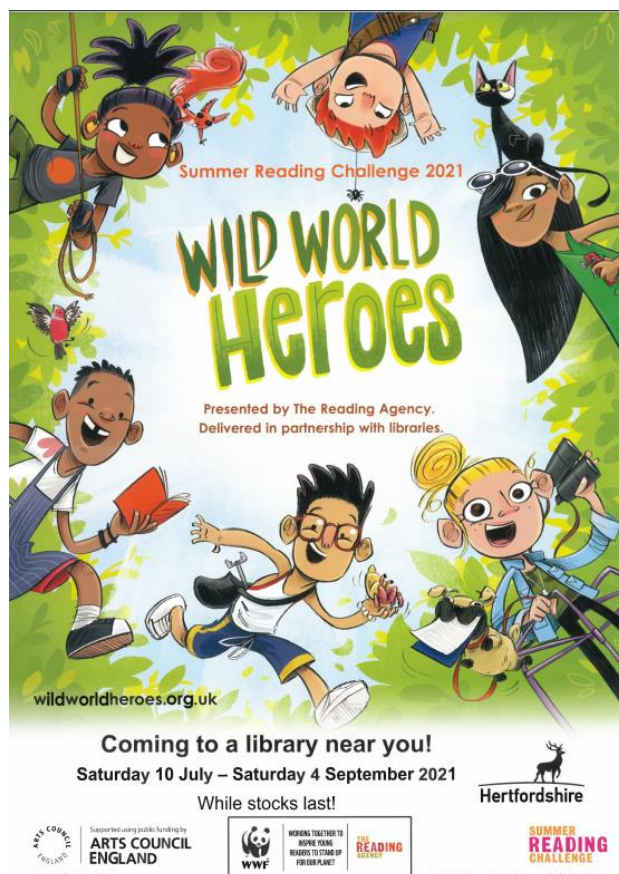
Research shows that children's reading can 'dip' during the long holidays and this can cause them to lose confidence when they return to school. The summer reading challenge encourages children to get into libraries and helps them keep up their reading skills. By providing fun reading activities this summer the challenge will also play a key role in supporting reading catch-up after a difficult year. It is the UK's biggest promotion of reading for children – in 2019 20,897 children took part in Hertfordshire – and it's free.

Children are challenged to read six library books, eBooks or eAudiobooks of their choice during the holidays. For every two books they read they are rewarded with a set of stickers. When they have completed the challenge, they will receive a bookmark, certificate and medal. The summer reading challenge materials are suitable for visually impaired children. Further information on the summer reading challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to Wild World Heroes can be found on the Herts Libraries website. [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

What children said about 2019's challenge:

"It was booktastic." Charlie – 9

"Very challenging yet fun at the same time. It tested my brain and stretched my mind and the books I read gave my imagination power." Phoebe – 7



## Have your say on changes to our high streets

In response to public health guidelines during the Covid-19 pandemic, our Highways service made changes to some of our high streets over the last year.

We're asking people who live and work in the county about these changes and whether there could be any benefit to keeping some layouts for a trial period of 18 months. There is a survey (which will remain open until Sunday 20th June) <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/news-and-campaigns/coronavirus-temporary-town-changes.aspx>







## Spellbrook PTA Father's Day Gift Shop



Starts Monday 14th June  
until stocks last

Wrapped gift for Dad –  
£3.50

Please bring your money  
in a named purse or  
envelope



## TechSafe

E SAFETY workshop for parents & carers

### Keeping Families Safe Online

Thursday 24th June 2021

7pm – 9pm

Cost : FREE of Charge



### 70% of children experience bullying online

In this interactive workshop, delivered via Zoom, we will:

- look at the benefits and risks of going online
- discuss key concerns
- share tips on how to talk to children about online safety
- share tips on how to develop children's digital resilience
- identify solutions and strategies
- look at a variety of online safety resources
- signpost where to get more help



To book please contact Jo at Aspects

email: [admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk) or call 01279 758134



UK Council for  
Internet Safety



# HOLIDAY BIBLE WEEK 2021

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th August **ONLINE!**

2021

A mixture of online  
events throughout  
the week!

## "EYE WITNESS"

Keep your eyes peeled on  
Social Media for  
signing up  
details!

2021

PUPPETS  
GAMES  
SINGING  
CRAFTS

BIBLE  
STORIES  
AND  
MUCH MORE!

[holidaybibleweek.co.uk](http://holidaybibleweek.co.uk)

f [HBWStortford](https://www.facebook.com/HBWStortford)

# The Hertfordshire & Essex High School

If you are thinking of joining us in Year 7 in September 2022 you might find it helpful to:

- come to our Open Evening
- book into a Q&A session with Executive Headteacher, Cathy Tooze and Headteacher, Emma Kirkham

*dates & times overleaf but please check our website for any updates and changes due to the current pandemic.*



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## Information, Q & A sessions at Herts & Essex



Cathy Tooze, Executive Headteacher and Emma Kirkham, Headteacher, at Herts & Essex, invite the parents/carers of all girls transferring to secondary school in September 2022 to an informal information, question and answer session at the school, on one of the following occasions:

- Monday 27 September at 17:45
- Wednesday 29 September at 17:45

*"Choosing a secondary school for your daughter is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Our Open Evening is intended for families and my talk is aimed at that audience. If you would like to take the opportunity to get a more in-depth feel for the school, in the company of other concerned parents and carers, I would like to invite you to one of our Information, Q & A sessions. I shall be able to talk to you further about what Herts & Essex can, uniquely, offer your daughters; I shall also be very pleased to answer your questions."*

**Cathy Tooze, Executive Headteacher**

**Open Evening - Thursday 23 September, 17:30 to 20:30**

# Turn your key Be idle free

## Don't leave cars idling or "ticking over", especially near schools



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<http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/CleanAirDay>



## BISHOP'S STORTFORD RUGBY CLUB SUMMER RUGBY CAMPS 2021

- WHEN:** Camp 1: Tuesday 27 July - Thursday 29 July  
Camp 2: Tuesday 24 August - Thursday 26 August
- WHO:** Boys and Girls U6 - U12
- TIME:** Start 09:30 and finish at 15:00 (Arrive from 09:15)
- WHERE:** Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club
- FOOD:** Packed lunch, a snack and water bottle for the day (no nuts)
- KIT CHECK:** Rugby boots, Trainers, Gumshields, suitable training kit and a spare set of clothes
- COST:** £30 per day
- COURSE CONTENT:** Tackle/Tagging Technique, Handling, Evasion Games/ Gameplay, various other activities and lots of fun.

For further details please contact:

[colemant1986@gmail.com](mailto:colemant1986@gmail.com)  
or call Tom on 07854 097156

Or visit: [www.bsrfc.co.uk](http://www.bsrfc.co.uk)

Application Form available online or by email.  
Courses run by BSRFC 1st XV coaches.

