



# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

## NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

### VALUE: FORGIVENESS

**"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others." Colossians 3:13**

**"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." – Mahatma Gandhi,**



Picking up objects using grippers, just like a space explorer would in their space suit.



Whilst designing prototypes for space buggies, we have been learning to saw our axles to the correct length.

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's amazing how quickly routines re-establish. Despite missing school for two months, the children have all quickly come together resuming friendships and getting used to the routines and expectations again. A lot of reminding about focusing and thinking of the needs of others has been required this week, but no more than we expected. One or two children have needed a little extra support, coping with being back in large groups and we had anticipated this. The long term well-being of all of the children is a key priority for us. Before Easter we shall be using a questionnaire with all of the KS1/2 children to find out a bit more about how they are feeling about different aspects of school life and learning and will plan accordingly.

We are delighted to welcome new children and their families to the school. They had officially joined earlier this time, but the children had not met their class mates in real life. We have two children in Diamond, one in Emerald and one in Sapphire.

This week has been British Science week and much of the learning, has been science based. This has included a focus on Space and Mrs Le Duc arranged for four special visitors to share their expertise. Three of these interacted live with the children, talking to them and sharing images and videos from Teams. These focused on space exploration, star gazing and space careers. We have studied space



Thank you to Mrs Kempthorne for giving her time and providing the resources.

A big thank you to Mrs Le Duc for planning such a varied and stimulating week.

Maths this week has been refocusing on Power Maths and teachers are taking stock of where each child is at. We are using some of our catch up funding and our own resources to give maths a staffing boost. Each class has an extra teacher for their maths lessons until the end of term. This is to enable smaller group focus, to support those who have missed key elements of the learning, whilst ensuring that those who are able to are being challenged.



books for our whole class reading, designed lunar rovers and even had a space themed lunch.

Today, Mrs Kempthorne who is a parent at the school and also a secondary science teacher, came in to challenge the children to make rockets using plastic bottles and a range of additional materials, which she then launched for them. Over the day, each class had a turn and some of the rockets flew straight up for quite a distance, whilst others were caught by the wind and their travel was more sideways than upwards.

Thank you to the parents who have shown their desire to enhance their own understanding of how we teach maths, and therefore be able to provide more specific help at home, by attending the parent sessions on Thursday night. Due to other commitments there will not be a session next week and we will let you know when the fractions session is to take place.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher



As well as space, Diamond class have been learning about living processes with live lessons from different vets, finding out about looking after the health and well-being of cows.

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

We're marking Mothering Sunday at Great St Mary's this Sunday. Whilst the day's become a wonderful opportunity for many of us to remember our mothers, the annual occasion didn't originally start with that purpose. It was originally connected to our local 'mother' church, with people returning to their home or 'mother' church - usually the local cathedral - on this day each year to acknowledge the role the Church at large played in their lives of faith.

In England, it was quite common, century's back, for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old. So the annual return to the 'mother' church inevitably became a great occasion for family reunions. And as those children and teenagers walked along the country lanes, either to church or back home to their family, they picked wildflowers to give to their mothers as a small gift. Hence the tradition developed of children giving flowers, presents, and home-made cards to honour their mothers on Mothering Sunday.



So whatever you're doing this weekend, I hope you're able to find a moment to honour and give thanks to all those who have cared for you over the years.

*Fr Simon*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**YR** – Harry - for great engagement and enthusiasm in Science class activities.

**Y1** - Louis for his amazing science knowledge and for working exceptionally hard in English.

**Y2** - Alden for his excellent science knowledge and for working hard in all lessons.

**Y3** –Oliver and Joshua D for their fantastic enthusiasm for Science Week.

**Y4** - Bobby for his super attitude to his learning this week.

**Y5** - Marcia for her enthusiasm during science week, presentation of her work and great use of scientific vocabulary.

**Y6** - Liam for great scientific questioning and engagement in science all week.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**YR - Henry**



## TTRS

### TTRS Leaderboard

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



### Highest earners from each year group

**Y6** Alfie C  
**Y5** Joe  
**Y4** Alfie D  
**Y3** Finley  
**Y2** Lorcan  
**Y1** Flora



## PE DAYS

**Ruby Class** – Tuesday & Thursday  
**Sapphire Class** – Tuesday & Friday  
**Emerald Class** – Wednesday & Friday  
**Diamond Class** – Monday & Wednesday



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

## NEXT WEEKS MENU

Monday	❖ Fish Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Tuesday	❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Thursday	❖ Jacket Potato, Cheese & Beans (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Friday	❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
23/03/21	Bags 2 School
26/03/21	Last Day of Term
29/03/21	Easter Break
–	
09/04/21	
12/04/21	First Day Back
31/05/21	May Half Term
–	
04/06/21	
07/06/21	Occasional Day
08/06/21	First Day Back
22/07/21	Last Day of Term

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# SPELLBROOK PTA



**Tuesday 23rd March**

**CLOTHING SHOES  
BAGS JEWELLERY  
SOFT TOYS CURTAINS  
TOWELS BED SHEETS**



## Parenting a Child with Anxiety Light-bite Session

### Topics covered include:

- Look at and understand the different types of anxiety and how to recognise it
- The links between anxiety and stress
- What happens when anxiety overwhelms us
- Share some solution focused tools to support young people manage anxiety

An interactive light bite masterclass delivered to you via Zoom  
This workshop allows you to understand anxiety and think about how to support a child with anxiety. For parents and carers of children aged 5-11.

Delivered by:  
Sharon Lawton – Award Winning Parent Coach, Natural Flair Coaching Ltd

Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Price: \*£5.00 per household

Join us on this virtual workshop via ZOOM!  
Access information using a PC or smartphone will be provided if this is new for you.



### BOOKING INFORMATION

To request a booking form please contact Jo at Aspects by emailing [admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk). Please include the name of your child's school.

\*Spaces are limited and allocated to parents of children who attend one of our subscribing schools



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## Don't Shout At Me!

5 Steps To A Calmer Family Life



An interactive workshop for parents & carers of children aged 5-11 which allows you to explore the best ways of approaching angry behaviour and develop a calmer family environment

- Fed up with shouting?
- Are you constantly repeating yourself?
- Getting into constant power struggles with your child?
- Do you want tips and strategies to deal with angry children?
- Want to know how to model and teach safe ways of expressing anger?

Date: Monday 15th March 2021  
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm  
Price: \*£5.00 per household

Join us on this virtual workshop via ZOOM!

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## **EASTER COMMUNITY CAMPS**

**Dates:** March 29th to April 1st; April 6th to April 9th; April 12th to 16th

**Times:** **AM:** 10.00-12.15     **PM:** 12:45 - 15:00

**Cost: £25 per  
session**

**Venues:** St Edmunds College, Ware  
Herts & Essex, Bishops Stortford  
Charterhouse, Godalming  
Brunel University Sports Park  
Bennett School, Tunbridge Wells  
NEW - Churchfields Junior School, Sth Woodford  
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**Age Groups:  
Yr3-6; Yr 7-10**

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**8-9PM**

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