



# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

## NEWSLETTER 14TH MAY 2021

### VALUE: FRIENDSHIP

"Encourage one another and build each other up." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you." – **Elbert Hubbard**



**A mirror and very careful looking helps agree a deal when you are drawing a self portrait**



**Exploring shade by adding white to red and blue**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The weather has continued to be mixed this week and this does have an impact on the children's day in school. We do try and get them out if we can. I am aware that some children got wet this week. Please make sure they bring in a good coat and will ensure that staff bring them in quickly when the rain does come down.

We have moved some of our PE into the classrooms this week and focused on dance. Diamond Class had fun doing Zumba. Some of them show a great deal of coordination and timing and most of them clearly enjoyed themselves.



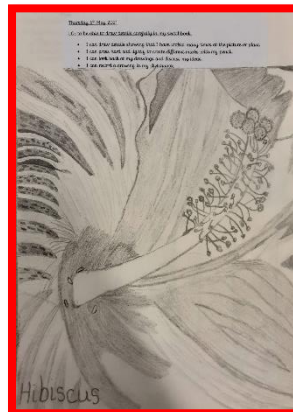
This week, to show some of the learning that has taken place, I have included pictures of Art and Design Technology. Ruby Class have completed their latest self – portraits. Completing this regularly provides an insight into the development of their drawing skills. Sapphire Class have been exploring shade by adding white to 2 different colours then producing a picture depicting the fire above London, linked to their history topic. Emerald Class have been linking science, design technology and their history topic of Crime and Punishment. They have been making prisons, with a light that goes on when the door is open so that prisoners are unable to leave undetected. Diamond Class have been drawing natural forms and using different styles of drawing.

The teachers and I continue to focus on the progress the children are making and this week the attention was again on writing. The recent independent writing that the children have completed is very pleasing and we can see the style modelled by the teachers coming through in the children's writing and many are using a rich spread of vocabulary and range of grammatical sentence structures.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.  
Jeremy Fisher



**The light goes on when the door is opened**



**Drawing of Natural forms**

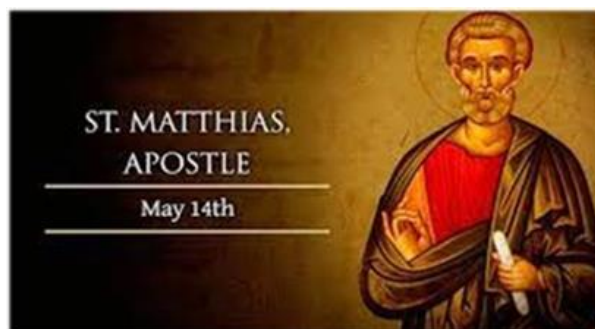
## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Associate Priest, Revd Debbie writes...*

One of my greatest dreads at school was during PE lessons when we had to play team sports. Especially any game where I had to catch a ball or hit it with a bat. Each week, the teams were chosen by captains, and I always knew I was going to be one of the last to be chosen. 'Oh no, miss, not Debbie - she can't hit a ball for toffee!'



Today is the feast of the apostle Matthias, who is a man with a not dissimilar story. Matthias wasn't chosen by Jesus as one of his original twelve apostles but was chosen by the apostles



after Jesus' ascension back to heaven, to replace Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus. So Matthias is the man called by God from the substitutes' bench.



But there's an important distinction to be drawn between being the last to be chosen for a school team and being the last of the apostles to be called. At school it was the team captain who chose the members of the team. With Matthias, it's not the apostles who have the final say in his selection but, after prayer and the casting of votes, Matthias was God's choice.

So often we tend to feel that, in a culture which surrounds us with so many possibilities, we're in control of all our choices. Yes, we're in a position to reject God's call - to turn our back and to follow our own path - but that decision is always only after God has first chosen us for his team.

May God bless you and keep you,

*Revd Debbie*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Reception

- ✚ **Donnie** for great improvement in effort for phonics.
- ✚ **Martha** for fantastic friendships shown to all and helping others in many situations.
- ✚ **Shakti** for fantastic work applying her phonics when spelling words.

### Year 1

- ✚ **Georgia** for noticing when others need help and lending a hand.
- ✚ **Harry F** for his amazing effort in English.

### Year 2

- ✚ **Alden** for sharing some excellent ideas in lessons.

### Year 3

- ✚ **Dominic** for his fantastic story in English.
- ✚ **Oliver** for trying his best when writing his story.

### Year 4

- ✚ **Toby** for working really hard on his timetables.

### Year 5

- ✚ **Kimora-Lee** for being a kind friend.
- ✚ **Josh K** for always making an effort in all his learning.

### Year 6

- ✚ **Mia** for an improved attitude in her learning.

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

### Reception

- ✚ **Henry J** for playing impeccably with his friends.

### Year 6

**Ronnie** for kindness to other children.



## 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 & DURING THE EASTER BREAK

**No Birthdays This Week**



## 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 – 97.3%

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

- School Dinner Money** – Could we ask that dinner accounts are kept in credit and any outstanding balances are cleared immediately please. Parents will now receive an automated message reminding them to top up when their balance is low. If you are experiencing difficulties in clearing your arrears, please contact the office.
- As part of **Walk to School Week**, children can come to school wearing something green in addition to their uniform on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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/6ebb7031>
- We have withdrawn the **in-house afterschool club** due to a lack of interest.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	❖ Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Tuesday	❖ Beefy Pasta Bolognaise (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Thursday	❖ Quorn Hot Dog (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

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# SUMMER SCHOOLS 2021

Age 5 to 7 - 23 to 27 August

Age 8+ - 26 to 30 July

A week of performing and creative arts ending with a live performance (subject to COVID guidelines)

## DIVERSE Performing Arts



Students will spend the day learning new skills in singing, drama and dance ready for a live performance on the Friday afternoon to family, as well as lots of craft activities, fun and games.

Our summer schools are from Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 3.00pm at the Sawbridgeworth Scout HQ and cost £95 for the whole 5 days.

Please get in touch at [diverseperformingarts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:diverseperformingarts@yahoo.co.uk) for further details.

## THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

### Open Day at The Gardens of Easton Lodge on Sunday 23 May 11.00-5.00

The Gardens are looking lush and lovely and at the Open Day we will have a storyteller weaving tales of their former owner, the Countess of Warwick, and her animals, including Kim, a baby elephant, who travelled to the Gardens by train!!

Children will also enjoy the treehouse and children's trail and dogs are welcome on leads.

There will be plant, jam and honey stalls and we will be joined by a local folk duo, Karen and Tony and the Essex Wildlife Trust, a local woodturner and coppicers and the Woodland Trust.

Entry fee £5.50, free to children under 16 years old. Tickets must be bought in advance and can be found through the Trust's website, [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk) or Facebook or the ticket sale site Trybooking.

## Buster's Active Travel Challenge

17th - 21st May 2021



In five minutes,  
the average  
family can walk  
1/4 of a mile  
(400m)



That's the  
same as...



**3.8 standard  
football pitches!**



Where can  
you walk  
in five  
minutes?

In five minutes,  
the average  
family can walk  
1/4 of a mile  
(400m)



That's the  
same as...



**66 T-Rexes!**



Where can  
you walk  
in five  
minutes?



The average  
primary school  
journey is 1.6 miles

