



## NEWSLETTER 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

### VALUE: FRIENDSHIP

"Encourage one another and build each other up."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Why did you do all this for me?" he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.' 'You have been my friend,' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.'

E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*



### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is great to be back and have a full term ahead of us. We are hoping to get out and about more this term as restrictions ease. For the moment, we are still operating the bubbles and the reassurance of regular staff testing is welcome. During the Easter break, I had my first vaccination and other members of staff are having theirs.

This week, the children in KS2 started the week with an exciting opportunity to test their attitude to fear and challenge. We were able to take advantage of the reasonable weather and have a great activity outside.

They had a BMX academy workshop with Mike Mullins, a former world champion BMX rider who started the day with an assembly in the morning including showing some stunts.

One of them included jumping over a ramp with two teachers lying down at the end of it.



All of the children learned new tricks. The tricks included the 'can can', where they kick their legs out to the side, jumps over ramps, 'no hands' and standing up on the frame. All of the children learned something about their own reactions and about the value of keeping that "I can" door open and having a go. So many of them really surprised themselves and were proud of their achievements.



### School Plan Work

The teachers have been looking at books across the school. It is important that the work that the children produce in all subjects shows high expectations and children doing their best. We have seen this week that throughout the school the work in RE and topic books is usually well presented, demonstrates the support for those that need it and the challenge for those able to work at a deeper level and progress over time is clear. We will be nagging those children who cross mistakes out untidily and insisting that they do so with a ruler. We know that mistakes are a key aspect of learning but need the children to be aware of the impact on the presentation.

He talked about his own experiences and how we all respond to new and challenging situations.



He explained that often when faced with something difficult our "I can't" door opens and we soon find ourselves giving up. During the day he worked with Emerald and Diamond classes. He taught them some tricks and took them through a series of challenges. Everyone was included and those who were not confident cyclists were able to start without pedals, using the bike like a balance bike, then have the pedals added as their control and confidence increased. This worked really well.

Mike taught the rest a number of stunts. As he introduced each stunt, he asked them to think about their initial reaction and to identify whether their "I can" or "I can't" door had opened. He then showed them step by step how to do the trick and gave them a chance to do so.

### Y5 Maths Challenge

Yesterday, a group of Year 5 children took part in a countywide maths challenge after school. They had to solve some very challenging problems, estimation questions

and complete a memory round. I was so impressed with the way they worked together under the pressure of tight time limits and despite initial nerves, they seemed to really enjoy themselves. A huge well done to our team.

The teachers have also been writing the children's reports that will be coming out to you within the next couple of weeks.

Keep up with the latest social distancing rules and have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher





## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

It was with great sadness that we learnt, last Friday, of the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Having been a pillar of our society, country and commonwealth for the past seven decades, the words 'duty' and 'service' have leapt out at us from all the media coverage of his passing, and the words of the Queen herself have frequently been replayed from a speech she gave in 1997, marking their golden wedding anniversary. Prince Philip, she said, "has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know."



We will be remembering and giving thanks for the life of the Duke of Edinburgh at a special civic service to be held in Great St Mary's this Sunday at 3pm. Space is limited. However, you will be able to watch the service via a live stream by visiting our website or Facebook page.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

### STARS OF THE WEEK

**YN** – Caitlyn for great friendship whilst working in a Maths lesson together.

**YR** – Shakti for great friendship whilst working in a Maths activity together.

**Y1** – Grace for always being kind and friendly to everyone in class.

**Y2** – Alice for always playing kindly with her friends and being helpful to her classmates.

**Y3** – Isabelle for being a good friend.

**Y4** – Marlon for being thoughtful and supportive to his friends.

**Y5** – Arlo for working hard across all his subjects.

**Y6** – Melissa for consistently high standards in her work.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK & DURING THE EASTER BREAK

**Y5 – Charlie S**



### TTRS

#### TTRS Leaderboard

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



#### *Highest earners from each year group*

**Y6:** Alfie C  
**Y5:** Jasper  
**Y4:** Alfie D  
**Y3:** Finley M  
**Y2:** Lorcan  
**Y1:** Flora



### 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** – 98.7%

**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

- ✚ **Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service** for the life of HRH Prince Philip at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm**. Limited spaces. Also streamed live on church website and Facebook page.
- ✚ **Year 6 Hoodies** are available to order on School Gateway. Don't forget to specify the size you are ordering in the comments box before making a payment. Hoodies cost £12.50 and the deadline for payment is **1<sup>st</sup> May 2021**.
- ✚ **Super Star Sports** - Due to the low demand for spaces, the afterschool clubs will not be running. Super Star Sports will be in contact with parents who have paid to offer them a refund. If you are struggling with afterschool care, please contact the school office.

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Tuesday	❖ Chicken Fillet & Rice (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Thursday	❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Friday	❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
03/05/21	Bank Holiday
31/05/21	May Half Term
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04/06/21	
07/06/21	Occasional Day
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	Half Term
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29/10/21	
21/12/21	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)

## Libraries Welcome Back Families

As from Monday 12th April, families are now be able to visit most Hertfordshire libraries to choose their own books. We have been buying new titles throughout the year so there are lots of exciting new books to discover, as well as classic favourites. We have switched off our Ready Reads pre-ordering service and instead families can, if they wish, pick up Grab and Go packs of pre-selected picture or board books and packs for adults too.

Children enjoy choosing their own books and they get to explore a huge range of quality titles that they would not find elsewhere. The great thing about the library is that they can try out new authors and genres and as they are borrowing books rather than buying them it does not matter if they decide they don't like a story, it can just be swapped for a new one on their next visit, all for free.

While some of the smaller community libraries are not open quite yet, we are working towards a full service over the next few weeks for details of opening times visit our website.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>

**SOCIALLY DISTANCED AND COVID SAFE (LIMITED SPACES)**

**SPELLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# STREET DANCE CLUB

WITH AWARD WINNING DANCE COMPANY: HIP HOP POP

**MONDAYS 3.30pm – 4.30pm for YEARS 3 to 6**



*"The coolest club ever!!"*

Participant age 9

*"Our daughter has completely fallen in love with hip hop. She looks forward to her lesson every week. Great class and fantastic teacher"*

Parent of participant

## CLUB DATES & INFO:

Every week 19<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> July  
(excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> may for bank holiday and half term)

## CLUB PRICE:

£49.50 which equates to £4.50 per class, £15 non-refundable deposit). Fees can be paid in full or in two instalments of £15 and £34.50. If paying in instalments, full fees must be paid by 11<sup>th</sup> June. 10% off for families booking for more than 1 child discount code: **SIBLINGDISCOUNT** if booking online

NOTE: Places are 2<sup>nd</sup> come-3<sup>rd</sup> served, spaces are limited, forms must be completed 3 days prior to club start date. You will be contacted to confirm if you have a place.

## BOOK ONLINE

WWW.HIPHOPPOP.NET/SCHOOLS

OR USE THE QR CODE →



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## WHY JOIN?

- ENJOY FUN PACKED SESSIONS
- LEARN AUTHENTIC STREET DANCE
- HIGHLY EXPERIENCED TUTORS
- SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- GROW CONFIDENCE
- IMPROVE MOTOR SKILLS
- DANCE WITH FRIENDS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY
- ENCOURAGE EXPRESSION
- PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF TERM (social distancing permitting)

**OR USE THIS REPLY SLIP:** Spellbrook Hip Hop Club for Years 3-6 April to July 2021  
Please return this slip with payment (via cash / cheque made payable to Hip Hop Pop Schools Clubs Ltd) to the School Office by 16<sup>th</sup> April, in an envelope marked with your child's name and Hip Hop Pop.

Student Name	Male/Female/Prefer Not To Say	
D.O.B		
Address		
Parent/Guardian Name		
Emergency Contact Number		
Alternative Number		
Email Address		
Medical Conditions?		
Signed by parent / guardian to confirm you have read Terms of Club at <a href="http://www.hiphoppop.net/terms">www.hiphoppop.net/terms</a>	PLEASE SIGN:	PLEASE DATE:
Your consent is needed... We would love to send you news and info about other Hip Hop Pop activities that may benefit you or your child. Please tick YES to receive this. You can opt out at anytime by emailing us.	YES: NO:	
How much are you paying today?	£15 Deposit. (£13.50 if sibling discount applied)	Full Amount

[www.hiphoppop.net/schools](http://www.hiphoppop.net/schools) - @hhpschoolclubs - [sinc@hiphoppop.net](mailto:sinc@hiphoppop.net) - 07977 980106

## Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer website

The Local Offer website

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx> lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them.

We provide information about SEND services across education, health and social care, and aim to give families all the information they may need in one place. Our website includes information on:

- early years (ages 0 - 5)
- support for parents, carers and siblings
- services for all areas of needs
- preparing for adulthood (ages 16 - 25)
- money
- education health and care plans
- education support
- parent courses and training
- activities and events for young people and short breaks

# TechSafe

Registered Charity 1192525 [www.techsafe.org.uk](http://www.techsafe.org.uk)

Zoom workshop for parents & carers



## Social Media and Mental Health

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
7pm – 9pm £5.00 per household

To book please email: [admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk)

**1 in 5 young people say they wake in the night to check their messages on Social Media**

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

- look at the mental health benefits and risks associated with using Social Media
- learn about children's 'social' development
- discuss key concerns and look at current research
- look at the science behind Social Media
- discuss Fake News
- identify solutions and strategies
- look at a variety of online safety resources
- signpost where to get more help



UK Council for Internet Safety



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## Keeping Families Safe Online

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
7pm – 9pm £5.00 per household

To book please email: [admin@aspects.org.uk](mailto:admin@aspects.org.uk)

**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



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## Your child could get a Free School Meal (FSM)

**Your child could be eligible for a FSM if you satisfy the qualifying benefit criteria**

### Why apply for a FSM?

- Your child will receive a healthy nutritional meal
- It will not cost you a penny
- Applying is quick and easy

### How do I Apply?

Apply by visiting [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) and selecting the following tab. (You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand).

#### Qualifying Benefits for FSM

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get). This includes those who had free school meals whilst on Universal Credit before April 1st 2018 even if earnings are above that £7400 figure.

*If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after March 2023.*

[Apply for free school meals \(Year 3 and older\) >](#)

#### Did you know?

Registering for a FSM helps schools identify anyone on low income; the school can then claim additional funding from the government, which can help towards extra computers, books, trips out and staff etc.