



# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

## NEWSLETTER 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### VALUE: RESPECT

**"Do unto others as you would have them do to you" Matthew 7:12**

**"Give it to get it" Anonymous**



**Fantastic  
story box.**

**Very  
creative  
and great  
to use  
again and  
again.**



**A seaside in a bottle  
What a great idea from Alden**

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week has probably capped off the strangest and most unpredictable school year we have ever had and hopefully ever will have. It has been so unfortunate to have to close the school with the impact it has had on our end of term events and even more so on the children and families. I do wish everyone who has been unwell a speedy and complete recovery. Thank you to the staff for the way that the home learning planning was quickly established and shared and the live lessons set up. You have all done an excellent job of slotting back into the home learning and I have included some of the lovely work and photos that have been uploaded. I have popped in to the live lessons and have seen the children enjoying interacting with each other. I have noted that they love to invite their pets at the end of the lessons.

As part of the strategy that schools are being asked to adopt for the Autumn term, readiness to resume home learning is one of the requirements and we have seen this week that we can do so quite quickly.

I am pleased that we will be able to get into school for the last few days of term. The school has been fully cleaned whilst empty of staff and children and we will be maintaining the bubbles for the last few days, just in case. It is important that anyone with symptoms, including a cough, stays off and gets a PCR test.

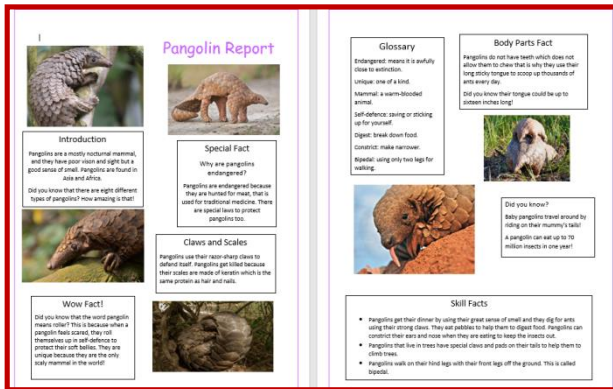
During the final week, we shall finish preparations for the Leavers Service that will take place on the Thursday, outside and Year 6 parents will be able to join us. We shall have Bouncy Day, that has been rescheduled, on the Wednesday and hope that will provide a lot of fun for the children and we will finish early on Thursday.

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Chiew, Mrs Fordham and Mrs Foster and again thank them for everything they have done for the children at Spellbrook. Unfortunately, Mrs Foster will not be back in school next week and we are very sorry about that, and very grateful on behalf of the staff and the many children and families that she has had such a positive impact on. We will of course pass on any messages or gifts to her.

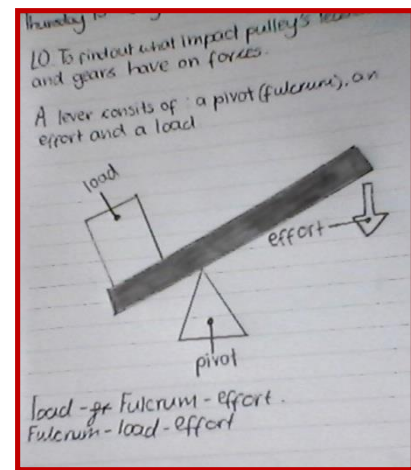
As this is the end of my first full year at Spellbrook, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families for the way that you have worked with us this year. The flexibility and support has been fantastic, coping with the unexpected and going the extra mile for the children. The way that together, with my superb staff, we have overcome all manner of obstacles has been incredible.

Have a good weekend, stay safe and see you on Tuesday.

Jeremy Fisher



**Very professional looking non-chronological report on Pangolins by Isabelle**



**Leah's Science work on Forces**

## MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Fr Simon writes:*

So the Euros are over (in a disappointing fashion for a number of sad reasons), and the covers have gone back on at Wimbledon. But the summer of sport continues this weekend with the British Grand Prix and British Open Golf Tournament followed next Friday by the Tokyo Olympics.



[Hebrews 12:1-2]

Sport can give us so much joy, excitement and inspiration. So it's perhaps no surprise that sport crops up in the New Testament as a metaphor for our journey through life.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews, for example, encourages us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."



The Christian life is therefore compared to a long-distance race. And if we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, he'll enable us to cross the finishing line of life well.

As a difficult school year comes to an end in which, because of Covid, we seem to have taken a step back every time we've taken a step forwards - not least at this very moment with our school in isolation - the finishing line is finally in sight. Let's hope and pray that we can cross that finishing line together and well this coming week, bidding our leavers a fond 'au revoir' before we head off with grateful hearts for the summer holidays.

God bless,

*Fr Simon*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Nursery

- ✚ Caitlyn for great participation in the online lessons and troll's recipe.

### Reception

- ✚ Harvey for fantastic home learning especially his fairy tale project.

### Year 1

- ✚ Tristan for his creativity and imagination in his pirate's project.

### Year 2

- ✚ Alden for completing lots of work at home including some amazing art.

### Year 3

- ✚ Isabelle for her wonderful non-chronological report on Pangolins.

### Year 4

- ✚ Alfie D for his brilliant engagement across the week.

### Year 5

- ✚ Archie for all round excellence this week in home learning, setting challenge tasks for Diamond Class and engagement in live lessons.

### Year 6

- ✚ Callum for completing all the home learning this week and continuing to read every day.



## 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

**Birthdays will be updated in the next edition.**



## 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 - N/A**

**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

- Pupils will resume as normal on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Bouncy/Non-Uniform Day** is now on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Children will have the opportunity to have fun bouncing in their bubbles. Could we kindly ask for a donation of **£2.00** for the PTA to be paid by bank transfer to:

**Account Name: Spellbrook School PTA**

**Sort Code: 30-17-77**

**Account Number: 00104791**

If you are unable to pay online, we will be accepting cash donations on the day. Could children come to school wearing trainers with non-uniform please.

- Sapphire Trip to Southend** will be rescheduled to take place in September. The current Year 2 children will still be able to attend.
- The Year 6 Leavers Service** will be going ahead on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00 am**. The service will be taking place outside (regardless of the weather) and due to the huge spike in Covid cases in the area, we will be inviting Year 6 parents only. There will be a restriction of 2 people per Year 6 child.
- Dinner Accounts** – as we are approaching the end of the school year, could you ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared by **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** please. If you are experiencing any difficulties in clearing your balance and would like to have a discussion, please contact the office.
- Last Day of Term is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. Please see the closing times below:  
**Ruby & Sapphire – 1.30 pm**  
**Emerald & Diamond – 1.40 pm**  
**Pick up arrangements in the car park remain the same.**
- Class Photos** are now available to purchase on Pret-a-Portrait's website <https://www.pret-a-portrait.net/>. Orders placed by **3<sup>rd</sup> August** will get a **25% discount**. To place orders, you will need your Sitting ID which can be found on the card your child brought home after photos were taken. If you have misplaced your card, please email the office for your Sitting ID number.



## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)</li> <li>❖ Jacket Potato, cheese or beans (Green)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Fillet &amp; Rice (Red)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roast Beef (Red)</li> <li>❖ Pasta Bake (Green)</li> <li>❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chicken Pie (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
21/07/21	Bouncy / Non-Uniform Day
22/07/21	Year 6 Leavers Service
22/07/21	Last Day of Term
01/09/21	Inset 1
02/09/21	First Day Back
13/09/21	Bag 2 School
20/09/21	Emerald Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp
11/10/21	Individual/Sibling Photos
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
01/04/22	Inset 4
19/04/22	First Day Back
30/05/22 - 03/06/22	Half Term
06/06/22	Inset 5
21/07/22	Last Day of Term
22/07/22	Occasional Day

Contact: [admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

Website: [www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk](http://www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk)

# SPELLBROOK PTA



Monday 13th September

CLOTHING SHOES  
BAGS JEWELLERY  
SOFT TOYS CURTAINS  
TOWELS BED SHEETS

## Please switch off engine when parked



In partnership with



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## Volunteer Mentors Needed

Are you a grandparent, mum, dad or carer?  
You may have the skills we need!



## Recruiting Now Next Course - September 2021

Make a difference to the lives of parents and children

Help others whilst doing something for yourself

High quality training

Home-Start's Preparation Course is a face to face, one day a week course that runs for 6-8 weeks.

The free course will provide you with all the skills and information you need to support families.

For more information email  
[admin@home-startherts.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startherts.org.uk)

There for parents when they need us most

[www.home-startherts.org.uk](http://www.home-startherts.org.uk)

## Summer Holiday Sports Camps

Ware - Multiple Venues

### Multi-Sports Camp

An action-packed day of fun sports & activities including: dodgeball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, hockey & loads more!

Funded places available for FSM eligible children.

Mon - Fri 2nd August - 27th August

Ages 5-13 09:00 - 16:00

Wodson Park

COVID  
safety  
measures  
in place



### Netball Camp

A fun day of netball for players of all abilities with a focus on fitness, functional movement & improving technique.

Thurs 27th July & Thurs 19th August

Ages 9-14

Allenburys Sport & Social Club



childcare  
vouchers  
accepted  
& sibling  
discount



Book now: [www.uplay-sports.class4kids.co.uk/camps](http://www.uplay-sports.class4kids.co.uk/camps)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are not just there for families receiving free school meals.

We would like to let everyone know that the Food Bank in Bishop's Stortford is open to help any family who might find themselves struggling financially at the moment.

If anyone is experiencing food crisis, for any reason, we want to support them. We have the food, the funds and the organisation to help anyone that needs food (both fresh and non-perishable), toiletries and cleaning items.

Families simply have to contact an agency such as Citizens Advice, and ask for a referral to us. All supporting agencies can be found on our website: <https://www.bishopsstortfordfoodbank.com/how-to-get-a-voucher>



## Find the support you need at the **Families First Portal**

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Visit the [portal](#) for more information, with direct links to:-

- ✦ Relationship Support
- ✦ Parenting advice and childcare
- ✦ Money advice
- ✦ Emotional and mental health
- ✦ Domestic abuse support
- ✦ Staying healthy
- ✦ Online Safety
- ✦ SEND Local Offer

and many other useful links



[hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst)



*"I am struggling to cope with everything at present, so feeling overwhelmed."*

*"I'm worried about money"*

*"I'm worried about my child's behaviour in school and at home"*

*"I need reassurance and support"*

## THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF **EASTON LODGE**

### A Time to Remember

at our next  
**Open Day**  
on **Sunday**  
**July 25 . . .**



A time to remember the role of the Gardens and estate in World War I and II; and:

- to enjoy singing or dancing along to 1940s' songs performed by Perfect Vintage.
- our archivists will be displaying previously unseen photos and stories associated with the Gardens during the World Wars and we will also have the RHS's Dig for Victory display.
- we will be joined by the Association of the 386th Bomber Group and we will have members of the Austin 7 club with us.
- our garden produce will be on sale and there will be plant, jam and honey stalls – and we will be joined by the RSPB, Essex Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust.
- tea, coffee, delicious homemade cakes, bacon and other savoury rolls will be available from Daisy's, our catering outlet.

### Open Day entry is now by ticket only

They are available through the Gardens' website, [www.eastonlodge.co.uk](http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk), our Facebook page or direct from Trybooking.com. Season ticket holders and Friends of the Gardens will get priority parking. Detailed arrangements will be in place to provide for social distancing around Daisy's and the loo; and to provide hand sanitizer in appropriate places.

**Adults £5.50, children under 16 free**

## Children's Activities: Entertaining the Ancestors



**Discover & Make Activity: Entertaining in the Castle**  
Will you be a wandering minstrel, a jester or lady of court? Discover what happened at a feast and make a medieval hat. Then construct a model catapult and test your aim for the next siege!

Tue 3rd & Wed 4th Aug 9.30am, 11.30am & 2.00pm



**Discover & Make Activity: Entertaining the Georgians**  
Can you tackle the minefield of Georgian manners & keep your place in society? Make your own Cabinet of Curiosities & collect some treasures for your own display. BTW, what did they have in their hair?

Mon 9th & Tue 10th Aug 9.30am, 11.30am & 2.00pm



**Discover & Make Activity: Entertaining the Grandparents**  
Can you spy what they did for fun before video games? Play the games they enjoyed in the 1940's and 50's and make a set of rope quoits to take home.

Mon 16th & Tue 17th Aug 9.30am, 11.30am & 2.00pm



**Discover & Make Activity: Entertaining the Victorians**  
Uncover what amused our Victorian ancestors. Try on some panto costumes and work out who the baddies are, then make your own model Victorian theatre.

Mon 23rd & Tue 24th Aug 9.30am, 11.30am & 2.00pm

Suitable for accompanied children aged 7+  
Sessions are £6 per child. Please see [southmillarts.co.uk](http://southmillarts.co.uk) to book places.

## Children's Activities: Entertaining the Ancestors



**Free Kids Crafts: Entertaining in the Castle**

Who will you be in the castle? Make a medieval hat.

Thu 5th & Fri 6th Aug Drop in 10.00am - 2.00pm



**Free Kids Crafts: Entertaining the Georgians**

The first manned hot air balloon flight was in 1783 and the Georgians went balloon mad! Make your own to hang in your room.

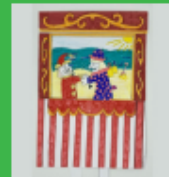
Wed 11th, Thu 12th & Fri 13th Aug Drop in 10.00am - 2.00pm



**Free Kids Crafts: Entertaining the Grandparents**

Your grandparents loved a street party and always hung out the bunting. Make and decorate your own to hang at home.

Wed 18th, Thu 19th & Fri 20th Aug Drop in 10.00am - 2.00pm



**Free Kids Crafts: Entertaining the Victorians**

The Victorians loved a puppet show at the seaside. Make your own puppet booth and puppets.

Wed 25th, Thu 26th & Fri 27th Aug Drop in 10.00am - 2.00pm

**South Mill Arts Museum**

For information on these & upcoming events please visit [southmillarts.co.uk](http://southmillarts.co.uk) or call our Box Office: 01279 710 200



## **New 'Noma Creates' programme starts via Zoom on Monday 26th July 2021**

At the Young People's Healthy Hub, we have an exciting new **FREE** course available for young people (aged 11-16) and families over the summer holidays!

The course is hosted by former BBC MasterChef Quarter Finalist, 2016, Noma Creates (Nomalanga Nyamayaro). Through this course, young people and families will learn how to prepare easy, quick, healthy, and delicious meals, while mastering key life skills that will build confidence and empower them to take charge of their health. The workshops and masterclasses are fun, relaxed and highly experiential. So, expect to be:

- guided through simple and easy techniques of cooking a healthy meal from prep to plate.
- learn about the nutritional value of food.
- learn how to shop for healthy food ingredients using a budget.

The course will be held via Zoom on Mondays and Wednesdays during the 6-week summer holidays with the first session on Monday 26th July, 11am - 1pm.

Sign up for this event via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healthy-eating-programme-with-noma-creates-tickets-162270755197>

Sworders Field  
**OUTDOOR**  
*Cinema*  
**1 August 2021**  
With food concessions  
and bar

10.30am

2pm

6pm

Gates open 1hr before the film showing

**Tickets £13.50 per person per film includes a headset  
and use of a deckchair**

**[www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/shop/](http://www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk/shop/)  
01279 715001**

BISHOP'S STORTFORD TOWN COUNCIL 01279 715001  
ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID GUIDELINES AND LEGISLATION AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT