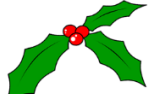




SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has not been the final week of term that I would have predicted or chosen. I have stayed house bound, working from home due to a family member having contracted Covid-19. I have been fortunate and have remained well. Although frustrated at not being in school, one positive that I can take from this, is how well the staff have managed without me being there - at least I think that is a positive. The Senior Teachers, Mrs Foster and Mrs Cook have kept everything going during this very busy festive week and all staff have stepped in to cover any additional tasks that have arisen. Some of the highlights from our Christmas week are mentioned below.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

This week the children wore their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed Christmas dinner. Although I could not join them I did wear my Christmas jumper and sent in a photo.



Christmas Service

Although we could not go to the church for a Christmas service this year, the whole school took part in a lovely Christingle service that led on from children making their own Christingles. The Christingle is a representative of Jesus as the Light of the World and each part has a symbolic meaning. I was able to join them in their own classrooms via video for the start.



The children then took their Christingles outside so that they could all be together (socially distanced and in the fresh air). They were so pleased to all be together again. They sang some Christmas songs and listened to some Christmas readings. Unfortunately the wind prevented the candles on the Christingles from staying alight but it was still a lovely occasion to reflect on the Christian aspects of Christmas.



Christmas focused learning in Diamond Class



Diamond Class have been extending their design & technology knowledge and skills by making ginger bread houses. This has linked to an English topic.

They made their own gingerbread, worked out how to fix the parts together and then decorated them. Some of them even stayed together.

Thank you to parents for sending in ingredients so that each child could make their own. The children have now taken them home to enjoy.



Global Action Team (GAT)

Our new Global Action Team (GAT), have been busy keeping our school clean by taking part in a litter pick. They want to increase awareness of the problems littering causes to the environment and are busy creating posters. Fantastic job GAT team, great start!

Also, could we ask parents over the holidays to begin saving up empty crisp packets and old batteries, as next half term we will begin a recycling focus. More information will be shared next half term.



Latest Covid-19 Advice

As you have no doubt heard, Hertfordshire is now going into Tier 3. This is unlikely to have a major impact on school during the return in the New Year, apart from the need for parents to avoid getting out of their vehicles during drop off and pick up (any parents walking or cycling should remain at the pedestrian gate or cycle shed and socially distance from other parents).

I will be reviewing the risk assessments during the holiday and as any additional information or guidance that is received and if there are any changes or reminders, I will communicate with you before the children return on the **Wednesday 6th January 2021**.

I hope you all have a lovely break and do get to spend some time (even if only via video) with your families and friends and to experience some of the joy of Christmas. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Jeremy Fisher

Being Social Online this December: A Parent's Guide

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also presents risks.

The ThinkUKnow guide for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

[A parent's guide to being social online this December \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

SUPER STAR SPORT

Spellbrook Primary School
After School Care

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3. The number of brain-derived neurotrophins is increased, which assures the survival of neurons in areas of the brain that are responsible for learning, memory and higher thinking.

Year 1-4:
Multi-Sports Club
★ Starting Thursday 14th January 2021
★ Multi sports ★ Basketball
★ Tennis ★ Athletics
★ Hockey ★ Team games
★ Football ★ & Competitions!

Year 5-6:
Football Club
★ Starting Tuesday 12th January 2021
★ Technical drills
★ Competitions
★ Free Kicks and penalty tournaments,
★ King of the ring
★ & Matches!

5 weeks for £25
3:30PM - 4:30PM

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Super Star Sport Afterschool Clubs

To book, please visit www.superstarsport.co.uk and click book sports clubs and select your correct session.

Year 5 & 6

Every Tuesday for 5 weeks, starting on **Tuesday 12th January 2021.**

Year 1 to 4

Every Thursday for 5 weeks, starting on **Thursday 14th January 2021**

Time: 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Price: £25 for 5 weeks

Dinner Menu

Please see the menu for the week beginning **Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers	Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Pizza
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato

Attendance for this week

Whole School Attendance – 93.5% 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.

Birthdays this week and until the end of the year

Maizee-Leigh (Emerald)
Ava (Emerald)
Alice (Sapphire)
Louis (Sapphire)



Stars of the Term

Reception: Lisa
Year 1: Sid
Year 2: Tristan
Year 3: Isabelle
Year 4: Celia
Year 5: Mya
Year 6: Kyle



PE Days

Diamond Class – Monday and Wednesday

Emerald Class – Wednesday and Friday

Sapphire Class – Tuesday and Friday

Ruby Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Dates for your Diary

04.01.21	Inset
05.01.21	Inset
06.01.21	Pupils return to school
15.02.21 – 19.02.21	Half Term
22.02.21	Inset
23.02.21	Pupils return to school
19.03.21	Red Nose Day
26.03.21	Last Day of Term
29.03.21 – 09.04.21	Easter Break
12.04.21	Pupils return to school
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	Half Term
07.06.21	Occasional Day
08.06.21	Pupils return to school
08.07.21	Secondary Transfer Day
22.07.21	Last Day of Term
23.07.21 – 31.08.21	Summer Break



Family Adventure Days

February 2021 half term

at Hudnall Park, Hudnall Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 1QN

Join us for one or two days of outdoor adventures!

Activities are all COVID-19 secure and include den-building, bushcraft skills, orienteering, building and cooking on an open fire, woodland craft and wildlife investigations. For children aged 9-12.

Only £50 per child for two days. One free adult place per family.

For more information and to book go to www.hudnallpark.org (or use QR code below)
call 01442 454345 or email hudnall.park@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

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