



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

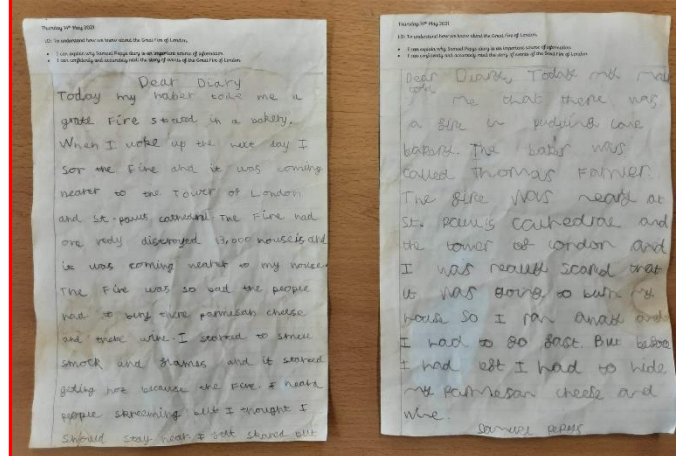
NEWSLETTER 21st MAY 2021

VALUE: FRIENDSHIP

"Encourage one another and build each other up." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow, Don't walk behind me... I may not lead, Walk beside me... just be my friend" – **Albert Camus**

Great Fire of London Sapphire Class



Samuel Pepys Diary - Year 1

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week we were very pleased to have Father Simon and Reverend Debbie actually in school to lead Collective Worship for the different bubbles. For such a long time they have just been faces on the screen. They helped us learn about Pentecost and how Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them as a helper. We have followed this up by linking to our Friendship Value and thinking about the way that sometimes we ask our friends to help us. We even thought about times we have to say sorry to our friends. We have related this to the way that Christians talk to Jesus in prayer. We have been making Prayer Cubes with ideas that we can use as prompts for prayers. The photos show some of the different ones.

Whilst looking at the learning taking place this week, I have had a focus on Sapphire Class. They have a lovely display of their work of the Fire of London and I was pleased to see the writing that the children had just done - their own versions of Samuel Pepys Diary. This writing has had much less spelling and grammatical support than that provided in English lessons so it was very pleasing to see the quality. I am assured that the crumpled, stained paper was to make them look aged and authentic.



Sapphire Class have made a kindness jar. Inside the jar are statements of 'random acts of kindness'. The children can take one out and follow the instruction. They are certainly putting our Friendship Value into practice.

The children have also been immersing themselves into the story of "The Marvellous, Fluffy, Squishy, Itty Bitty", by going around the classroom visiting shops on a hunt for a birthday present for Mum. I am sure this will help develop ideas and description for their writing.



The teachers and children certainly have a lot to be proud of. Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Jeremy Fisher



Prayer Cubes



Prayer Cubes

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Our Vicar, Fr Simon, writes:

Earlier in the week, it was a joy to be physically back in school and to be able to lead a collective worship for the children which explored what happened to Jesus' friends and followers on what we now call Pentecost Sunday. It's something we'll be exploring and celebrating more at Great St Mary's this coming Sunday.

Back in first century Jerusalem, a group of people were praying together as their Lord and master Jesus had



told them to do before he ascended back to be with God our Father in heaven. But, before he left them, he promised to send them what he called a 'Comforter' - what we now call the Holy Spirit. They weren't to be disappointed by the Holy Spirit's appearance.

Apparently, one morning, as they prayed, there was from heaven "a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." [The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 2-4]

In that moment, those apostles and first followers of Jesus were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves, and the change in them was permanent. It was the moment that, one can argue, the Christian Church was born which went on to influence and form the thinking - for good and sometimes for bad - of the western world that we now take so much for granted like no other organisation before or since.

Happy birthday Church!

God bless,
Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

- ✚ Caitlyn for perseverance when learning.

Reception

- ✚ Johnny for fantastic facts and application of sounds in different lessons.
- ✚ Pedro for trying hard in group work activities.

Year 1

- ✚ Grace for using imaginative vocabulary in her writing.

Year 2

- ✚ Freddy for excellent effort and concentration in lessons.
- ✚ Stanley T for always being kind and thoughtful to others.

Year 3

- ✚ Ella for wonderful diary entry in History.

Year 4

- ✚ James L for persevering in Maths.
- ✚ Bobby for showing good friendship this week.

Year 5

- ✚ Paige for determination to finish her book.

Year 6

- ✚ Melissa for being supportive to others in class.
- ✚ Rocco S for superb independent work in Maths.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Reception

- ✚ Harry P for showing good friendship outside.

Year 2

- ✚ Billie for kind and caring behaviour towards others.



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 – 95.7%

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

- Walk to School Week** - a big thank you to all the parents and children that walked, biked, scooted or parked and strode to school this week. I was amazed by how many did as the weather wasn't on our side. Mrs Hasty.
- Coats** – Could we ask that children come to school wearing a weatherproof coat please.
- Diamond Class Activity Week** – a reminder that full payment is due on **Friday 25th June**.
- 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>

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	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	❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs & Pasta (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Friday	❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
31/05/21	May Half Term
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04/06/21	
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	Half Term
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29/10/21	
21/12/21	Last Day of Term

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We are planning to start sessions from September 2021.



Hertfordshire Music Service



STORTFORD CHEERLEADERS

Stortford Stags KS1 Squad
Saturdays at 9.30-10am
Sessions are £3.50 each paid termly



We are excited to be able to offer a New Cheerleading Squad for KS1 children on Saturday mornings and are looking for beginners and enthusiasts in Yrs 1&2 to join us for Face2Face sessions.

This club offers a variety of skills; dancing; cheering; gymnastics and stunting!
We encourage teamwork and work together raising positive Cheer Spirit creating uplifting sessions to assist in problem solving and resilience.

We are practicing using protective measures and are keen to get the squad motivated in learning new routines together.

Please call Cressy on 07788 561175

or email stortfordcheerleaders@hotmail.com

for more information on joining the Stortford Stags KS1 Squad
practicing at Summercroft.