



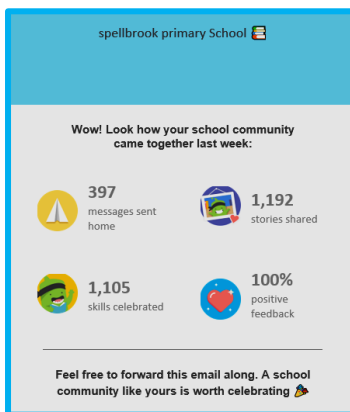
SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been learning a lot about the virus, about different types of testing and about vaccination. My wife, who has been part of a team busily vaccinating people, has explained how many different roles all come together to manage this process and how she has undertaken many of them now. I had naively assumed it was just about a doctor or nurse jabbing you with a needle. It turns out there are staff coordinating the process, reconstituting the vaccine, explaining the process and providing answers and reassurance, delivering the vaccine, looking after the person to make sure they have no adverse reaction as well as all of the planning and record keeping behind the scenes and I am sure that my over simplification misses out many other roles.

It reminded me of the situation with home learning and the many new and different roles that go into making home learning successful. The teachers are planning the weeks learning with a significant focus on the Maths and English so that the children make progress and don't fall behind in these key areas.



They are also mindful of providing other activities so that the children do not spend their whole days in front of screens and so they have activities that are physical, practical and creative. They have also had to get to grips with new technology, such as the Teams and ClassDojo system so that they can communicate with your child and yourself and offer assistance, and in some cases do this whilst fulfilling their own parenting and home learning duties as parents. I know from this message from ClassDojo that there has been a huge amount of communication between the teachers and yourselves.

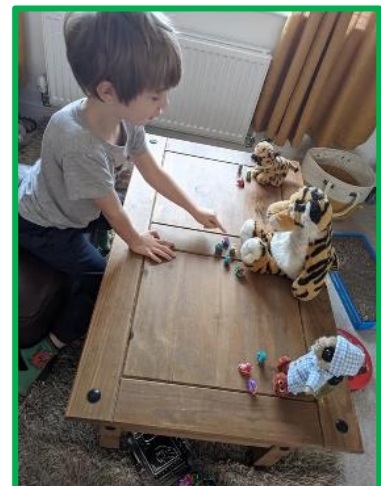
You also have had to get to grips with technology and I am sure in many cases new items. Some of the children do look like superstar DJs with their headphones. You have had to support your child in so many ways and try to explain things that are probably done in a different way to the way you were taught, providing encouragement and incentive and upload work. Some of you have found some excellent ways of making the learning practical and memorable.



Science (experimenting with sound)



Science - testing which materials are waterproof



Maths - learning about division by sharing

I would request that we add one more task to your load; as you know, we give Class Dojo points to the children for their efforts and work. If you would like to give your child extra Dojo points for their efforts, behaviour, independence, good attitude and successes, please message the teacher with a brief 'Dojo Points Please' request and the reason and we will add the points.

Keyworker Groups

The teaching assistants have been doing a super job. Having four year groups in one room is always going to be a challenge (KS2) and helping the children to access the same learning as those at home, including the live sessions – Jane Considine and their class teachers - means a lot of organising.



Our younger children are in separate groups for a lot of the day as the Nursery and Reception children need to learn in practical ways. We are using the library for the children to join in with teacher sessions and thanks to the PTA's generous financial support we have a new screen in there.

Assembly

Next week we will be having a whole school assembly on **Wednesday 27th January at 2:10 pm**. The invite will be from 2.00 pm and will be sent out next week. Please help your child to be part of this.

The government have updated their information for parents:

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges; January 2021:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/954839/210120_Parents_Guidance_v3.pdf

Online Safety packs for families to do at home

We will be including some safety activities in next week's planning and you also want to have a look at these. These activity packs contain simple 15 minute activities you can do with your family to support their online safety at home.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e-TUK_GLOBAL_12_11_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-64905577



Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you online and in school on **Monday 25th January 2021**.
Jeremy Fisher

Stars of the Week

Nursery

Reception

- ✚ Lyra - for a brilliant amount of learning and taking part in lots of different topic activities.
- ✚ Donnie - for getting involved in everything in school and talking confidently to adults and children.

Year 1

- ✚ Louis - for the effort and care he took to create some fantastic art work using pastels.

Year 2

- ✚ Stanley H - for his fluent reading and stunning painting of Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Year 3

- ✚ Finley - for being recognised as being super writers by Mrs Considine who provides the live English lessons.



Year 4

✚ Eshal - for being recognised as being super writers by Mrs Considine who provides the live English lessons.

Year 5

✚ Mya - for producing consistent and high-quality standard of work in home learning.

Year 6

✚ Ava - for a positive attitude and high-quality presentation in all of her home learning.

Times Tables Rock Stars

TTRS Leaderboard

1. Jasper
2. Ranjeet
3. Archie
4. Joseph
5. Celia

Highest earners from each year group

- ✚ Y6 - Callum
- ✚ Y5 - Jasper
- ✚ Y4 - Marlon
- ✚ Y3 - Finley
- ✚ Y2 - Lorcan



Great St Mary's Church

Fr Simon at Great St Mary's writes:

Sadly, due to the pandemic, our doors are shut at the moment. However, Sunday's 9.30am Eucharist continues to be streamed live each week on the church's Facebook page and website (www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk and www.sawbridgeworthchurch.org.uk) during which we continue to pray for all those who are being affected by the coronavirus: for the sick and bereaved; for our local key-workers, NHS staff and carers; for teachers, school staff, pupils and parents at our town's schools and particularly those associated with Spellbrook; for those concerned about their jobs, and for our local businesses fearful of staying afloat in the present economic climate.



The church continues to collect much-needed donations for the Harlow Foodbank, and we're very grateful to all those who responded to our charity initiatives over Christmas - for our local Rotary Club, for The Children's Society, and for Crisis at Christmas - raising a total of around £2,400.

Dinner Menu for the Keyworker Group

We will be providing free hot dinners to all children attending. Please see the menu for the week beginning **Monday 25th January 2021.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers	Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken	Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans	Pizza

PE Days

Please note that the PE days have changed. Could children come to school in their PE uniforms on the following days please.

Day	Class
Diamond	Friday
Emerald	Friday
Sapphire	Thursday
Ruby	Thursday