



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER 25th JUNE 2021

VALUE: RESPECT

“Do unto others as you would have them do to you” Matthew 7:12

“To be one, to be united is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater.” Bono



Pond Dipping



Collecting leaves for classification

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Each class is really getting into their Summer 2 topics and the pictures show some of the variety of the learning activities that are taking place. Ruby class have enjoyed their pond dipping and Sapphire have enjoyed science, classifying leaves collected in the woodland. Emerald Class are learning about coasts, and Diamond Class, the Ancient Greeks. The Diamond Class homework projects are excellent and the children (with parental assistance, so thank you) have created some stunning artefacts. We will show some on our website.

This has been a very good week in school, but the local information about the rise in coronavirus cases, especially involving children and young people is very concerning. I hope that everyone who currently has the virus recovers quickly. With your excellent support over the last year, we have gone a very long way in minimising the impact and have so far avoided having to isolate bubbles and especially the whole school. There may be an element of luck in this, but the main contributor is the staff, parents and children who have been very careful, vigilant and aware of the symptoms and have followed the guidance by isolating and taking tests where there have been concerns. All of us would love to see the term through, and I would hate to end the term with bubbles isolating and activities cancelled. Diamond Class have great activities planned for next week and are really looking forward to them. Please continue to take all of the measures to reduce the likelihood of spreading the virus and if you have any concerns, or feel your child may have had contact with someone who has the virus, even if they don't have symptoms, please take advantage of the Lateral Flow Tests that are available at Boots and many other places and online: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated as is your understanding and support.

E-safety: I have recently been involved in a number of conversations with internet safety experts and advisors and a very hot topic is that of screen time. The lockdowns and covid-19 restrictions have added to what was already a concern for many parents. This website has a lot of useful information <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/social-media-concerns/> and you may

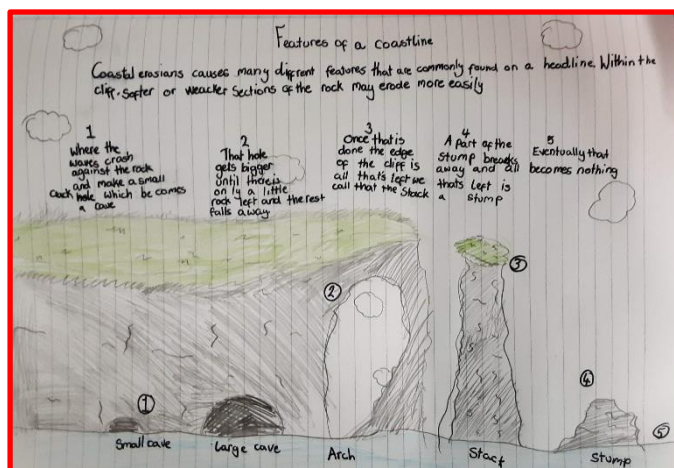
find the 'Tech tips to balance screen time' is a good starting point. The attached "Ditto" magazine also deals with the issue, in what I consider to be a very balanced and thoughtful manner.

Uniform: Apart from PE days, please could the children all wear full school uniform, including school shoes. Trainers are only suitable for PE or to change into.

Have a good weekend and stay safe,

Jeremy Fisher

Beautifully presented work on Coastlines.



Diamond Class homework projects



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

We all like to receive a compliment from time to time. Robert Orben, a comedy writer and former script writer for President Gerald Ford, once said: "A compliment is verbal sunshine."

Compliments are usually in abundance at funeral services: nice things usually said about the deceased person. Yet, while these comments may be comforting for the relatives and friends in their time of mourning, I wonder: did the same folk ever say these kind things to the person themselves when they were alive to show them how much they were appreciated?



Sadly, not everyone seems able to compliment others. Perhaps they never received compliments when they were young. Or perhaps they feel that to compliment someone else is to somehow put themselves down. For whatever reason, such people miss out on a whole lot of pleasure in life - the giving of compliments and the receiving of them.

American author Leo Buscaglia once observed: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring - all of which have the potential to turn someone's life around." I wonder how we could improve the life of those around us right now if we were to be more complimentary.

So, whenever you see something that's worthy of a compliment, why not give that compliment and bring a little verbal sunshine into someone else's life?

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

- ✚ Izzy for being helpful all the time.

Reception

- ✚ Pedro for super progress in all areas.
- ✚ Henry for great involvement in science activities.

Year 1

- ✚ Louis for the effort he has put into his sentences in Read Write Inc.
- ✚ Tristan for being very helpful in class.

Year 2

- ✚ Alden for amazing contributions in lessons.

Year 3

- ✚ Dominic for always being really helpful in the classroom.

Year 4

- ✚ Eshal for a fantastic play script in writing.
- ✚ Finley R for trying really hard in his maths.

Year 5

- ✚ Archie for excellent atlas skills.
- ✚ Frank for super effort in adding detail in his writing.

Year 6

- ✚ Leo for always working well with others.

Headteacher's Award

- ✚ Ella H for playing nicely with all age groups.



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

YR – Lisa
Y6 – Ronnie



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance - 96.3%

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.

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.

NOTICES

✚ **Diamond Class Activity Week** – A reminder that full payment is due today.

✚ **Class Photos** will take place on **Monday 5th July**. Please ensure children are in full uniform. If you would like a sibling photo taken, please contact the office by email: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk by Wednesday 30th June. Please note that sibling photos will also be taken in September. Children who have PE on the day should just bring in trainers to change into.

✚ **Bouncy/Non-Uniform Day** is on **Wednesday 14th 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

✚ **Year 6 Leavers Service** – This will be taking place on **Tuesday 20th July** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth** from **2.00 – 3.00 pm**. Parents will need to collect children from the church. Due to Covid restrictions, only Year 6 parents will be able to attend.

✚ **Parents Evening** will be taking place via telephone consultations on the following dates:

Diamond – Tuesday 13th July – 2.30 – 5.00 pm

Wednesday 14th July – 1.00 – 3.30 pm

Emerald – Monday 12th July – 2.30 – 5.00 pm

Thursday 15th July – 1.00 – 3.30 pm

Sapphire – Tuesday 13th July – 2.30 – 5.00 pm

Thursday 15th July – 1.00 – 3.30 pm

Please ensure that appointment slips are returned to the office by Monday 28th June.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Jacket Potato, cheese or beans (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Fillet and Rice (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Pasta Bake (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
29/06/21 & 30/06/21	Diamond Class trip to Edge Outdoors
01/07/21	Diamond Class Overnight Camping
02/07/21	Diamond Class Trip to Essex Outdoors
05/07/21	Class Photos
06/07/21	Sports Day
08/07/21	Transition Day
12/07/21 – 16/07/21	Parent Consultations (telephone)
14/07/21	Bouncy Day
15/07/21	Sapphire Trip to Southend
20/07/21	Year 6 Leavers Service
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 - 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

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SUMMER CAMPS 2021

12 JULY - 3 SEPTEMBER

Typical weekly theme:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Curious Coders	Ingenious Inventors	Skillful Scientists	Media Madness	Expert Engineers

Different activities every week!

Covid-19 Safety Procedures
Providing safe, fun, educational and essential childcare across all tiers

★★★★★
"My sons 3rd visit and he'll be returning!!
Enough said?"
Jane Baker (Hemden House School)

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