



NEWSLETTER 28th MAY 2021

VALUE: RESPECT

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

“Give the respect you want to receive; embody the grace you hope to encounter; and help others with no expectations whatsoever.” Cory Booker



Sapphire Class Drama

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This half term has enabled us to get into our usual school routines, albeit with the differences still required from the Covid-19 restrictions. We have operated within bubbles but have been able to be a little more outward looking. With careful planning we have started to have more visitors involved in the school.

The term started with the BMX workshop outside for Emerald and Diamond Classes and it set the tone in terms of ensuring we focus on having an ‘I Can’ attitude, as well as being a lot of fun for many of the children. Playtimes have continued to be in key stage bubbles.

We have recently moved from having collective worship on teams or in classes, to having some within the key stages in the hall and even having Father Simon and Reverend Debbie, actually with us, rather than on the screen. I am grateful that parents have adhered to our requests regarding social distancing and the daily arrangements for drop off and parking, but I am mindful that we still need to be careful to avoid the spread of the virus.

After half term, we will be having cricket sessions from Hertfordshire Cricket Club, swimming for Diamond Class and their Activity Week later in June. We are still awaiting further guidance regarding the restrictions after the 21st June and are not yet in the position to have large group of parents all together at activities and therefore, as things currently stand, Sports Day will be for the children only. We will prioritise the Year 6 leavers so that whatever we arrange, their parents can be included.

We have sent Annual Reports out to provide information about your child’s learning and progress and although the official SATs are not taking place, we will be having assessment weeks in school so that we have up-to-date and reliable information about the pupils progress and attainment for the year as a whole.

On Thursday, Ruby Class then Sapphire Class had drama sessions led by Perform Drama School. They got really involved in their underwater adventure. After the session, I spent time with Ruby Class and they told me that they had been in the deep sea and they had been swimming around, taking pictures of the sea life: puffer fish, dolphins, sharks, gold fish, and a sea monster. When the sea monster came, they had to become star fish and freeze, so they wouldn't be eaten. They recalled that the monster had taken a pearl and that they had to follow it and when it dropped the pearl they were able to get it and swim away. They then had a party. It was evident that they had thoroughly enjoyed the session and they impressed me with their enthusiasm and the detail they had recalled.



I ask some of them how they felt. Henry liked the part, "When we were eating crab cakes –but they weren't real." Arthur's favourite was, "When the sea monster went away to find his mummy and he couldn't find his mummy." Harvey liked, "When we were swimming and taking pictures of all the fish in the ocean." Lilly said, "it was epic. We did lots of fun stuff." Martha added, "it was amazing. It was so cool because I liked the sea monster and I liked the freezing."

Have a good weekend and half term.

Stay safe,

Jeremy Fisher



Diamond Class have made volcanoes as part of their design & technology and science. They used bottles, paper and Modroc (plaster) to create the shapes then painted them.

They covered them in cling film to protect them when they took them outside to put vinegar, food colouring and bicarbonate soda in.

They all watched as the lava came out and flowed down the sides. They were keen to compare how well they had erupted and they also thought about the reaction that had caused this to occur.

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Fr Simon writes:

It was a joy to be in school once again this past Monday to begin exploring with the children, in our Collective Worship, a new theme or value: 'Respect'. We began by trying to come up with a simple definition. We eventually decided that respect is about caring for or treating well those places, things and people we come into contact with. We'll continue digging deeper into the word, and its various dimensions and repercussions, over the next half-term.

As I prepared for the worship though, I had Aretha Franklin's 1967 hit 'Respect' going around in my head - particularly the 'R-E-S-P-E-C-T' chorus with the backup singers' refrain of "Sock it to me, sock it to me, sock it to me...". Franklin's version of the song is a declaration from a strong, confident woman demanding 'respect'. It's a sad indictment of our society that, half a century later, during the past year's lockdown, reports of abuse of all sorts have soared.

This Sunday in church, we'll be celebrating God the Holy Trinity. That is: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Three persons in one God. It was the early 15th century icon painter Andrei Rublev who created the most famous attempt at portraying the mystery of the Holy Trinity - three in one, and one in three. But it's a reminder to us that even the essence of God is about a relationship... a relationship of mutual love, collaboration, and - yes - respect.

For those having a half-term break, I wish you a relaxing and fun time.

Yours with blessings

Fr Simon



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

- ✚ Jessie-Mae for great friendship and sharing outside.

Reception

- ✚ Arthur for a great effort in independent writing.
- ✚ Lilly for excellent focus and contributions on the carpet.

Year 1

- ✚ Tristan for working well in a team.

Year 2

- ✚ Elise for making huge improvement to her concentration and effort this week.
- ✚ Ewan for using interesting vocabulary in his writing.

Year 3

- ✚ Joshua D for trying his best when learning to tell the time.
- ✚ Honey for fantastic acting when learning about the plague.

Year 4

- ✚ Ava E for being a good friend.

Year 5

- ✚ Charlie S for always being inquisitive and willing to learn.

Year 6

- ✚ Henry F for always being polite and respectful.
- ✚ Leah for always being inquisitive and willing to learn.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Year 2

- ✚ Sienna T for excellent Maths work including out of school work.

Year 6

- ✚ Darcie for playing with the younger children when they are alone.



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 HALF TERM

YN – Caitlyn

YR - Shakti

Y2 – Hudson

Y4 – Bobby

Y4 – Charlie C

Y4 – Sam

Y5 – Marcia

Y5 - Paige



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School Attendance – **94.7%**

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.

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.



NOTICES

✚ **PTA Non-Uniform Day** – On **Friday 11th June**, children can come to school dressed in their football kit or anything that represents a participating country in the Euro's with a contribution of £1. Please see the poster below for more information.

✚ **Breakfast Club** – Could parents ensure that bookings are made in advance please. If you are having difficulties with School Gateway, please contact the office.

✚ **School Dinner Money** – Could parents ensure that all outstanding balances are cleared and accounts are in credit, ready for the next half term please.

✚ **Diamond Class Swimming** – Lessons start on **Wednesday 9th June**. Please ensure that you have given consent on School Gateway by **Monday 31st May** please. Children should come to school dressed in their swimwear under their uniforms.

✚ **Diamond Class Activity Week** – A reminder that full payment is due on **Friday 25th June**.

✚ **Classroom Teaching Assistant Vacancy** – 28.75 hours p/w, TTO, Monday to Friday starting in September 2021. Please see below for more information.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Fillet & Rice (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Red) ❖ Cheese Roll (Green)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
31/05/21 – 04/06/21	May Half Term
07/06/21	Occasional Day – School Closed
08/06/21	First Day Back
11/06/21	Non-Uniform Day
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

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Sawbo success during Walk to School Week 2021

Sawbridgeworth Primary Schools came together last week for Walk to School Week 2021. From 17 to 21 May, pupils across the town walked, cycled or scooted to school.

Walk to School Week encourages pupils to be more active on the school journey, something primary schools in Sawbridgeworth have been working together to promote for several years.

Walking, cycling and scooting is great exercise and helps to promote health and happiness. Fewer cars at the school gate also means improved road safety and air quality.



SPELLBROOK PTA

Friday 11th June

Let's celebrate the Euro's 2021!

Come to school dressed in your football kit or wear anything that represents a participating county - £1

MATCH SCHEDULE

GROUP STAGE: UEFA EURO 2020/21

TURKEY	VS	ITALY	ENGLAND	VS	CROATIA
WALES	VS	SWITZERLAND	SCOTLAND	VS	CZECH REPUBLIC
DENMARK	VS	FINLAND	POLAND	VS	SLOVAKIA
BELGIUM	VS	RUSSIA	SPAIN	VS	SWEDEN
AUSTRIA	VS	NORTH MACEDONIA	HUNGARY	VS	PORTUGAL
NETHERLANDS	VS	UKRAINE	FRANCE	VS	GERMANY

Classroom Teaching Assistant Vacancy **Spellbrook Primary School**

About the role

We are looking to appoint a capable and caring person, who relates well to children to take up a term-time only position as a classroom teaching assistant from September 2021. You will become part of a dedicated and friendly team of staff, committed to providing the very best in learning support.

You will be required to work under the direction of a classteacher working primarily with Key Stage 2 pupils. The ability to support any year group across the school is desirable. Teaching and Learning Level 1 and/or Level 2 and/or experience in this role would be desirable. Training will be offered to support the successful applicant.

You will be required to work Monday to Friday 28.75 hours per week in term-time. The role may require additional INSET days to be worked, up to a maximum of 5 days per year. Pay and grade dependent on relevant experience.

Prospective candidates may be offered an interview upon receipt of an application form. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed between Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th June 2021. If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office to make an appointment. 01279 723204 or email sbm@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk.

Spellbrook C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding, equality of opportunity and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and employees to share this commitment.

Salary	Employment type	Contract type	Closing Date
£18,562 - £19,312 H2	Full / part time	Permanent	13 th June 2021 5:00 PM
Interview date	Start Date		
15 th Jun 2021	1 st Sep 2021		

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view/classroom-teaching-assistant_64779.htm