

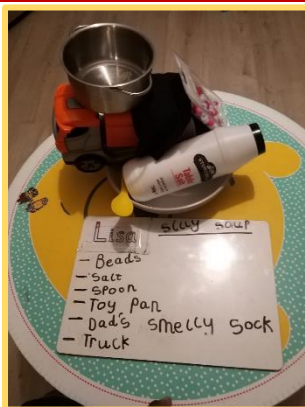


NEWSLETTER 29th JANUARY 2021

VALUE OF THE MONTH: COURAGE

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9



Well done to
Lisa for her
Silly Soup
Recipe

Maths
work on
tally charts
whilst out
on a walk.



FROM THE HEADTEACHER



I think this week was capped off for me when I went in to Emerald Class to see the key worker children and staff doing burpees, whilst watching Joe Wickes who was dressed as a giant whoopee cushion.

The children were having fun and doing something worthwhile. What more can we ask for?

These key worker children have been investigating ice and paint mixing in Ruby Class Garden.



We have sent out a questionnaire to find out more about the home learning and how your children are responding. Thank you for responding. If you have not, please do so by **Wednesday 3rd February**. Once again, I can hardly express how impressed I am with the hard work shown by parents and children at this time. As I said in my assembly we are all having to step out of our comfort zones and that takes courage.

Also this week, we started Home Testing with the staff that come into school and have distributed Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for them to use to check that they are not asymptomatic carriers of Covid-19.

We use the tests twice a week and apart from the unpleasant feeling that I get after touching my tonsils with the swab, it is not too much of an issue. If you have seen the tests, you will know why my wife commented, "well you don't have the virus and you're certainly not pregnant".

Assembly this Week

It was so lovely to be part of a whole school event again. Most of the school joined for the assembly on Wednesday and I have had some great feedback from parents. Next week, Father Simon will be joining us. We did have some technical issues with the invites and I will again put the link on the whole school Class Dojo.

E-Safety

I am aware that many children really enjoy games on their tablets and laptops, so do some adults. I am not sure that all parents fully understand the PEGI ratings that are given to different games and would urge you to take this into consideration when you decide which apps and games are suitable for your child. This website provides more details

<https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean>



Keep up the hard work. Please contact the teachers or myself using Class Dojo if you need any assistance.

Have a good weekend. Stay safe and well.

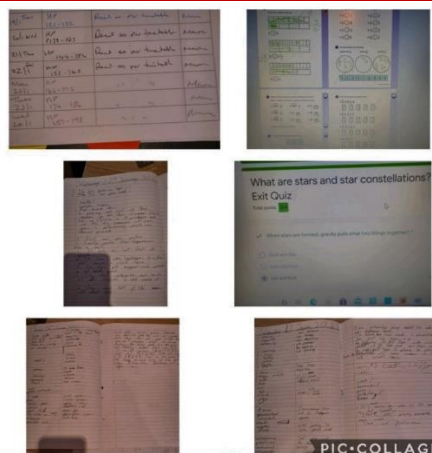
Jeremy Fisher

Home Learning

Some children have typed up the work they have developed with Mrs C and sent it in. This is an extract from Oscar's:

"Fast as a blast of a whale's water spray shooting, black rocks hand propelled up through the water and saved Erin with a nice carry! "Can you get me back home please?" grinned Erin."

Read his entire story on our school website on the Emerald Class home learning page.



Well done to Josh for uploading work for the different subjects and keeping up with the reading too.

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



This Sunday at Great St Mary's, we're going to be remembering the moment baby Jesus was presented at the temple in Jerusalem and officially inducted into the Jewish faith. It's recorded that, whilst he was there with Mary and Joseph, an old righteous and devout man called Simeon recognised the child as 'a light to lighten the gentiles'. Indeed, Jesus is the light Christians continue to turn to, particularly in dark times.

This week our country officially recorded its 100,000th victim of the coronavirus. In a letter written to the nation to mark that grim milestone, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York commented that "100,000 isn't just an abstract figure". Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God. We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ."

At Great St Mary's we continue to hold before God all those whose lives have been torn apart by grief, depression, frustration, loneliness or worry as a result of our nation's current sad circumstances. But we also continue to remember that Jesus was born to bring hope and light into the darkness of our circumstances, and born to remind all of us - of whatever race or creed - that God's mercy and love is beautiful, abundant and infinite.

May I wish you all, in the week ahead, peace, comfort and good health.

Fr Simon

STARS OF THE WEEK

YR: Aishwarya - for great concentration in Teams and lots of uploaded work.

Y1: Flora for great participation in the live lessons and for working really hard in all she does.

Y2: Hudson for producing wonderful, well-presented writing in his English lessons.

Y3: Harry for working really hard in all of his lessons.

Y4: Celia for creating wonderful pan pipes in her science experiment.

Y5: Josh for persevering with his home learning and producing work of an exceptionally high quality.

TTRS

TTRS Leaderboard

1. Jasper
2. Ranjeet
3. Alfie D
4. Archie
5. Joseph



Highest Earners for each year group

- Y6 - Rocco G
- Y5 - Jasper
- Y4 - Alfie D
- Y3 - Finley M
- Y2 - Lorcan

Y6: Kyle for superb work in Computing and learning about spreadsheets using Excel this week.



FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

Top Tips for Home Learning

As we know it is difficult for parents at home during these times, we have put together some guidance for you to dip into. Please have a look using the following link.

[https://sway.office.com/v8IN7TT7KGusLiuf?ref=L
ink](https://sway.office.com/v8IN7TT7KGusLiuf?ref=Link)

Maths Skills for Parents

On **Thursday 4th of February at 7.30pm**, Mrs Foster and Mr Fisher will be running the first quick skills session showing parents how we teach certain aspects of Maths. This week we will be focusing on Place Value by showing you resources and skills that we use in our Maths lessons. We will share a link on the whole school Class Dojo page for you to join the meeting (look out for it on Thursday).



Barnaby Bear has been busy sending postcards from Greenland to the children in Ruby Class. He was very

excited to receive some post back!

PE DAYS

Ruby Class – Friday
Sapphire Class – Friday
Emerald Class – Thursday
Diamond Class – Thursday



Laptops

We recently supplied some laptops to parents donated by IT Vet in Bishop's Stortford.

IT Vet have kindly donated four more refurbished laptops to the school.

If there are any parents who are experiencing difficulties in accessing a laptop for home learning, please contact the school office.

NEXT WEEKS MENU

Monday	Burger in a Bun
Tuesday	Chicken Fillet & Rice
Wednesday	Roast Beef
Thursday	Chicken Pie
Friday	Pizza

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
04/02/21	Maths Skills for Parents at 7.30 pm
15/02/21	Half Term
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19/02/21	
22/02/21	Inset Day
23/02/21	First Day Back
26/03/21	Last Day of Term
29/03/21	Easter Break
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09/04/21	
12/04/21	Pupils return to school

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

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Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

**ONLINE course
starting
February 2021**

**A FREE course for Dads and
Male Carers
*East Herts**



Wednesday evenings Online

First session 24th February

7.30-9.00pm

Then 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March

8.00-9.00pm

**Sessions will run on Zoom - we can help
you with this**

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

"I wish I had done the course sooner"

*** Please contact us if you live in a different area of Herts
- we may be able offer you a place**

**For eligibility and to book your FREE place please
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