



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER 30TH APRIL 2021

VALUE: FRIENDSHIP

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

"Friendship — my definition — is built on two things. Respect and trust. Both elements have to be there. And it has to be mutual. You can have respect for someone, but if you don't have trust, the friendship will crumble." — Stieg Larsson



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week has been a fairly quiet week, just getting on with the daily life of the school.

I have been able to observe maths lessons in every class and I have been very pleased to see the quality of the teaching and the engagement of the children. During the staff meeting we had another look at maths books, keeping on top of the monitoring and sharing good practice. Mrs Smith led training; passing on the knowledge she has gained from the Maths Hub, on various aspects of the mastery approach, including ways to increase fluency. This is a very important aspect of each child's learning and the more confident the children are at recalling key facts and following specific techniques, the more they are able to solve complex problem

It was very pleasant to welcome Reverend Debbie, as well as Father Simon to our Collective Worship this week. They attended remotely and we are hoping they will be able to join us in person very soon.

I am pleased that we have now arranged an Activities Week for Diamond Class at the end of June to replace the residential that we were unable to commit to due to Covid related concerns. This should be great fun and includes similar activities and a night away from home.

Today, each class has joined in with the National Daily Mile.





Sapphire Class have continued their growing project for science.



They planted cress in different places to see how it grows in different conditions. They also planted french beans, lettuce, radishes, chard and beetroot and are keen to see how well it all grows.

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

This Sunday in church, we're going to be hearing Jesus' story about the vine, its branches and its grapes. In the story, Jesus describes himself as the vine and his followers as the branches, whilst the vine keeper is God our Father. Jesus tells us that the good, healthy fruit produced on the branches represents all those good things we do for those around us - fruits often known as the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and listed in the Bible as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Such fruit, it seems, is hard to find in India right now though, as the latest wave of Covid-19 cuts through the population. I've recently heard from the Christian education project *Shiksha Rath* which we at Great St Mary's support.



It's based in Delhi and provides an after-school holistic program for



some of the capital city's many under-privileged children, helping them in their studies and giving the children opportunities to develop their skills and talents within a loving and accepting environment. The current situation there is described by Atula, their director, as "inconceivable, heart-breaking, and scary too." Atula alone lost two friends and many acquaintances to the virus last week, and many of her friends are, right now, battling for survival in hospitals or at home. The only silver lining is that, so far, all the children and staff at *Shiksha Rath* are keeping well.

Whilst our government has sent some critical supplies to India, we may sometimes feel helpless in these situations as we watch the desperate news reports, unable to display our fruits of the spirit to those who are most in need. That's why, on this occasion, I'm so pleased that Great St Mary's - and therefore Sawbridgeworth and Spellbrook - continues to support our connection with some of India's poorest families, and hope and pray that the coronavirus will abate very soon.

God bless

Fr Simon

STARS OF THE WEEK

YR – Sabiha

Y1 – Flora

Y2 – Lexie

Y3 – John

Y4 – Charlie

Y5 – Kimora-Lee

Y6 – Sophie



TTRS

TTRS Leaderboard

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



Highest earners from each year group

Y6 – Alfie C

Y5 – Joseph

Y4 – Alfie D

Y3 – Finley M

Y2 – Lorcan

Y1 – Flora



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK & DURING THE EASTER BREAK

No Birthdays this Week



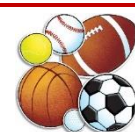
PE DAYS

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 – 95.4%

Whole School Target Set – 96%

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

- ✚ The **Maths Skills for Parents** takes place on **Thursday 6th May at 7.30 pm** via Teams (link will be available in Class Dojo) and the topic will be multiplying and dividing fractions.
- ✚ The school will not be used as a polling station and is open as usual on Thursday 6th May.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Activity Week** – reminder that the deadline for parents to consent on School Gateway is **Friday 7th May**.
- ✚ **Walk to School Week** – please share the animation with your child at the link below:
<https://youtu.be/IPVqaoeb38s>
- ✚ We are running an **in-house afterschool club** for parents in need of afterschool care every Monday from **3.30-4.30 pm** until **19th July**. **£4** per session via School Gateway, more details in letter sent out.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU



Day	Menu
Monday	❖ Bank Holiday
Tuesday	❖ Beef in a Burger (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
03/05/21	Bank Holiday
17/05/21 – 21/05/21	Walk to School Week
31/05/21 – 04/06/21	May Half Term
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 – 29/10/21	Half Term
21/12/21	Last Day of Term

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk
Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

SARACENS Mavericks

Netball Camps



DATE	TYPE	VENUE
Wednesday 2 nd June	1 Day JUNIOR Camp Years 5 - 6	Birchwood High School, Parsonage Lane, Bishops Stortford, CM23 5BD

Our Netball Camps are a great opportunity for young, aspiring netballers to improve their skills, develop their understanding of the game, make new friends and to have fun!


Camps run from 10:00am to 3:00pm and are priced at £39.95 (1 day) or £69.95 (2 days)

For more information and to book visit
www.mavericksnetball.co.uk/Community-Netball/Netball-Camps

everyone ACTIVE

TechSafe

Registered Charity 1192525 www.techsafe.org.uk
Zoom workshop for parents & carers



Keeping Families Safe Online

Thursday 20th May 2021
7pm - 9pm £5.00 per household




To book please
email: admin@aspects.org.uk

70% of children experience bullying online

In this interactive workshop, delivered via Zoom, we will:

- look at the benefits and risks of going online
- discuss key concerns
- share tips on how to talk to children about online safety
- share tips on how to develop children's digital resilience
- identify solutions and strategies
- look at a variety of online safety resources
- signpost where to get more help

UK Council for Internet Safety
a UKCIS Associate and CEOP Ambassador

TechSafe

E SAFETY workshop for parents & carers


Effects of Using Social Media on Mental Health

Thursday 10th June 2021
7pm - 9pm £5.00 per household


1 in 5 young people say they wake in the night to check their messages on Social Media

In this interactive workshop, delivered via Zoom, we will:


- look at the mental health benefits and risks associated with using Social Media
- learn about children's 'social' development
- discuss key concerns and look at current research
- look at the science behind Social Media
- discuss Fake News
- identify solutions and strategies
- look at a variety of online safety resources
- signpost where to get more help



To book please contact Jo at Aspects
email: admin@aspects.org.uk or call 01279 758134



UK Council for Internet Safety




Natural Flair Coaching Ltd

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Presents

Moving On To Year 7



Topics covered include:

- How to support your child before they start Yr7
- Tips on good organisation skills
- What are your child's needs?
- Discuss anxieties around peer pressure & Self-esteem/resilience
- Practical tips for preparation and to ensure a smooth transition for your child
- How to navigate the first few weeks

A workshop for parents & carers of children in Yr6 who are about to transfer secondary school

Funded by:
ASPECTS School Partnership



Venue: Online via Zoom!

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Date: Monday 14th June 2021



Price: per person £5.00
(Subsidised by ASPECTS Schools Partnership)

To book your place, contact Jo:
Email: admin@aspects.org.uk or call: 01279 758134
www.aspects.org.uk

