



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 7th October 2022

VALUE: GENEROSITY

“God Loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7



Ruby Class



Sapphire Class

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

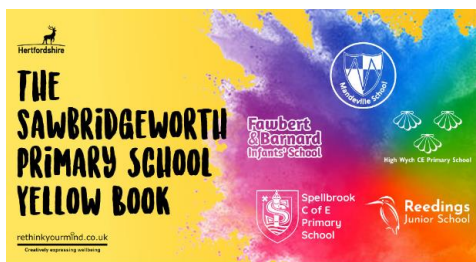


Carnival Dance: This week as part of our Black History Month focus, the children enjoyed Carnival dance lessons. Elisangela (Eli), from Brazil, looked fabulous in her carnival costume and the children loved the headdress and feathers. They were also inspired by her enthusiasm and energy. Each class had a lesson and the dances became increasingly complex and demanding as the ages of the children increased. All of the lessons were extremely energetic. One child commented straight after the warm up that she was already tired and they hadn't even started the proper lesson. After 45 minutes, even the fittest of the children were ready for a break.

They learned a range of moves and had to keep up with the fast paced music. Lessons built towards the finale; a dance off, where, split into two groups, they faced each other and challenged each other to dance their most impressive moves. They really got into the spirit of it.

We could see by the focus and concentration and the great smiles on their faces, how much the children loved the dance. From the youngest to the oldest they had a great experience.

School improvement focus: This week the teachers have been reviewing the progress made by the children in maths. In September, we moved to a different scheme of work. This is produced by White Rose, a group of maths teaching specialists that have been developing the mastery approach in the UK for the last eight years. We found their resources very helpful during the pandemic and now that they have started producing a full set of teaching and learning resources, we have moved away from Power Maths. The teachers can see how well the children are responding and a number of them have said that they are finding the layout and sequence of work really clear, enabling them to be successful with challenging work.



Our involvement in the Yellow Book: The Yellow Book is the creative, wellbeing resource published by *rethinkyourmind*; created by those with experience of mental health challenges and endorsed by professionals; the book hopes to support, inspire and signpost. So, in their 10th year, on the 10th day of the 10th month, they begin the FIRST EVER Primary School Yellow Book - on World Mental Health Day!

[Rethink Your Mind](https://rethinkyourmind.co.uk). We will have an assembly next week to begin our involvement in this great project and to launch an art competition in

school in order to produce and select entries.

Well Being Review: Hertfordshire County Council have a duty to review their schools on a regular basis across a whole range of areas. This year the focus for us has been on what we are doing to support the wellbeing of the pupils. This is obviously a key topic and one that it is in the front of our minds. The review included looking at plans, strategies, newsletters, curriculum maps and pupil's work. Most importantly, it included talking to children. One group were tasked with taking the visitors on a tour of the school and telling them about the school. Other groups met the reviewers and answered questions about how they feel about school and what measures are in place to support their wellbeing. I want to say a huge well done to all of the children who took part as they certainly did us proud. They were confident, articulate and enthusiastic about our school and their learning. They talked about ways that they are supported and emphasised how much they feel part of the school. This was lovely to hear about. They also said that they would love to do more of their learning outside and have more time to take advantage of our outdoor spaces, and we have already started to do this and to plan ways for an increase. We shall receive a written report in the next few weeks, but the verbal comments made me very proud.

Congratulations to Mrs Smith for passing the National Award for SEN Coordination. Completing such a demanding and high status course, whilst starting the role as SENCO and continuing as a full time class teacher is a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of her.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



Emerald Class



Diamond Class

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Father Simon writes:

No doubt all you twitchers out there are scanning the telephone wires and trees with particular interest at the moment. That's because, for bird watchers, we're right in the middle of the autumn migration season.



Apparently over 550 different species of bird have been spotted in the wild in Britain. But that's only a small percentage of the 10,000 or so different kinds of bird in the world. It is, though, a similar number (about 530) to that found in the Holy Land. No wonder birds get a frequent mention in the Bible.

The first specific bird to be mentioned in the Bible is the raven, released by Noah from the ark in an attempt to find dry land. Noah then sent out a dove - that symbol of peace which, for Christians, is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit which, at his baptism in the river Jordan came down upon Jesus 'like a dove'.



Back in the Old Testament, a stork, an ostrich, and an eagle are all mentioned in the book of Job, while quail were food for the Israelites in the desert. The prophet Elijah, meanwhile, was fed by ravens, and the book of Proverbs refers to sparrows chirping on rooftops.

Talking of the noise of birds, I'm sure many of us know the story of St Peter's denial of Jesus. Just as Jesus had foretold, Peter's third denial that he even knew Jesus was followed by the fateful sound of a cock crowing.



On a more positive note, the flight of an eagle reminds us of freedom and the renewal of strength, with the psalmist using its wings as a symbol for the protection of God in times of trouble. Indeed, Isaiah talks about a bird hovering over its nest to protect its young to describe God's protection of Jerusalem. Building on that imagery, Jesus yearned to gather the people of Jerusalem to him as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Jesus also compared us with sparrows: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted." (Matthew 10:29-30) Jesus wants us to know that each one of us is significant and precious to God.



How often do we overlook the good things of life? How often do we miss the small, simple things of life - such as the birds - which bring joy and interest to so many? No matter what's going on in the world or in our lives, there's still so much for which to be grateful.

Have a good weekend,

Fr Simon

What other birds can you think of which are mentioned in the Bible?

If you want a list, along with photographs, these two articles are very comprehensive:

<http://www.birdingisfun.com/2012/01/birds-of-bible-part-one.html>

<http://www.birdingisfun.com/2012/01/birds-of-bible-part-two.html>

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Diamond
Harry S



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Sam for his fantastic attitude to learning and others.

Sapphire

- ✚ Arthur for enthusiasm in our history lesson.
- ✚ Niah for amazing dancing in our carnival workshop.



Emerald

- ✚ Ewan for his hard work and focus in all lessons but particularly during our whole class reading.
- ✚ Dylan for his fantastic contributions to our class discussions during history lessons.

Diamond

- ✚ Eshal for always being kind and generous to those around her.
- ✚ Sienna R for excellent focus in all her work.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Attendance Ladder



**Whole School
Attendance – 98.7%**

**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

- ✚ **Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone** is on **Thursday 13th October**. Payment should be made on Arbor by **Monday 10th October** please. **If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please let the office know by Monday 10th October. The options are cheese or ham roll.**

- ✚ **Christmas Crackers** - We are kindly asking for donations of Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 7th December** please. All donations can be handed into the school office.

- ✚ **Secondary School Admissions** – this is a reminder to parents of **Year 6** children that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **Monday 31st October**.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Macaroni Cheese (Red) ❖ Quorn Pattie in a Bun (V) (Green) ❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (V) (Red) ❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
13/10/22	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
18/02/22	Year 2 Scooter Training
24/10/22 – 28/10/22	Half Term
07/11/22	Nasal Flu Vaccination
02/12/22	Occasional Day

	❖ Ham Roll (Yellow)	07/12/22	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	❖ Roast Pork (Red)	08/12/22	Pantomime
	❖ Vegan Sausages with Gravy (Ve) (Green)	14/12/22	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
	❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)	21/12/22	Last Day of Term
Thursday	❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)	05/01/23	Inset 3
	❖ BBQ Quorn Fillet (V) (Green)	06/01/23	Inset 4
	❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)	09/01/23	First Day Back
Friday	❖ Battered Fish (Red)	13/02/23 – 17/02/23	Half Term
	❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)	20/02/23	Inset 5
	❖ Cheese Roll (Yellow)	21/02/23	First Day Back
		31/03/23	Last Day of Term
		17/04/23	First Day Back
		29/05/23 – 02/06/23	Half Term
		21/07/23	Last Day of Term

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk



Harlow Foodbank would like to thank
SPELLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

For your gift of **140** Kg of food
to help your neighbours in Harlow.

This is enough to make **333** meals
for families who need our help!*

Harlow Foodbank redistributes gifts of food and other essential items donated by neighbours across Harlow, passing them on to others in our community who have a short term crisis.

You have been part of that neighbourly support. We are Harlow UNITED!

www.mrct.org.uk/foodbank Find us on...   

 Harlow Foodbank is a project of the Michael Roberts Charitable Trust – Charity Number 1065006
Unit 8, Housham Hall Farm, Harlow Road, Matching Tye, Harlow CM17 0PB 01279 724515
* The Feeding Britain APPG Report 2016 estimated that on average 2.38 meals come from a Kg of food.
Harlow Foodbank is an associate of the Trussell Trust.





Win a magical prize for you and your family this Halloween

Young people can make this Halloween one to remember by entering our online quiz where they can win a magical prize for the whole family.

Hertfordshire Constabulary has teamed up again this year with Warner Bros to give youngsters the chance to win a fantastic family ticket to The Making of Harry Potter in Leavesden.

Over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period, we are inviting young people across the county, between the ages of 5 and 16, to take part in the online quiz, which aims to help them enjoy both nights safely.

The quiz is part of a campaign run during October and November, in partnership with local councils and the Fire and Rescue Service, to deter anti-social behaviour and make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

To enter the competition, visit www.herts.police.uk/halloween and answer the questions before midnight on Sunday 6 November.

If children (and parents) are planning to go trick or treating, we ask that you consider the following advice to help you stay safe and not cause distress to others:

- Never go trick or treating alone and always take an adult with you.
- Don't knock on the doors of strangers
- Only visit houses where there are signs that trick or treaters are welcome, such as Halloween decorations and pumpkins outside.
- Keep your Halloween 'tricks' safe - damage to property or hurting someone is a crime. Threatening and abusive behaviour can amount to an offence too.
- Remember road safety rules, particularly after dark.
- Wear something bright so that drivers can see you.
- If you are planning on hosting your own firework party make sure you tell all your neighbours, especially those with pets which may be affected by the noise.



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Sawbridgeworth *Passion for Christ - Compassion for all*

Beetles and Bubbly!

A Beetle Drive with a difference

With Ploughman's Supper,
Prosecco, wine, and soft drinks
all included in the price of your ticket

Saturday 15th October 2022
Church House
7.30pm

£15.00 per person

Tickets available from the Parish Office
(Tuesday-Friday mornings)
or 'Full of Beans' in Church Street



ASPECTS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO LEARNING AND WELLBEING

SECRETS TO A BETTER BEHAVED CHILD

A *webinar for parents & carers of children aged 5-11 yrs

Join us for this webinar presented by one of Hertfordshire's top parent coaches - Sharon Lawton of Natural Flair
Price is £5.00 per household (subsidised by Aspects Family Support)


When & what time?
Thursday 10th November 2022
9.30am - 11.00am - recording available

Topics covered include

- Tips for a calmer family life
- How to build self-esteem and confidence in children
- Surviving homework battles
- The power of positive language
- Strategies & tips on taking the "no" out of their vocabulary

For registration details contact Jo, stating the school your child attends

www.aspects.org.uk
admin@aspects.org.uk

OWL
Online Watch Link
www.owl.co.uk

HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Next Police Careers event is this Saturday 8th October 2022

Herts Police LIVE! runs on Saturday 8th October 2022 between the hours 1300-2100 hours at our training centre at Gosling Sports Centre, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XE, and you can book your place now.

Register for your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hertfordshire-constabulary-open-day-tickets-404493911177?aff=erelexpmlt>

The event will particularly suit anyone interested in becoming a police officer or detective. You can try the bleep test, join a fun self-defence training session and learn about police careers with Hertfordshire Constabulary, including details of how to apply and all the entry routes, whether you're a career changer, a recent school or university leaver.

We've got the whole team coming along to give you a taste of life as a police officer, from detectives to dog handlers, roads policing to armed police, plus the team at Anglia Ruskin University will explain apprenticeship degrees and how training works for post-graduates. www.herts.police.uk/careers

All police officer entry routes involve on-the-job training after an initial course:

If you feel inspired to become a Hertfordshire police officer, visit [our police officer recruitment website \(opens in a new window\)](http://www.hertspoliceofficer.co.uk) at www.hertspoliceofficer.co.uk to find out how to apply and register your interest.

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Testing will take place at the
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Monday 17 October 2022
Bishops Stortford Library
The Causeway CM23 2EJ
10:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesday 18 October 2022
County Hall, Pegs Lane
Hertford SG13 8DE
9:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 19 October 2022
Watford Central Library
Hempstead Road WD17 3EU
9:30am - 4:30pm

Thursday 20 October 2022
Welwyn Garden City Library
Campus West AL8 6AJ
9:30am - 4:30pm

To book a slot for
testing please call:
01707 292429

You can also attend
without an appointment
on a first come,
first served basis.

visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk
email: tradingstandards@hertfordshire.gov.uk
call: 01707 292429



General electrical product safety

1. Make sure you've checked for recalls and registered your appliance.
2. Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark.
3. Don't leave appliance unattended with young children and/or animals.
4. Turn heaters off before bed and when not in the room.
5. Follow the manufacturers operating and maintenance instructions.
6. Do not power device from extension lead, use wall sockets only.



Tips to use electric blankets safely

1. Store electric blankets flat, rolled up or loosely folded to prevent damaging the internal wiring.
2. Unplug blankets before you get into bed, unless it has a thermostat control for safe all-night use.
3. Never use an electric blanket if you have an air flow pressure relief mattress, or use emollient creams. Ask for non-flammable alternatives instead.
4. If your blanket gets wet, don't use it and never switch it on to dry it.
5. Do not buy second-hand electric blankets.
6. Check regularly for wear and tear and replace at least every 10 years.

Tips to use portable heaters safely

1. Make sure heaters are maintained and in good working order.
2. Don't take risks with old heaters - get it tested by a qualified electrician or buy a new one.
3. Where appropriate, secure heaters against a wall to stop them falling over, or fit wall-mounted heaters.
4. Keep heaters well away from clothes, curtains and furniture and never use them for drying clothes. Emollient users are at higher risk.
5. Always sit at least one metre away from a heater as it could set light to your clothes or chair.
6. Before attempting to move your heater, turn it off and allow it to cool first.
7. Only use gas or paraffin heaters in well-ventilated areas. Heaters consume oxygen so you could suffocate if a room is not properly aired.

visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk
email: tradingstandards@hertfordshire.gov.uk
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Sunday 16 October, 2.30pm

WARNING... WARNING...EXTREME FUN ALERT!

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So, stand clear and prepare for action, as this show is full of wiz, bang, pop... and splurt!

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All seats £12.50

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Book online www.thespotlightvenue.com

Box office 01992 441946 (Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm)



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2nd November – 7th December

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DAY ONE

Make a light up lunchbox haunted
house. Use a range of media to
make this fun 3D creation

DAY TWO

Make a magic torch picture.
Create a dark and spooky picture
and a torch to light it up

Morgans School, Hertford
Parsonage Hall, Bishop's Stortford

Tues 25th Oct

Weds 26th Oct

10 - 12

Ages 5 - 11

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To book your place

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