

# SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

# NEWSLETTER – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

## VALUE: Friendship

**Focus:** Treating others as you would like to be treated

"In everything - in every circumstance - do to others as you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12





**Ruby Class: George and the Dragon** 

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

After a lovely break for Easter, we have returned to school for the summer term. The summer curriculum has been commenced for each class. In Ruby class, Mrs Le Duc read the story of St George and how he was really courageous. The children acted out the story and defeated the dragon to save the princess. Hooray! Next week is St George's day so we made some flags with George's cross and a very friendly dragon. (see above)

Diamond Class have started their swimming lessons. The pace of studying is increasing for the Year 6 children as they work to be fully prepared for their SATs in early May. The lovely artwork that they completed just before Easter is providing a calming backdrop within their classroom. Their final pieces featured working with different techniques such as colour washes and ink pen as well as painting on reclaimed materials, namely slices of wood, provided by a friendly tree surgeon.



Sapphire Class have started their Fire of London topic. They will be finding out what happened and why. They have started with a linked art activity where they have been mixing two colours to make a third, then adding black to create a silhouette picture of London on Fire. (see below)

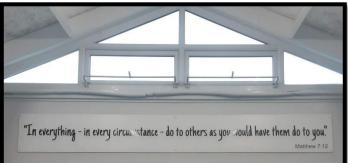


Emerald Class have continued to build on their learning about plants and are now learning about the purposes of the stem in plants. They have placed a flower in coloured water and are watching as the colour infuses the petals, showing that the liquid is drawn up through the stem. The colour is already beginning to show.

During collective worship, we have been taking time to think about the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." This is a principle, that is included in the bible and also is adopted by many of the world's religions and philosophies. The aim is to help us treat others better, by using the way we would want to be treated as a guide for how

### to behave.

This is an important aspect of our school's Christian vision, and we now have a lovely banner with the bible verse from Matthew 7 displayed in our hall. In our discussions we have been considering how we like to be treated by others and also what we don't like so that we can focus on increasingly following this rule during our interactions with others. We know this helps us all to enjoy being with others and will help us to follow our new school value, which is Friendship.



### Have a lovely weekend. Jeremy Fisher



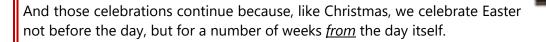
**Sapphire Class Fire of London Artwork** 

## **MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH**

## Father Simon writes:

Welcome back everybody. I hope you've all had a refreshing break.

For us at Great St Mary's, it's been wonderfully busy with all the services remembering Jesus' crucifixion before we celebrated his Easter resurrection.



So I thought I'd spend a moment at the beginning of this term, as we're still in Eastertide, reflecting on the importance of Easter to Christians because, whether you're talking about leaves, pets or people, life tells us that when you die, that's it: you're out like a light. So many of us have understandable doubts about the possibility of a return journey from death.

Yet that's what Christianity says happened to Jesus: that he died but didn't stay dead. In fact, Christians insist that he's alive at this very minute in heaven.

It sounds ridiculous - I grant you. And perhaps if Christians were to only focus on Jesus' teachings and stories about generosity, compassion, and love then perhaps more people would become his followers.



The trouble with that, though, is that it wouldn't be Christianity. It would simply be people reading about the teachings of yet another good and wise person. Christianity depends on the resurrection of Jesus and the claim that his friends and followers met him, talked with him, touched him, and ate with him after his death.

So certain was their belief that nothing could make them recant it; not ridicule, torture, or even death itself. They couldn't deny Jesus' resurrection

because they were absolutely convinced that it had happened. Plenty of clever and powerful people at the time had a vested interest in proving them wrong, and it shouldn't have been difficult to prove that this dead man had stayed dead - especially when you have at your disposal the resources of the greatest empire in history. Yet they didn't do it because it couldn't be done.

And today, over two billion people all over the world still believe that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. They include brilliant scientists and philosophers as well as plenty of ordinary men and women of all ages. They believe it because they respect the historical witness of those first Christians and because, in many cases, their own lives have



been transformed by a prayerful relationship with Jesus - a relationship that wouldn't make sense if he were dead.

Christians don't put their faith in a dead hero from the past, but in someone who is alive and active in their own lives and in the world today. That, in a nutshell, is the message of Easter.

Wishing you all a very blessed Eastertide and a productive summer term,



Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK A	ND OVER THE EASTER BREAK			
REPERT Emerald Lorcan	Diamond John			
STARS OF THE WEEK				
Ruby         ↓ Georgia for trying hard to go the extra mile.         ↓ Devon for great joining in and listening.         Sapphire         ↓ Jessica for working hard in lessons.	<ul> <li>Emerald</li> <li>Grace for always working hard and contributing so well in class discussions.</li> <li>Jacob for the hard work and effort he has put into improving his handwriting this week.</li> <li>Diamond</li> </ul>			
Johnny for good resilience in English.	<ul> <li>Alfie for excellent focus and hard work.</li> <li>Maizee-Leigh for showing great resilience.</li> </ul>			
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK Whole School Attendance - 96% Whole School Target Set - 96%	<ul> <li>NOTICES</li> <li>PTA Name the Bear Competition – for £1 entry, children will be able to select a new name for the teddy. Names will be selected from a pre-prepared list in school after the closing date. Please see the flyer below for more information.</li> <li>Staff Vacancies</li> </ul>			
Please contact school every day of any absence. This can be done by calling <b>01279 723 204</b> , <b>Option 1</b> 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.	<ul> <li>Staff Vacancies</li> <li>Midday Assistant         <ol> <li>12pm - 1pm daily             Start date: immediate.</li> <li>Please note deadline for applications is 3rd May 2023.             For further information please visit             https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.midday-             supervisory-assistant 83144.htm</li> </ol> </li> <li>Teaching Assistant         <ol> <li>30 hours Monday - Friday Fixed Term Contract (1 term)</li> <li>Start date: 5th June 2023</li> <li>Please note deadline for applications is 3rd May 2023.             For further information please visit             https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.classroom-             teaching-assistant             30 hours Monday - Friday Permanent             Start date: 1st September 2023             Please note deadline for applications is 3rd May 2023.             For further information please visit             https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.classroom-             teaching-assistant             30 hours Monday - Friday Permanent             Start date: 1st September 2023             Please note deadline for applications is 3rd May 2023.             For further information please visit             https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view.classroom-             teaching-assistant 83141.htm</li> </ol></li></ul>			

NEXT WEEK'S MENU		
Day	Menu	
Monday	<ul> <li>Caribbean Chicken (Ve) (Red)</li> </ul>	
	Veggie Burritos (V) (Green)	
	Jacket Potato (Yellow)	
	Cheese Roll (Blue)	
Tuesday	<ul> <li>Organic Beef Bolognese (Red)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Savoury Puff Roll (V) (Green)</li> </ul>	
	Jacket Potato (Yellow)	
	Cheese Roll (Blue)	
Wednesday	Roast Pork (Red)	
	<ul> <li>Quorn Fillet with Gravy (V)</li> </ul>	
	(Green)	
	Jacket Potato (Yellow)	
	Cheese Roll (Blue)	
Thursday	Quorn Hot Dog (Red)	
	<ul> <li>Special Fried Rice (V) (Green)</li> </ul>	
	Jacket Potato (Yellow)	
	Cheese Roll (Blue)	
Friday	Crispy Coated Salmon (Red)	
	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	
	(Green)	
	Jacket Potato (Yellow)	
	Cheese Roll (Blue)	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	

Early May Bank Holiday Coronation Bank Holiday KS2 SATs Week Walk to School Week Year 6 Crucial Crew
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Class Photos
Diamond Class Activity Week
Half Term
Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson
Last Day of Term
Inset 1
Inset 2
First Day Back
Half Term
Occasional Day – School Closed
Last Day of Autumn Term 23
Inset 3
Inset 4
First Day Back
Half Term
First Day Back
Last Day of Spring Term
First Day Back
Early May Bank Holiday
Half Term
Inset 5
Last Day of Summer Term

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# BREAKFAST CLUB

8am – 8.40am everyday cooked breakfast served at 8am



£4.50 per session payable via arbor NB late arrivals will not be catered for cooked breakfast

Please book 24 hours ahead to ensure availability

#### **GJW**SPORTS

#### GJW Sports Afterschool Clubs

#### Spellbrook C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

24.03.23

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver after school clubs, which will begin on the 18th April.

Please visit www.gjwsports.co.uk to make a registration.

Tuesday Football

Clubs will start at 15:20 with a collection time of 16:20.

Athletics will consist of sprints, relays, distance, timed runs, javelin and long/triple jumps.. Children will take part in athletics focused games, such as capture the flag, run-outs, box to box. They will also use ladders, hurdles during a SAQ (speed, agility, quickness) circuit.

To complete the registration, please use the payment details below.

Thursday

Athletics

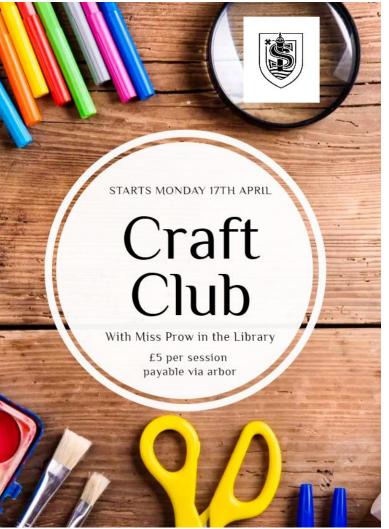
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We will continue to offer a trial option for pupils who have yet to attend our after school clubs. The session price will be  $\pounds 7.50$ .

Should you have any further queries please email; enquiries@gjwsports.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mr Gershon Jack Williams B.A. (Hons) GJWSPORTS 07519 722135 www.gjwsports.co.uk



# The Hertfordshire & Essex High School

If you are thinking of joining us in Year 7 in September 2024 you might find it helpful to:

- book a visit during the school day in the summer term and see Herts & Essex at work (places are limited)
- come to our Open Evening
- book into a Q&A session with Executive Headteacher, Cathy Tooze, and Headteacher, Emma Kirkham dates & times overleaf...

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"Choosing a secondary school for your daughter is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. We hold a number of events which will give you the opportunity to find out more about what Herts & Essex can, uniquely, offer your daughter."

Cathy Tooze, Executive Headteacher

## Open Evening

Thursday 14 September 2023 17:30 - 20:30

If you are unable to make this event please contact the school on the details below

## Seeing Herts & Essex at Work

Year 5 girls and their parent or carer will be able to visit the school during a normal school day and get a feel for the lessons. There will be additional information for parents and carers.

Wednesday 21 June from 09:00 - 10:45 Thursday 22 June from 09:00 - 10:45 Friday 23 June from 09:00 - 10:45

You can now book a place using the online form on our website: <u>Seeing Herts & Essex at Work Form</u>

## Information, Q & A sessions

Cathy Tooze, Executive Headteacher and Emma Kirkham, Head of School at Herts & Essex, invite the parents and carers of all girls transferring to secondary school in September 2024 to an informal information, question and answer session at the school, on one of the following occasions:

- Monday 25 September at 17:45
- Wednesday 27 September at 17:45
- You will be able to book a place using the online form on our website from July 2023.

Tel: 01279 654127 email: admin@hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk (putting 'ENTRY 2024' in the subject line)

