



NEWSLETTER – 21st 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.

And those celebrations continue because, like Christmas, we celebrate Easter not before the day, but for a number of weeks from the day itself.

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 AND OVER THE EASTER BREAK



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.
- ✚ Johnny for good resilience in English.

Emerald

- ✚ Grace for always working hard and contributing so well in class discussions.
- ✚ Jacob for the hard work and effort he has put into improving his handwriting this week.

Diamond

- ✚ Alfie for excellent focus and hard work.
- ✚ Maizee-Leigh for showing great resilience.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96%**

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school every 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

- ✚ **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.

✚ **Staff Vacancies**

Midday Assistant

12pm - 1pm daily
Start date: immediate.

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>

Teaching Assistant

30 hours Monday - Friday Fixed Term Contract (1 term)
Start date: 5th June 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-83138.htm>

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>

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

| Day | Menu |
|-----------|---|
| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Caribbean Chicken (Ve) (Red) ❖ Veggie Burritos (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Organic Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Savoury Puff Roll (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Pork (Red) ❖ Quorn Fillet with Gravy (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (Red) ❖ Special Fried Rice (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Crispy Coated Salmon (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01/05/23 | Early May Bank Holiday |
| 08/05/23 | Coronation Bank Holiday |
| 09/05/23 – 12/05/23 | KS2 SATs Week |
| 15/05/23 – 19/05/23 | Walk to School Week |
| 18/05/23 | Year 6 Crucial Crew |
| 22/05/23 | Class Photos |
| 23/05/23 – 26/05/23 | Diamond Class Activity Week |
| 29/05/23 – 02/06/23 | Half Term |
| 12/07/23 | Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson |
| 21/07/23 | Last Day of Term |
| 01/09/23 | Inset 1 |
| 04/09/23 | Inset 2 |
| 05/09/23 | First Day Back |
| 23/10/23 – 27/10/23 | Half Term |
| 01/12/23 | Occasional Day – School Closed |
| 20/12/23 | Last Day of Autumn Term 23 |
| 04/01/24 | Inset 3 |
| 05/01/24 | Inset 4 |
| 08/01/24 | First Day Back |
| 19/02/24 – 23/02/24 | Half Term |
| 26/02/24 | First Day Back |
| 28/03/24 | Last Day of Spring Term |
| 15/04/24 | First Day Back |
| 06/05/24 | Early May Bank Holiday |
| 27/05/24 – 31/05/24 | Half Term |
| 03/06/24 | Inset 5 |
| 23/07/24 | Last Day of Summer Term |

Contact: admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

Website: www.spellbrook.herts.sch.uk





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London Road, Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 4BA

JOB VACANCY MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Are you enthusiastic, caring and someone who relates well to children?
We need a cheerful and capable person to become part of our
dedicated midday team.

You will be supervising children Monday to Friday during term time
as directed, either while they eat their lunch in the school hall or playing outside.



We have one vacancy available from
March 2022
Monday to Friday 12pm to 1pm (part week considered)
(Term time only)
£10.51 per hour

For details or to apply visit: www.teachinherths.com or contact
Ms Sharon Freeborn, School Business Manager (01279) 723204

*Appointment to this role is subject to appropriate recruitment checks, including references being
Secured, completion of a DBS enhanced clearance and online health check.

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

Spellbrook PTA

Fundraising



I've forgotten my name!

**GUESS HIS NAME FROM THE LIST AND HE CAN
BE YOURS TO CELEBRATE THE KING'S
CORONATION**

£1 per entry

**CLICK HERE FOR
ENTRY AND
PAYMENT**

**CLOSING DATE FOR FORMS AND ENTRIES
MONDAY 1ST MAY. WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 5TH MAY.**

[Name the Bear Competition \(office.com\)](http://office.com)

Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective
Behaviours

**ONLINE
morning course
starting
April 2023**

**A FREE course for Mums,
Dads, Step-Parents and
Carers**



**Online Thursday mornings
9.30am - 11.30am**

**20, 27 April, 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 8
& 15 June 2023**

**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

**Places are funded by HCC for families in Hertfordshire who
need additional support.**

For eligibility and to book your FREE place please:

Email: enquiries@familiesfeelsafe.co.uk

Tel: 07748 332606

Please quote course number O5/D1



Please like us on Facebook for further
updates [@familiesfeelsafe](https://www.facebook.com/familiesfeelsafe)



Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours Services has been funded through HCC to provide Families Feeling Safe programmes across Hertfordshire. We deliver Protective Behaviours

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Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

We have spaces in our After-School Gardening Club



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. 3.20pm-4.30pm.
- £24.00 for remaining four sessions
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
 - Working to improve the school gardens
 - Taking part in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme - LEVEL 4

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday March 8 and make a payment of £24 in cash/a cheque made payable to: WENDY GORDON or with a BACS payment to: Wendy Gordon/27441520/07-04-36 (Use your name as reference)

I would like my child to attend Spellbrook's After-School Gardening Club on Wednesdays:

Child's name: Year group:

Your name: Phone number:

Email:

Any allergies or medical issues that we need to be aware of*:

*Your child's safety is a priority, but we can only put measures into place if you let us know.

Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook page (please check it out and like) and every week an update of what we get up to at the club will be posted.

If you **DO NOT** want photos of your child to be used on Facebook please tick the box: (Please note that children are never named)

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Payment of £24 has been made via Cash/Cheque/Bacs with the reference name of:

Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

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www.wellbeangardening.com

GJWSports
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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

Thursday

Athletics

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.

NatWest Business Account

Gershon Williams- GJW SPORTS

Sort code – 557049

Account Number – 83780637

Reference – SurnameSBS

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

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

STARTS MONDAY 17TH APRIL

Craft Club

With Miss Prow in the Library

£5 per session
payable via arbor

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: [Seeing Herts & Essex at Work Form](#)

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)