



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 28th April 2023

VALUE: Friendship

Focus: Sticking together

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5.11



Althetics at Leventhorpe

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week we have been braving the weather and enjoying physical activity outside. The children are pleased to be back on the field at lunchtimes, enjoying lots of different activities. Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed an athletics event this week at Leventhorpe School. They joined four other primary schools for a range of track and field activities. These included high jump and long jump, discuss, shotput and running races from 60 metre to 800 metres. Our favourite was the relay as both our Y5 and our Y6 teams came second in this. We also showed our school values with great sporting behaviours and maximum effort.



Also Thursday 27th was the first ever **World Daily Mile Day**. All of the children at Spellbrook School joined the global celebration! Thousands of schools and early years settings from around the world have been doing their Daily Mile on **Thursday 27th April** to celebrate all the positive benefits that physical activity has on children's health.



Sapphire Class: For their Design and Technology, they have been developing their understanding of structures by making bridges. Their brief was to span an imaginary river of a particular width. They worked together using different equipment and when complete, tested their constructions, checking if they were wide enough. They came up with a great range of solutions. (see below) Well done.



Amongst many other activities this week, Ruby Class have been working together in pairs to create one picture. They had to work out the best way to do so, whether to take turns or work at the same time. It is lovely to see some of the Reception children supporting Nursery children as we recognise the benefits to both children when this occurs.



We have also been exploring our new value, Friendship. This poster is one that we have made to help us to think about this important value and this week's theme, 'sticking together'.

We are very proud of pupils for taking part in competitions and doing so well. Before Easter, two of our pupils won colouring competitions and their prizes were to go to the fire station and enjoy lots of great experiences and find out more about more about the firefighters' role. Well done to both of them.



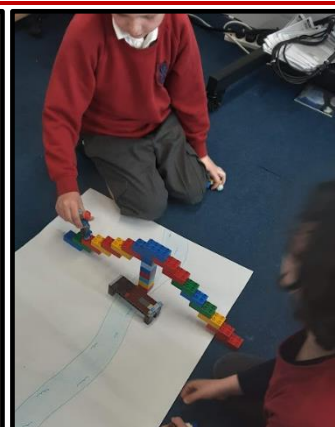
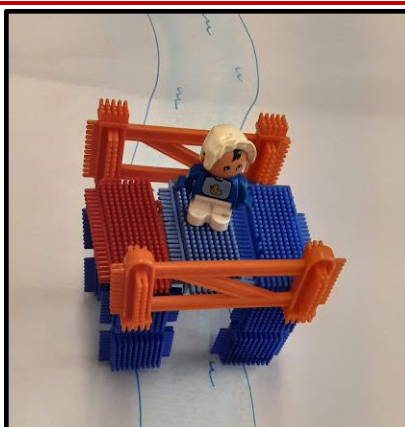
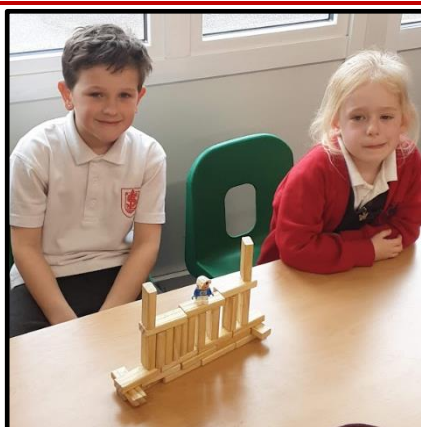
So, when competitions come home, please encourage your child to take part.

Another of our pupils, Lorcan, has won the 'Card for the King' competition run by the MP Julie Marson. This is a super achievement, and the card will be sent to the King with the winner's name and school inside. Julie Marson MP will be coming into school next week to congratulate Lorcan in person and show him how his design looks printed on the card.



Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher



Sapphire Class: Design and Technology

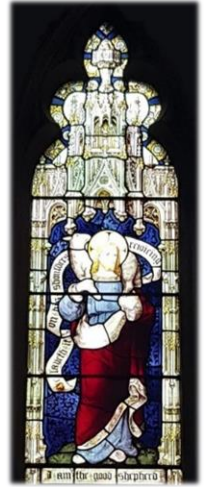
MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

This Sunday at Great St Mary's, we're going to be exploring the Bible's image of Jesus being the great shepherd.



Now, I was reading something the other day in which the writer was remembering the 1960s when preachers-in-training were being told that Jesus's imagery, of him being the great shepherd and of us being his flock, needed to be updated and industrialised for the post-war era. So, in the context of Jesus being 'the good shepherd' who 'lays down his life for the sheep', they were encouraged to invite their congregations to reflect upon such dreadful reinventions as 'I am the true crankshaft. Everything revolves around me.'



But no matter how distant our own lives may be from that of a Palestinian shepherd, the image of the Lord being our shepherd and we being his sheep does retain its timeless appeal, and, above all, its ancient power to sustain us as we negotiate the darker times of life. As a result, the image of Jesus as the good shepherd is a very familiar one in and around our churches. In fact, in one of our church windows you'll see Jesus carrying a sheep over his shoulders with the words 'I am the good shepherd' written below.



So, despite our lack of experience of the shepherding world, images of Jesus as the good shepherd do appeal because of the way they seem to display Jesus' tenderness, and his care and compassion for us his flock. Indeed, the image of him carrying us on his shoulders through the thick and thin of life reminds me of Mary Stevenson's much-loved and oft-quoted poem 'Footprints in the Sand':

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.*

*Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.*

*This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.*

*So I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.
But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?"
The Lord replied,
"The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you."*

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE EASTER BREAK



Emerald
Nicolas

Ruby
Rowan



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Tillie for always listening and joining in.
- ✚ Teddy for super focus when working and within his play.

Sapphire

- ✚ Caitlyn for making a huge effort to improve her handwriting.
- ✚ Amelie for excellent engagement and effort in all subjects.

Emerald

- ✚ Poppy for always working hard in lessons.
- ✚ Freddy for great resilience and effort in Maths.

Diamond

- ✚ Ava for excellent work on fractions.
- ✚ Michal for superb ideas in his writing.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 95.95%

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

- ✚ **Early May Bank Holiday** – school is closed on **Monday 1st May**.
- ✚ **Strike Day on Tuesday 2nd May** - school will be open to **Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire classes**. Breakfast and afterschool clubs will be running as usual.
- ✚ **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. **Closing day is Monday 5th May**

✚ **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	❖ Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday	❖ Veggie Meatball Sub (Ve) (Red) ❖ Roasted Tomato Pasta (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Creamy Quorn Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Mild Chilli Con Carne (Red) ❖ Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
30/04/23	Diamond Trip to Royal Albert Hall
01/05/23	Early May Bank Holiday
02/05/23	Strike Day – School Open for Diamond, Emerald & Sapphire
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



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.



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

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
www.wellbeangardening.com

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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)

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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

STARTS MONDAY 17TH APRIL

Craft Club

With Miss Prow in the Library

£5 per session
payable via arbor



St Albans Charity Cycle Ride



Sunday 14th May 2023



Oaklands College Campus



10, 20, 30, 40 mile routes available

Register now to take part in the St Albans Charity Cycle Ride, organised by the two Rotary Clubs of St Albans. Suitable for everybody, no matter your age, ability, or fitness level. Individuals, families, and groups welcome!

All funds raised will be split between The OLLIE Foundation and Rennie Grove Hospice Care.



HILLMEAD PTA PRESENTS



Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champions? Then, gather your friends and join us for a Quiz Night in the school hall. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition with some fun games on the night.

Friday, 19 May

at Hillmead Primary School CM23 4PW

7.30pm start

Licensed bar

Order a cheese board to share for just £20

£5 PER PERSON, TEAMS OF 8 PEOPLE

Book your table via school gateway
or email vicechair@hillmead-pta.org.uk



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