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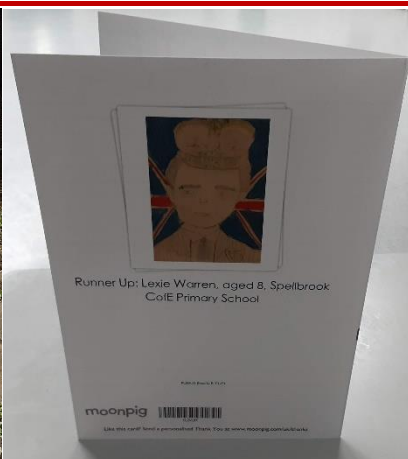


LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 5th May 2023

VALUE: Friendship

Focus: Think of the kindness you wish others would show you; do the same for them.
“Encourage one another and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5.11



Card for the King Competition

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

On Sunday, eighteen children from Diamond Class (Y5/6) went to The Royal Albert Hall to be part of the Royal Albert Hall Gala Concert for Hertfordshire Schools. We travelled into London on a coach and the views as we went through the city were breath-taking. As someone who usually travels into London by train, the coach journey was superb, seeing so much more and enjoying the expertise of the driver as he pointed out the landmarks.



The morning rehearsal was very focused, and the children had to maintain their concentration for a long time. The conductor had them work again and again on key parts, including starting strongly and enunciating the words.

They were certainly ready for a break for lunch. The anticipation and nerves were building as they had then had to wait for what was not a long period, but apparently seemed so, before going back down to the stage for the actual performance. Many of them had spotted their parents coming in and that added to the excitement.

The 2023 Gala was entitled “Give Life Back to Music” and featured a massed primary and secondary school choir accompanied by the Hertfordshire Schools’ Symphony Orchestra. There were also performances from dance groups, an *a capella* choir and the Suzuki strings group, which featured violinists who could have been no more than four or five years old playing superbly.

During the morning, I was with the children and Mrs Cook as they rehearsed, but for the actual performance I was up in the gallery enjoying the full effect. It was brilliant. I was so impressed with the excellence of the orchestra and the quality of the music as the voices from primary and secondary were weaved together to create beautiful harmonies. It was excellent. Royal Albert Hall is such an impressive place to visit but actually being inside, part of the performance was amazing. It was such a great experience for the children. The parents who joined us all expressed how superb it was and how they were delighted that their children had been able to gain from this truly memorable experience.

Card for the King competition: We were very proud of Lorcan and Lexie who were the winner and runner-up for the MP Julie Marson's Card for the King competition. The card has now been sent to Their Majesties and the two children received a copy, with a message of thank you from Julie. It is fantastic to see that the two winners of this Hertford and Stortford competition both come from our school. Both children were able to enjoy this moment of congratulations with family members. Both families have been invited to parliament for a visit and tour. (see above)

The School Council and Eco Teams took the opportunity of the MP's visit to speak to her and ask questions. There were some great ones, including what is being done locally for the environment, what should be done to ensure children are aware of electric cars when crossing roads and what can be done to get a safe place to cross outside of Spellbrook.



The children have been preparing for the coronation of King Charles III. They have learned a little about his life and were fascinated to hear that he was the first heir apparent to attend school, rather than just having tutors and also the first heir apparent to be present at the birth of his children. The children have learned a fun song, exploring ideas of "If I was king", including 'gaming on my throne' and having a trampoline park in the palace. Some have also been making fantastic crowns (see below) and are looking forward to the celebrations.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



Ruby and Sapphire Class Crowns



Emerald Class Crowns



Diamond Class Crowns

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Father Simon writes:

Whether you're a royalist or not, this weekend will no doubt be a time of great celebration for many. After all, with the monarchy so much part of our national culture, the weekend will be an opportunity to celebrate what it means to be British. At Great St Mary's, we'll be marking it with a celebratory bring-your-own lunch at 12.30pm this Sunday (drinks provided, including Prosecco!) ahead of a 3pm service of thanksgiving.



Of course, whilst forming the bedrock of our society and its institutions, much of the role of the sovereign is now ceremonial. Take, for example, his role as Supreme Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith - a title created by the Tudors in the wake of King Henry VIII's break from the Roman Catholic Church. It's the reason why, even in a country where church attendance has dropped massively and with less than half the population of England and Wales now considering themselves Christian, it continues to be the responsibility of the Archbishop of Canterbury to crown our monarch in Westminster Abbey.

The coronation service itself is a solemn ritual of great ancient symbolism. There's much pomp and circumstance. But at the heart of it is also the very personal commitment and dedication

of a single person to his people and to God. So, the ring King Charles will receive is marked with a cross, whilst the other coronation regalia - including the crown - are all topped with a cross symbolising the authority of Christ. Meanwhile, a dove - the symbol of God's Holy Spirit - perches on the cross at the top of the rod. Together, they remind us that, no matter what earthly power we give to certain people and institutions, ultimately Jesus Christ is king overall.



At the very centre of the coronation is a ritual with roots in the Old Testament; in our country, it can be traced back to the coronation of King Edgar by St Dunstan in AD 973. It sees the Archbishop of Canterbury anointing The King with holy oil as a means of preparing him for God's service. Whilst this most holy moment will be shielded from our public gaze, the moment of anointing in the coronation will be King Charles' outward and visible act signifying an inward and invisible bestowing of God's holy grace upon him as he serves us - the people of our nation and Commonwealth.

And so, as King Charles prepares for his coronation and we prepare to celebrate this special moment in our nation's history, we pray for him, for his family, and for ourselves: that we will all be blessed during his time as our sovereign.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Ewan



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ George for fantastic effort in class.
- ✚ Arthur for becoming more resilient in class.

Sapphire

- ✚ Pedro for fantastic focus in reading lessons.
- ✚ Niah for excellent effort in Read Write Inc.

Emerald

- ✚ Waris for settling in well this week.
- ✚ Stanley H for great focus and effort in all lessons.

Diamond

- ✚ Charlie C for improved focus in his learning.
- ✚ Mariia for excellent art skills.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 98.22%

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.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	❖ Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday	❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Spanish Omelette (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Gammon (Red) ❖ Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Pea & Lemon Risotto (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

NOTICES

- ✚ **Coronation Bank Holiday** – school will be closed on **Monday 8th May**. School resumes on **Tuesday 9th May** at the usual time.
- ✚ **Year 6 SATs** start from **Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May**. Year 6 children are invited to have breakfast in school for the duration of the SATs. Children should arrive at **8.20 am**.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Swimming** – there will be **no** swimming on **Wednesday 10th May** due to SATs week.
- ✚ **Diamond Class Activity Week** – this is a reminder that full payment is due on **Friday 19th May**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU



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



ESSA MAY HALF TERM WATER ACTIVITIES



MAY HALF TERM WATER ACTIVITIES AT ESSA

Multi-Activity Days - Every Day
Introduction to Kayaking - Morning of 1st June
Introduction to SUPs - Afternoon of 1st June
RYA Stage 1 Sailing Course - 30th/31st May
RYA Stage 2 Sailing Course - 30th/31st May
RYA Stage 3 Sailing Course - 31st May/1st/2nd June

MAY 30TH - 2ND JUNE 2023

Please contact ESSA Bookings for more details:
bookings@essa.org.uk 07483 336741 www.essa.org.uk
ESSA Water Activities Centre, Central Lagoon, Meadgate Road, Nazeing, EN9 2PB.

WWW.ESSA.ORG.UK/GROUPS/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES/#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

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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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Beginners 4.30pm - 5.15pm Intermediate 5.15pm - 6.00pm Advanced 6.00pm - 7.00pm

TUESDAY

HIGH WYCH MEMORIAL HALL, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS CM21 0HX
Beginners 4.00pm - 4.45pm Novice 4.45pm - 5.30pm
Intermediate 5.30pm - 6.30pm Advanced 6.30pm - 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

ST JAMES WITH ST LUKES CHURCH HALL, PERRY ROAD, HARLOW, ESSEX CM18 7NP
Beginners 4.30pm - 5.15pm Intermediate 5.15pm - 6.00pm Advanced 6.00pm - 7.00pm

THURSDAY

AGE CONCERN HALL, PRIORY STREET, WARE, HERTS SG12 0DE
Beginners 4.15pm - 5.00pm Novice 5.00pm - 6.00pm

FRIDAY

R.A BUTLER INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX CB11 3DG
Beginners 4.30 - 5.15pm Novice 5.15 - 6.00pm Intermediate 6.00 - 6.45pm
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Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Sunday 28th May 2023

Tuesday 30th May 2023

(10.30am to 4.00pm)



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**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
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27th July

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1st August
2nd August

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9th August
10th August

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16th August
17th August

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WEDNESDAY EVENING AFTER SCHOOL SAILING



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Wednesday 6pm-8pm
Instructor led session. No previous
experience is required. Beginners up to
RYA Stage 2.

Practice Sailing
Wednesday 6pm-8pm
No instructor. Safety cover provided.
Must be Stage 2 or above.

Both activities are run on a pay per session basis. Advanced booking required.

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