



NEWSLETTER – 14th July 2023

VALUE: Respect

Focus: Valuing Different Opinions

“In everything - in every circumstance – do to others as you would have them do to you.0
(Matthew 7:12)

FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Music Presentation

The final weeks of the summer term are always busy, and this year is proving to be no exception. Outdoor events are planned and with luck the weather causes few problems. We have been rather lucky this year, so far. During the Summer Fair, we had some rain during set up but then it was fine. Our music presentation (see below) took place in glorious sunshine and sports day, apart from a ten minute shower just after the start, was cloudy but dry.

Music Presentation: Last Friday, we were delighted with the number of parents that joined us for the music presentation. We are keen to share the progress the Diamond class children make, learning to play stringed instruments. This year, we said goodbye and thank you to Mrs White, who has been teaching strings here for 17 years and doing such a fantastic job of it. We are waiting to find out who the new teacher will be. It was also lovely to have musical contributions from the rest

Emerald Class Local Walk: Emerald Class are studying waterways of the UK in geography. They have learned about the water cycle, about seas, rivers, and canals. They were able to contextualise their knowledge during a local walk. They considered the difference between a river and a canal and enjoyed talking about these as they looked for various identifying features. We are lucky to have such beautiful countryside on our doorstep.



of the school, with even the Nursery children having the confidence to sing and play instruments in front of a large audience.



Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park: On Monday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 spent the day at Paradise Wildlife Park. Ruby's topic is animals and Sapphire's science focus is living things and their habitats. Some of the highlights of this busy day included a 'Camel Talk'



by one of the zookeepers during which the children found out about the different types of camels, the number of humps and the purpose of the humps - to store fat, not water as many people think. There was a 'Free-flying Birds show' with owls that flew directly over the children's heads, a cheeky kookaburra and a bowerbird that stole things. The children also saw the lions being fed and lots of animals such as tigers, zebras, snow leopards and kangaroos. They had a great day out.



Sports Day: The parental support was brilliant; the weather was dodgy but after an early shower turned out fine and the children were all up for a very active afternoon. The children in their year groups, gaining points for their House, took part in a whole range of activities. They jumped for distance and height, threw for accuracy (beanbags into hoops) and distance (wellies), worked together to pass a ball above their heads multiple times, dribbled a ball with a hockey stick and scored goals with a football.



They then had running races within their year groups. It was lovely to hear the children and parents encouraging and cheering as the children all tried to do their best. The balance of cooperation, fun and competition provided something for everyone.



KS2 SATS: We have just received the results of the SATs that Year 6 took in May. These standardised assessments take part in every primary school across the country. Whilst not being the only measure of success, they do have significant impact on the children and on the school. The outcomes are used by secondary schools as part of their initial data gathering about their students and can have an impact on expectations. They are part of the

information that Ofsted use when determining a school's grade and the league tables that come out in the Autumn term are used by some parents when choosing a school for their child.

Please see the table below – some of the comparative data is not available yet.

		Maths	Reading	Writing	Grammar	Science	RWM
Spellbrook	Expected	100.0%	87.5%	75.0%	87.5%	87.5%	75.0%
	Greater Depth	31.3%	50.0%	37.5%	37.5%		31.3%
Herts average (14,701 students)	Expected	74.5%	75.6%	69.6%	75.3%		59.7%
	Greater Depth	28.2%	33.9%	15.7%	34.3%		
National Average	Expected	73%	73%	71%	72%	80%	59%

As you can see, the results for our Year 6 compare exceedingly favourably with the local and national figures. Every child achieving at least the expected level for maths is brilliant and half of them achieving greater depth for reading is also superb. We are really pleased and proud of our pupils for the effort that they have sustained to achieve these results and our staff for teaching them so effectively.

We are looking forward to our Leavers Service next week, where we can celebrate some of the successes and hear some of their memories and hope to see many of you there with us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

I'll be honest and say that I'm not the best dancer - not that I've ever practised or taken lessons. But, whenever I hear a certain worship song, it takes me back to a time when I was involved in a church choir in Stockport on the outskirts of Manchester, and the song makes me want to sway and clap and move my feet.



The song - 'You shall go out with joy' - is based on words that we're going to be hearing in the first of Sunday's readings in church. "You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" *[Isaiah 55:12]*



The song's full of joy. It starts slowly, getting faster and faster, and in that Stockport church we used to frequently sing it at the end of weddings. One just can't help tapping a toe to it, if not swaying, clapping hands, and dancing with the energy of its exuberant acceleration. The choir certainly couldn't resist, with their musical worship turning into contagious worshipful movement.

Of course, just as the number of amateur choirs and orchestras testifies to the popularity of corporate music-making, dance is also relational; rarely does one dance completely alone. And the energy and celebration of a group of people dancing can lift the spirits high. It's for that very reason that people dance at wedding receptions; my wife and I had a ceilidh at our wedding reception - the Celtic equivalent of a barn dance... though I suspect the Scots wouldn't thank me for describing it like that!

And, in many ways, that's how I think of God's world: all of us called into a single, relational, joyful dance of life with one another, and with God.

Indeed, based on ancient sources, Richard Rohr - the American Franciscan friar - suggests one might even consider God the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - as being united as One, in a single, eternal, foundational, mutual, active, dynamic, intersecting, divine dance. And Rohr goes even further, suggesting "God is not the dancer but the dance itself!" As Three becomes One and One becomes Three, we have God in a constant flow of relationship and communion.



So the energy, expression and emotion of dance - either literal or metaphorical - is a good way to understand God, our relationship with God, and our relationship with one another.

The simple question is: will you take up God's invitation to that eternal divine dance?

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and last week of term,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Eliza
Emilia

Sapphire
Annabelle

Diamond
Oliver
Teddy



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Teddy for consistently working hard and listening to instructions.
- ✚ Devon for being kind and helpful to others.

Sapphire

- ✚ Lucas for amazing learning behaviour and for trying hard to answer questions.
- ✚ Lilly for her enthusiasm in lessons.

Emerald

- ✚ Alice for showing great resilience.
- ✚ Harry for fantastic application of his spelling strategies.

Diamond

- ✚ Ava for always being positive towards learning.
- ✚ Maizee-Leigh for great work on her bee project.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

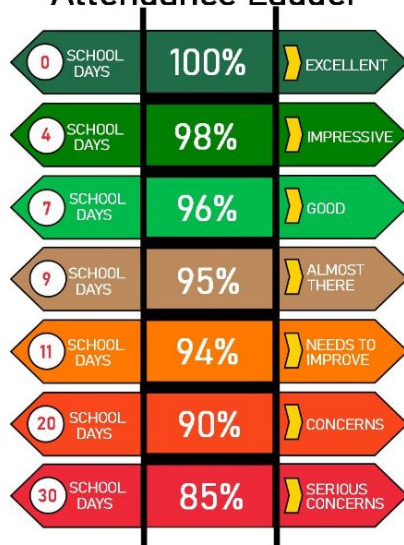
Whole School
Attendance – 93.36%

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.

Attendance Ladder



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Red) ❖ Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Spanish Omelette (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Gammon (Red) ❖ Veggie Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Pea & Lemon Risotto (V) (Green)

NOTICES

- Bouncy Day on Monday 17th July** – Please provide consent for your child to attend via Arbor by clicking on **Trips < Bouncy Day 2023** and follow the prompts. Children should come to school dressed in their **PE kit**, with a hat, bottle of water and sun cream already applied. **If you have not yet provided consent via Arbor, please do so by the end of day today.**
- Leavers Service – Thursday 20th July.** Parents and carers are invited to attend the Leavers Service at Great St Mary's church at **2.15 pm**. The children will be travelling by coach to the church after lunch. **Children should be picked up promptly from the church at 3.00 pm.**
- Outstanding Payments** – could we kindly ask parents to settle any outstanding payments for school dinners, trips and clubs via Arbor by **Friday 14th July** please. Outstanding payments will show up in **red** in Arbor. Please ensure your child's dinner account is in credit for the start of the new term.
- Last Day of Term is Friday 21st July.** Children finish at the earlier time of **1.30 pm**.
- School resumes on Tuesday 5th September** at the usual time for children in **Year 1 to 6**. **Nursery and Reception** have a separate transition timetable.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
17/07/23	Bouncy Day
20/07/23	Leavers Service at Great St Mary's
21/07/23	Last Day of Term
01/09/23	Inset 1
04/09/23	Inset 2
05/09/23	First Day Back
13/09/23	Emerald Class Swimming Starts
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
13/12/23	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Battered Fish Fillet (Red)❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green)❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

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



Great St Mary's
Sawbridgeworth

Passion for Christ - Compassion for all

Mustard Seed - our monthly short, informal service with crafts and activities

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Join us

this Sunday 16th July at 4pm

for fun, food, and crafts

as we look forward to our holidays!



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Get growing with our After-School Gardening Club

Wednesdays from 3.20pm-4.30pm



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions to July 5
June 7 - July 5
- 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 June 7 and make a payment of £30 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 £30 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,

21.05.23

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver after school clubs, which will begin on Tuesday 6th June.

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

Tuesday

Football

Thursday

Capture the flag

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

Capture the flag is a running focused activity that improves pupils, tactics, teamwork, endurance and communication skills.

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: enquires@gjwsports.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mr Gershon Jack Williams
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Some walk-in appointments may be available, but cannot be guaranteed

CAFE

TOSS IT? NO WAY!

WHEN: Saturday 22 July, 2 to 5pm

WHERE: Bullfields Centre, Cutforth Road, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9EA

COST: Repairs are free but please give a donation towards costs

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Tea, coffee and
homemade cake will
be on sale



Essex Fire Museum Open Days

**Sunday 30th July
Tuesday 15th August
Sunday 27th August
(10.30am to 4.00pm)**



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS**



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