



SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARN TOGETHER - ENJOY TOGETHER - SUCCEED TOGETHER

NEWSLETTER – 21st July 2023

VALUE: Respect

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



Bouncy Day

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I have become convinced that time is a very confusing phenomenon. It seems just a short moment ago that this school year began, with lots of plans for the year ahead. However, looking back it also feels like a long time and must be as we have had so many experiences, seen the children make so many memories and achieve so much in their learning and development. This morning, we had our final assembly of the year and as well as giving out certificates for the super homework, awarding Stars of the Year to one child from each year group, we also reflected on some of the events that have taken place. It took some time and we certainly left some out. What an incredibly busy year. It has been particularly lovely to be able to end the year with events that have included you, the parents and friends of the school.

Yesterday, we held our Leavers Service at Great St Mary's Church. The church was packed full with the whole school and many families, celebrating the achievements of our Year 6 pupils. We heard some of their memories and how they will cherish their time with us. Their speeches included thanks for the wonderful teaching and great activities and their confidence and readiness for the next stage in their education shone through. Children from other classes shared prayers of thanks and prayers for their future. The songs about the journey of life and taking one more step as well as the 'leaver's song' were sung enthusiastically by all. A version of Psalm 23, with a descant part from Diamond Class, was particularly beautiful. Some passers-by even stopped to enjoy the singing. This was a lovely community event where we all came together to reflect on the joys of the past and wish these super young people all the best for the future.



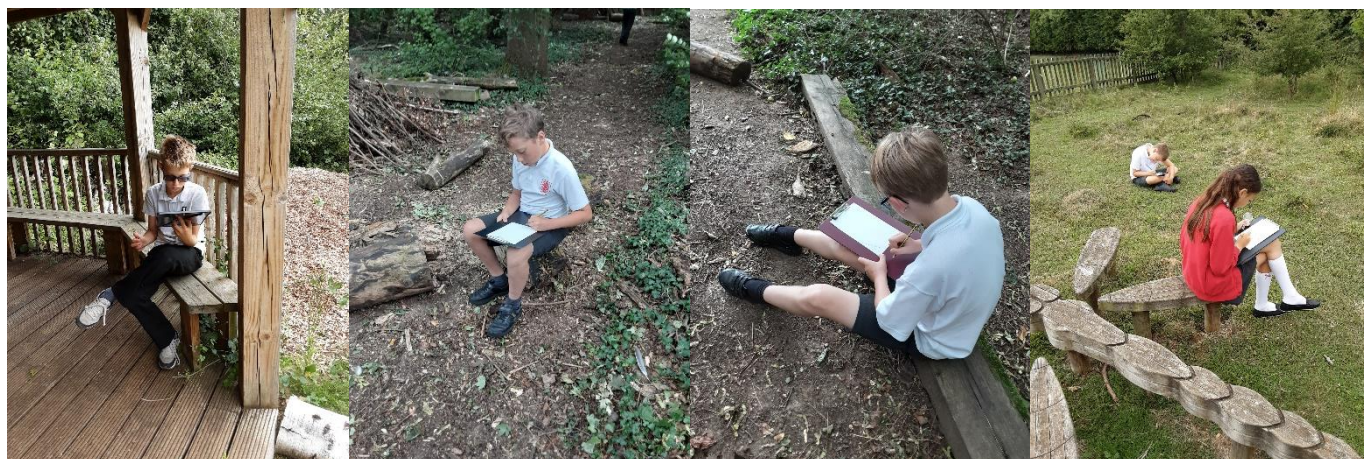
Thank you to Stock Florist in Florence walk, Bishops Stortford for the leavers' roses for the service yesterday, which were most generously paid for by Mrs Milan (who is the manager there) and Mr Milan.

We also took the opportunity to say thank you for all the help Mrs Fay Clark has given the school as a member of the Governing Body. For the last few years, she has been the Chair of Governors and has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, supporting the school, helping us to manage all of the governance tasks that are required and providing support and encouragement. We wish her well as she retires from this post and are very grateful for all of her help.



Diamond Class: Observational art. Ella and Oscar wrote this report.

On Wednesday, we set out to the outdoor classroom in the woodland to do some nature sketching. We had paper, a clipboard and pencil. We had the choice to draw a landscape or individual parts anything we could see outdoors. We spent a lot of time on this and many of our drawing turned out identical to the things we had drawn. Lots of people decided to draw landscapes of trees and view and some others decided to sketch flowers. It was relaxing and therapeutic and we would love to do it again.



Emerald Class have brought together their learning in science and Design and Technology by working in teams to design and build lighthouse night lights, complete with a working light bulb and self-designed switch. They used tools that they have not used before and enjoyed doing so. They completed very effective products and then explained how they solved problems such as where to put the battery, how to route the wires through the model and how to create a switch.

Bouncy Day: Eshal, Celia and Finley produced this report.

Bouncy Day was fun and a nice break from lessons. I loved the races on the inflatable obstacle course with friends because they were chaotic and hilarious. Everyone kept on falling over and rolling on top of each other and having a great time. A personal favourite of mine was the bouncy castle with the Unicorn slide because people were tumbling everywhere. Even though it was our last Bouncy Day, other children will enjoy it in the future, so to sum it up it was so amazing.



Josh (Y5): "I enjoyed racing my friends and sliding down."

Freddy (Y4): "I liked doing something different from usual school games with my friends"

Henry (Y2): "I liked bouncing high."

Scarlett (Y2): "I liked going down the slides."

Kaden (Y1): "I liked climbing up then going fast down the slides."

Niveth (R): "I loved it because it was fun."

Wishing you all a lovely summer break.

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Fr Simon writes:

It was a bittersweet time to be in church leading our Leavers' Service yesterday. We were there to celebrate so many wonderful things that have happened over the past year, but we were also there to say farewell to core members of our school family: 16 brilliant, engaging Year 6 pupils, and our gentle, diligent, affirming Chair of Governors Fay Clark who's made an incredible contribution over the past 14 years to the school and its life, giving so much of her time, energy and enthusiasm.



In my talk, I explored how life can be seen as a journey. Some of that journey - not least their time at Spellbrook for Fay and our Year 6 pupils - will be behind us, disappearing in the rear-view mirror. But the road also stretches ahead of us with who knows what adventures and joys just around the corner.

As part of my talk, I had a rucksack with me for the journey of life. It contained a library card, reminding us that we're frequently members of a group. In many ways, the Spellbrook School uniform is the membership card of our school family and reminds us of the part we've played in that family.

A postcard was in the bag, ready to send cherished memories of our journey to others. No doubt, in the days, months and years ahead, our Year 6 pupils will recall and share their time at Spellbrook with fondness.

But not everything goes well. A pack of wet wipes in the bag reminded me that sometimes we have to clear up a mess we've made - not least sometimes in our relationships. The word 'sorry' - sincerely used - is a good wet wipe to help us get back on track.

We often carry a passport in our bag when we travel. It allows us to move from one community to another. Now that they've finished their time at Spellbrook, our 16 Year 6 pupils have a passport to a new school with new joys, friendships, and challenges ahead of them.

A map is, of course, always good when we travel. It shows us where the safe and dangerous areas are around us, and can help us chart the most appropriate route, whilst a torch is always good for lighting the way.

Of course, Jesus described himself as the 'The Light of the World'. He said that, if we follow his light - if we follow his guidance - we won't go too far wrong. And he also sent his followers out into the world to be beacons of light - shining out with joy and goodness for a better tomorrow.

As we all head off for a summer break - and as our Year 6 pupils and Fay move on to seek new challenges and opportunities - I hope we'll finish the year seeing ourselves - and others - as God sees us: precious, unique, loved, and full of potential as beacons of hope.

Wishing you all much happiness, contentment, and relaxation,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE SUMMER BREAK

Ruby
Arthur

Sapphire
Johnny
Donnie
Abel
Kaden
Niah
Jessica
Scarlett

Emerald
Zainab
Poppy
Alden
Stanley T
Jacob

Diamond
Taliya
Alfie
Jim
Daniel



STARS OF THE YEAR

Ruby

- ✚ Gracie for becoming more confident in class and great participation in group work.
- ✚ Samuel for great effort in all his learning and for being a fantastic friend to all.

Sapphire

- ✚ Lisa for consistently giving 110% effort in her learning and for always being kind and polite.
- ✚ Lorenzo for always trying his best in everything he does and for amazing learning behaviour and kindness.

Emerald

- ✚ Zainab for her super progress and participation this year.
- ✚ Louis for his fantastic progress this year.

Diamond

- ✚ Olivia for great perseverance and resilience in all her learning.
- ✚ Joshua for incredible progress this year.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 90.55%

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

- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Emerald Class Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 13th September** (current Year 2 & 3).

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger (V) (Red) ❖ Baked Bean & Cheese Slice (V) (Green) ❖ Tomato Pasta with Cheese (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Sweet Potato & Pea Samosa Burrito (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pork Sausages (Red) ❖ Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green) ❖ Cheesy Pasta (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Cake (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
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
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





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



£4.50 per
session
payable
via arbor

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not be
catered for
cooked
breakfast

Please book 24
hours ahead to
ensure
availability

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

24th July - 31st August

Sports & Activity Camp
Football Camp
Mini Camp



Ages 4-12

To make a booking please visit: gjwsports.co.uk
9am-3pm, £22 per day

Reedings Junior School, Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, HERTS, CM21 9DD

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REPAIR

Toaster blown? Lamp not turning on? Don't bin it!

Find out if our repairers can fix it at Repair Cafe. You can bring:

- **Electrical items** - e.g. toasters, kettles, vacuum cleaners
- **Computers and laptops** - software repairs
- **Sewing repairs** - e.g. trousers, coats, bags
- **General items** - e.g. ornaments, jewellery or small furniture

Book your place at repaircafesawbo.eventbrite.co.uk

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

Supported by Sustainable Sawbridgeworth

Tea, coffee and homemade cake will be on sale



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SUNDAY

20TH AUGUST

6:00PM



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What's on at HENRY this Autumn

**We will have free crèche facilities available.
All programmes start w/c 25th September,
and will run for 8 weeks with a break for
October half term.**

Tuesdays

26th September, Broadwater Family Centre,
Stevenage.
12.30-2.30pm

Wednesdays

27th September, Online 12.30-1.30pm or
5.30-6.30pm

Thursdays

28th September, South Oxhey Family
Centre, Watford.
10-12pm

To register or find out
more about our services
contact us on
01707 248648 or
info@beezeebodies.co.uk

