

SPELLBROOK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



FLOURISHING IN LOVE AND LEARNING

NEWSLETTER - 13th October 2023

VALUE: Thankfulness

Focus: Giving thanks even when times are difficult

"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(Ephesians 5.20)





Little Red Riding Hood (Sapphire Class)

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

One of the roles of a headteacher is to work with the governing body to formulate the school's vision and values. As a church school, we draw from our identity of being a Church of England school that was founded to provide education and spiritual support for those in the local area, regardless of their background and status. When I first joined Spellbrook, we worked on our vision statement and agreed this:

Our vision is for Spellbrook Primary School to be an inclusive learning community, where everyone strives for excellence within a Christian environment.

Last year, we adopted a particular verse from the bible from one of the gospels: "In everything - in every circumstance - do to others as you would have them do to you." (St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 7, verse 12)

This is often referred to as the Golden Rule, and its inclusion in many religions and belief systems as a specific scriptural verse or general piece of teaching, was one of the reasons we chose it. We refer to it often and encourage the staff and children to make choices that reflect this intention.

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RECEPTION

More recently we have reconsidered the school Mission Statement and motto. We have done this to celebrate the church school identity, with values such as love and supportiveness at the heart of all we do, whilst focusing on being an inclusive school where we do our best to ensure that pupils of all faiths and backgrounds are able to flourish and reach their potential. The result is:

Mission Statement: Through a culture of kindness and supportiveness built on the Golden Rule, we will meet the needs of all learners and enable them to flourish and reach their full potential.

Motto: "Flourishing in Love and Learning"

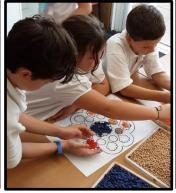
As we continue to embed this phrase in our school's culture and do everything to live by it, we hope it will increasingly reflect the school that your children experience and that you all know and support.

English in Sapphire Class: (See first page) Sapphire Class went to the woodlands this week to reenact a scene from Little Red Riding hood. The children took it in turns to be Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf. The children had to be in character. Little Red Riding Hood was walking through the forest without a care in the world on her way to Granny's house, the wolf spotted her and decided that she would make a tasty treat, so crept up behind her to chat to her and find out why she was in the forest. This led to a good discussion about whether we should talk to strangers and what sort of people we should trust.

Gymnastics in Sapphire: All children are now able to perform a forward roll independently or with minimal support and they have been working on their balances specifically an arabesque and stalk pose, really focusing on head control, ability to adjust to a movement and gross motor skills to enable them to balance on one leg for a longer period of time.

Rangoli Patterns: For R.E, Emerald Class are learning about Hinduism. They have found out about Diwali and have been working in groups, using natural pulses and grains to create these Rangoli patterns.







Dance Workshops: (See next page) As part of Black History Month, a time where we specifically focus on widening our cultural experiences, we had dance workshops for each class. The dancer, Emmanuel, has worked around the world teaching dances that originate from different parts of the African continent. Each class had a workshop with him. Our journalists, Josh and Alden wrote this report.

"On Monday, each class had an African dancing lesson in the hall. The moves we learnt had lot of meaning and came from different parts of Africa. For example, one move was from South Africa and was used to warm hunters up when they were cold. There were moves with your legs, your hips and your arms. There were wavey motions, with different parts and many more. We had an instructor; his name was Emmanuel. He was from Uganda. He was fun he taught us what the means of the moves we did. We found concentrating difficult because it was so exciting. Also remembering the moves and how to do them. Our favourite part was when he told us the meanings of the dances and where they came from.

We were able to ask questions. We asked, "how and why were we doing the moves?" and found out that some moves were to excite hunters when they go away.

We asked, "Do they do this everywhere in Africa?" and found out that different countries and tribes have different moves.

Dancing was also extremely fun. Mainly we felt hot, sweaty and exhausted but it did make us feel happier, fitter and more knowledgeable about African dancing. "

Visit to Duxford: Diamond Class had a great trip to Duxford Imperial War museum. Our journalists are working on a report that we will share with you next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jeremy Fisher















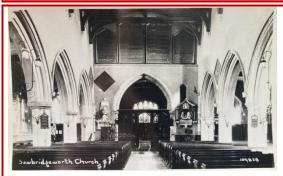




Congatulations to Amelie who won 2^{nd} place in her category, Modern Dance for 7-8 year olds at the East Herts Festival of the Arts.

If any parents would like us to share the celebrations when their child achieves something special outside of school, please contact the office.

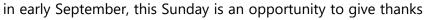
MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH



Father Simon writes:

This Sunday, we'll be celebrating the Feast of Dedication at Great St Mary's.

Having celebrated the life of Blessed Mary at our patronal festival



to God for the church building itself, set at the heart of Sawbridgeworth.



Our church buildings are special places set apart, dedicated, and consecrated to God and part of our Christian mission to our communities precisely because they help us on *our* spiritual journey. They help us, through our worship and witness, "in everything - in every circumstance – to do to others as you would have them do to you."

So, this Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for all that Great St Mary's means to us and for the countless number who've worshipped in it over

its eight centuries and cared for the building. It's an opportunity to give thanks for the possibility the building affords us of placing God at the centre of our town and school's life. It's an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to ensuring that, through our prayers and actions, Great St Mary's is not only a memorial to the faith of previous generations but a vibrant, fitting, outward-looking home in which all may encounter the Living God for generations to come.



So this Sunday afternoon at 4pm we're going to be celebrating our Feast of Dedication with a special Mustard Seed gathering where, in addition to designing our own church buildings and stained glass windows, there will be party food a plenty (hot dogs!), all aimed at the younger members of our community. It would be lovely to see you.

God bless, *Fr Simon*



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby Luca Sapphire Issy

Emerald Georgia



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ♣ Florence for always trying and having a go.
- Peter for fantastic participation in lessons and following the rules.

Sapphire

- Eliza for great participation in maths.
- Vogue for fantastic concentration and learning behaviours on the carpet.

Emerald

- Sergiusz for always trying his best in everythin he does.
- Lisa for her fantastic attitude towards learning.

Diamond

- Lexie for excellent focus and behaviour at all times.
- Josh for great knowledge and enthusiasm on the school trip.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School Attendance - 94.81%

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

- ➡ Half Term school breaks up for half term at the usual time on Friday 20th October. School resumes on Monday 30th October.
- **¥** Year 6 deadline to apply for secondary school place is Tuesday 31st October. Applications after this date will be classed as late applications.
- Leave of Absence to request leave of absence for your child/ren, please ask at the school office for a Leave of Absence form. Family holiday requests are routinely recorded as unauthorised absence. Only in exceptional circumstances will days off school be authorised. You may be asked to make an appointment to discuss the requested leave with the headteacher.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU						
Day	Menu					
Monday	 Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) (Red) Baked Bean & Cheese Slice (Ve) (Green) Jacket Potato (Yellow) Cheese Roll (Blue) 					
Tuesday	 Beef Bolognese (Red) Sweet Potato & Pea Samosa Burrito (Ve) (Green) Jacket Potato (Yellow) Cheese Roll (Blue) 					
Wednesday	 ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) 					
Thursday	 Pork Sausages with Gravy (Red) Cheese Pinwheel (V) (Green) Jacket Potato (Yellow) Cheese Roll (Blue) 					
Friday	 Fishcake (Red) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) Jacket Potato (Yellow) Cheese Roll (Blue) 					

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Date	Event
19/10/23	Tag Ruby at BSRFC - Diamond
23/10/23 -	Half Term
27/10/23	
31/10/23	Deadline to apply for secondary school
	place – Year 6
07/11/23	Parent Consultations
08/11/23	PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
29/11/23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
07/12/23	Pantomime – South Mill Arts
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
16/01/24	Young Voices @ O2 Arena (Diamond)
19/02/24 –	Half Term
23/02/24	
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 –	Half Term
31/05/24	
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







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

Half-term: 23rd - 27th October

Sports & Activity Camp (years 3-7) Football Camp (years 1-7) Mini Camp (reception, years 1+2)



Ages 4-12

children aged

5-11 years

GJWSPORTS

To make a booking please visit: gjwsports.co.uk 9am-3pm, advance booking £22 per day (£26 on the day)

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



www.gjwsports.co.uk





Mobile: 07817 528652

- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £36.00 for six sessions September 13 to half-term

www.wellbeangardening.com

- 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 September 13 and make a payment of £36 in cash/a cheque made payable to:

	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 or	nly put measures into place if you let us know.
Well Bean Gardening has a Facebook page (ple what we get up to at the club will be posted.	ease check it out and like) and every week an update of
If you DO NOT want photos of your child to be please tick the box:(Please note that children	
Payment of £36 has been made via Cash/Che	que/Bacs with the reference name of:
Email: wendy@wellbeangardening.com	facebook.com/wellbeangardening



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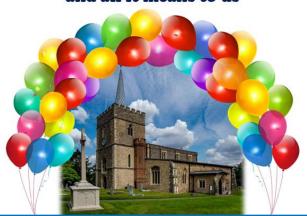
Join us

grown-ups.

activities

on Sunday 15th October at 4pm

for fun, food, and crafts as we celebrate our church building and all it means to us





ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Remembering our loved ones with gratitude

Our annual opportunity to gather and remember those who have died, and to light a candle in their memory

Sunday 5th November 3pm

Followed by light refreshments in Church House





B Discover Bucks
Museum

& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum Church Street Aylesbury HP20 2QP discoverbucksmuseum.org 01296 331441

October Half-Term

23 - 28 October 2023

Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm Saturday 10am - 4pm

Join us this October half-term for a fun-filled family-friendly week of arts and crafts topped off with a spooky family Halloween day on Saturday 28 October.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code











Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Days

Tuesday 24th October 2023 Sunday 29th October 2023 (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



H[®]LIDAY CAMP SPECIAL EVENTS

October half-term

Bike/scooter skills: Tuesday 24th

Bouncy castle: Wednesday 25th

Water balloons: Thursday 26th

Cupcake decoration: Friday 27th



Events subject to change dependent on weather

Ages 4-12

To make a booking please visit: gjwsports.co.uk 9am-3pm, advance booking £22 per day (£26 on the day)

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