



NEWSLETTER - 26th January 2024

VALUE: Perseverance

Focus: Doing the Right Thing

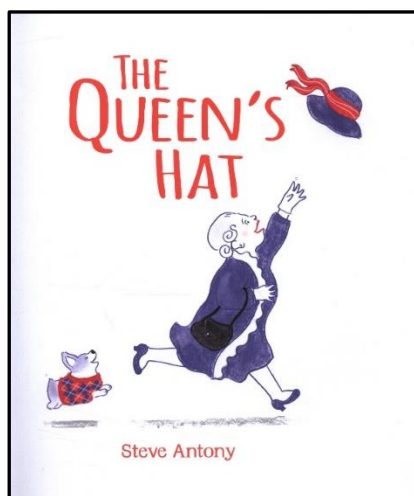
'I can do all things through him who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Drama: At the end of last week, Ruby and Sapphire Class were lucky to have 'Perform', an outside drama agency in to provide a Wild Western experience. The children role played an adventure in which they had to search for the horse with the golden hair, walk like horse riders, climb mountains and trek through the desert. They learned movements for the different animals: bobcat, snake and eagles. They also had to act like statues whenever the golden horse appeared. Both classes enjoyed their lessons and the fun of engaging with the story.

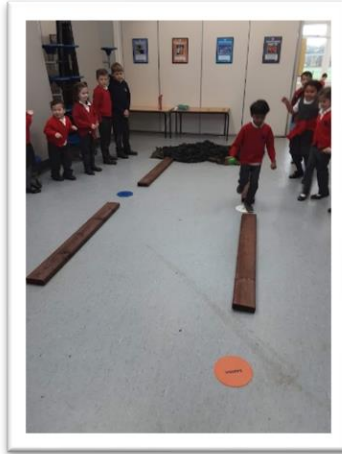
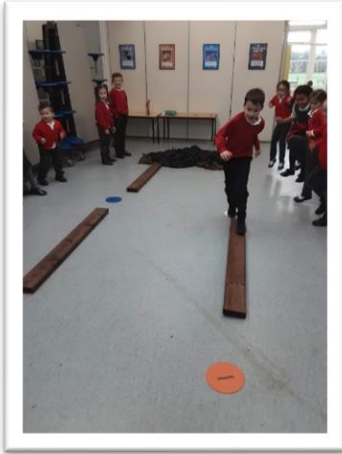


Virtual Exploration: This week in Sapphire Class: As part of their English work, the children used the 360 degree Visit London website to explore London from the London Eye and familiarise themselves with famous London landmarks to help support their writing based on the book, "The Queen's Hat". The children really enjoyed using the computers to explore the landmarks and were fascinated by the way that a click of a button let them actually enter the buildings. They worked really well together in pairs to support each other with the spellings of some of the trickier names.



Commando Joes: Sapphire Class's Commando Joes' challenge this week was based on Little Red Riding Hood, a story they have already studied in English. The challenge included picking flowers (balls) from the meadow (cammo net), making their way through the forest, (planks) and throwing the balls into the bucket on the other

side for granny (actually it was the teddy mascot). There was a competition to see which team could get the most flowers to granny. Most of the children are doing very well, accepting that their team does not always win.



Emerald Class PE: One of Emerald classes' PE sessions this week focussed on dance and was linked to their Roman's topic. The children worked in groups and developed moves that represented different Roman Soldier actions. They practised a sequence then performed their moves to the others, who sat around watching them, like a Roman audience in an amphitheatre.



Have a super weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



This past Sunday 21.1.2024, Amelie took part in the 'Live Loud Dance Competition' in Billericay and won medals in the following:

Silver (2nd place) Modern Junior Solo

Gold (1st place) Modern Junior Duet - first time performing this piece for an audience.

Congratulations Amelie!



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

This weekend at Great St Mary's we're celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - the official end of the Christmas season.



It's the feast or festival when we remember the moment Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus, along with two sacrificial doves, to the temple in Jerusalem to fulfil what's required of them in the Jewish tradition following the birth of every firstborn male.



But this feast day also has another name: Candlemas - the mass/holy communion service/eucharist at which, in years and centuries past, all the candles which were to be used in church in the year ahead were blessed by the priest. We don't do that so much these days but, as we prepare to put away the Christmas crib, we do light all the candles in church - and many more! - as a last celebration of Jesus - God's Son - coming into our world at that first Christmas.



As I've probably written before, one of the many ways Christians describe Jesus is as 'the Light of the World'. Light is a potent symbol of so many things: resurrection, life, healing, joy... and, of course, light can illuminate our path and allow us to see things - both literally and figuratively.

I hope you found some illumination this past Christmas and Epiphany; the gift God gave us that first Christmas - Jesus - is not only our redeemer but friend. But, whilst we've reflected in church on numerous biblical epiphanies or illuminations over the past few weeks, God continues to reveal and make himself known to us in new ways every day. So, as our heads begin to turn away from Christmas and towards Easter, I hope and pray that you will be open to God revealing himself to you.

With God's love,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Devon
Tillie



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Zara for a fantastic first whole week in nursery.
- ✚ Elle for great perseverance in Read Write Inc.

Sapphire

- ✚ Sam for his great attitude towards his learning.
- ✚ Lorenzo for working hard in his Read, Write, Inc lessons.

Emerald

- ✚ Lyra for working hard in every subject.
- ✚ Sergiusz for his fantastic progress with independent writing.

Diamond

- ✚ Percy for asking good questions to develop his learning.
- ✚ Harry for making good behaviour choices.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 93.53%**

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

- ✚ **Young Voices Sing-Along Fundraiser** on **Thursday 1st February** from **7.00 – 8.45 pm** in the school hall. Diamond families and children are warmly invited to attend. Tickets are priced at **£5** per family and are available to purchase on Arbor in the School Shop. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase on the day (please bring change). Please see the letter sent out yesterday for more information.

- ✚ **Lost Property** – we have a lot of unclaimed uniforms in the lost property box. If your child is missing items of uniform, could parents kindly check lost property as we will be clearing out the box by half term.

MENU w/b 29th January 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Burger (Red) ❖ Baked Bean & Cheese Slice (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Bolognese (Red) ❖ Sweet Potato & Pea Samosa Burrito (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
01/02/24	Young Voices Sing-Along Fundraiser
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	First Day Back
08/03/24	PTA Disco
20/03/24	Sapphire Class Last Swimming Lesson
25/03/24	Easter Service
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term
15/04/24	First Day Back
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
23/05/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew

	❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Roast Quorn Fillet (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	❖ Pork Sausages (V) (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)

27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
14/06/24	Bag 2 School
03/07/24 – 05/07/24	Diamond Class Residential
11/07/24	Secondary Transition Day
22/07/24	Leavers Service
23/07/24	Last Day of Summer Term
02/09/24	Inset 1
03/09/24	Inset 2
04/09/24	First Day Back
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
29/11/24	Occasional Day
20/12/24	Last Day of Term
23/12/24 – 03/01/24	Christmas Break
06/01/25	Inset 3
07/01/25	Inset 4
08/01/25	First Day Back
17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term
24/02/25	First Day Back
04/04/25	Last Day of Term
07/04/25 – 21/04/25	Easter Break
22/04/25	First Day Back
05/05/25	Early May Bank Holiday
26/05/25 – 30/05/25	Half Term
02/06/25	Inset 5
03/06/25	First Day Back
23/07/25	Last Day of 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

AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20 - 4:20pm

October 31st - Thursday 14th December

Football

- Tuesdays

£6 per session

Dodgeball

- Thursdays

Book online at: gjwsports.co.uk

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GJW SPORTS

www.gjwsports.co.uk

Sunday 28 January 3pm

Andy Mellor
(Clarinet)
& Angela Novy
(Piano)



perform works by Schumann, Howells and Bliss

St Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford

FREE admission with retiring collection
Tea and cake served afterwards

www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk



Club Fee
£6.50 a week

THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

Activities:

- Painting
- Printing
- Drawing
- Pottery
- Collage
- And more!

Date:

Weekly on Fridays, starting 12th January 2024, 3.20 - 4.20 pm

Register interest

Caroline Clark (Caz)
07847269734
or book on at
www.carolineclarkartist.com

Address

Spellbrook C of E School



Children & Young People Healthy Weight Service Parent/Carer Survey

For Parents/Carers,

If you have had experience of our children and young people's Healthy Weight Service (provided by BeeZee Bodies), or you have views on this topic, we want to hear from you.

Your views are important and can help us understand how to provide services in the future.

Our survey will ask you about things like weight management, fitness and nutrition, and you'll have the chance to win a £50 food voucher. There is also a children and young people's survey available - please help your child complete this if appropriate. <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/CYPHealthyWeightServiceParentCarer/>

For children and young people If you are a young person aged 8-18 living in Hertfordshire, we want to know if you have been helped by our Healthy Weight Service and what you think about things like being a healthy weight, keeping fit and eating well.

Please fill in our survey. Your ideas will help us understand how to help people in the future. You can ask a parent or carer to help you if you want to. You'll have the chance to enter a prize draw to win a £50 sports shop voucher.

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/CYPHealthyWeightService/>

Hertfordshire Music Service Inclusive Choir (Soundabout associate member choir)

An inclusive contemporary style choir in association with the music charity Soundabout.

- For anyone Year 5, 6 and secondary age, with a focus on giving a voice to those with SEN and complex needs.
- Sessions are twice a month, online, with an end of term, in-person, get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music & Arts.
- Starting April 2024 with a free taster session on Friday 15 March 2024 (5.00pm - 6.00pm).

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make music change lives

Scan the QR code to see Soundabout's music videos.



Starts Friday 19 April 2024 (March taster session)



5.00pm - 6.00pm



Online with an end of term get-together at Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts



£35 per term



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