



NEWSLETTER – 8th March 2024

VALUE: Justice

Focus: Making Wise Decisions

Focus: 'Learn to do right. Seek justice.' Isaiah 1.17



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

World Book Day 2024 has been a lot of fun. Staff dressed up and during drop-off this morning the children were greeted by the Queen of Hearts and Gandalf. Nearly all the children dressed up as book characters or as a reader in comfortable clothes, with a favourite book.

Thank you to all of the families for supporting the children and helping them to take part.

Characters included many different Hogwarts attendees and traditional story favourites such as Alice, Dorothy and Mary Poppins and Tigger.



There were lots of the Charlie and the Chocolate factory gang: Willie Wonka, Charlie, Veruca Salt, Violet Beauregarde, and a troupe of Oompa Loompas.

There were characters we have not seen before: Percy Jackson, Gangsta Granny, Billionaire Kid and a couple of Wednesdays. We even had Stan Lee, the Marvel comic book writer, actor and producer.

The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing each other's costumes during our whole school assembly. During the day, each class had a secret reader where they stopped what they were doing to enjoy a



story from an adult other than their teacher. Ruby Class enjoyed reading and sharing their favourite books, particularly when their book contained their dressing up character.



Diamond Class viewed a live World Book Day lesson on reading, authors and illustration.

MC Grammer, who the children saw at Young Voices, also performed a new World Book Day Rap, called, "Reading is Amazing", during which the children tried to count the number of books mentioned.

Egg Box Characters: As part of the preparation for the day, children were challenged to make book characters, book scenes or book covers out of egg boxes. They have shown great creativity, and we have some super works of art from every class. Some children made characters linked to their dressing up and some drew their inspiration from other favourites. We will show more pictures on the school website.



It has been an excellent day, and we will build on the momentum when we have a visit from an author, Steve Clifford, who has written the "Walking With" series of novels, at the end of this half term.

Water Bottles: This is a reminder that water bottles in school should contain only water. Dietitians and dentists inform us that water is far better for children than juices, even those labelled as sugar free.

[Water, drinks and hydration - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

In addition, a spillage of juice causes much more of an issue to books and papers than one of just water. Unless your child has a documented, medical reason that you have provided to us, please ensure that it is just water.

Thank you for your support.

Have a super weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

Here at Great St Mary's, we're preparing to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We'll be celebrating the role of Mary in the life of her son Jesus. And, after our 9.30am service, our Mothers' Union branch will be giving out plants to all those in mothering roles.



Of course, Mothering Sunday can be a painful and hard day for some; those who aren't able, despite their heart's desire, to be mothers, or those whose relationship with their mother has been or still is difficult. But for many it's a time to give thanks for those who mother us - for those who continue to do so or those who have done so in years gone by - and for mothers to acknowledge the huge role they've played shaping the life of those they've cared for.

Therefore, I thought the following amusing take on mothering might be appropriate for this weekend.

Our mothers taught us to appreciate a job well done.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I've just finished cleaning."

Ours mothers taught us religion.

"You'd better pray that this will come out of the carpet."

Our mothers taught us logic.

"Because I said so, that's why!"

Our mothers taught us how to become adults.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

Our mothers taught us foresight.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident!"

Our mothers taught us irony.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about!"

Our mothers taught us about contortionism.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?!"

Our mothers taught us about stamina.

"You'll sit there until all that soup is gone."

Our mothers taught us about the weather.

"This room of yours looks as if a hurricane went through it."

Our mothers taught us about hypocrisy.

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

Our mothers taught us about anticipation.

"Just wait until we get home!"

Our mothers taught us genetics.

"You're just like your father!"

Our mothers taught us medical science.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to stay that way."

Our mothers taught us humour.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

Our mothers taught us wisdom.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Emerald
Henry



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Zara for great focus in tasks.
- ✚ Esme for fantastic contributions on the carpet.

Sapphire

- ✚ Fleur for settling in well to the school.
- ✚ Lorenzo for fantastic learning of his two times tables.

Emerald

- ✚ Donnie for working really hard this week especially in maths.
- ✚ Grace for her fantastic vocabulary choices in English.

Diamond

- ✚ Freddy for getting more involved in lessons.
- ✚ Maizee-Leigh for the amazing progress she is making in writing.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Whole School
Attendance – 94.57%

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

- ✚ **Big Walk and Wheel Challenge – 11th – 22nd March** – for the next two weeks, we are encouraging children to join the challenge and either walk, scoot or cycle to school for as many days as possible.

- ✚ **Red Nose Day** is on **Friday 15th March**. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform with a donation of a £1 or more for this worthy cause. Donations can also be made via the **School Shop** in Arbor by clicking on **Quick Actions < School Shop < Red Nose Day**.

- ✚ **Ruby Class Parents Evening** is on **Tuesday 19th March** from **1.00 – 5.30 pm**. Bookings are now open in Arbor. To book, please click on **Guardian Consultations < Meetings** and follow the prompts. The deadline to book is **Monday 18th March**. If you have any difficulty with booking, please contact the office.

- ✚ **Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy** – we are recruiting for the position above. The closing date is **Monday 18th March**.

MENU w/c 11th March 2024

| Day | Menu |
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| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs (Red) ❖ Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Beany Pasta Bake (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue) |



SCHOOL DINNERS

Please click on the link for more information.

<https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?keyword=spellbrook>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11/03/24 – 22/03/24 | Big Walk & Wheel Challenge |
| 15/03/24 | Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform) |
| 19/03/24 | Ruby Class Parents Evening |
| 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 |
| 17/04/24 | Diamond Class Swimming Starts |
| 01/05/24 | Reception Vision/Hearing Screening |
| 06/05/24 | Early May Bank Holiday |
| 23/05/24 | Year 6 Crucial Crew |
| 27/05/24 – 31/05/24 | Half Term |
| 03/06/24 | Inset 5 |
| 14/06/24 | Bag 2 School |
| 25/06/24 | Class Photos |
| 03/07/24 – 05/07/24 | Diamond Class Residential |
| 10/07/24 | Diamond Class Last Swimming Lesson |
| 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 |
| 07/10/24 | Harvest Service |
| 14/10/24 | Individual Photos |
| 28/10/24 – 01/11/24 | Half Term |
| 29/11/24 | Occasional Day |
| 02/12/24 | Christmas Decoration Day |
| 12/12/24 | Panto |
| 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 |

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| 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



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



*Followed by a
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children
and hot
refreshments for
grown-ups.*

**Join us on Sunday 17th March at 4pm
as we celebrate the life of St Patrick**



BREAKFAST CLUB

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



£4.50 per
session payable
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NB late
arrivals will
not be
catered for
cooked
breakfast

Please book 24
hours ahead to
ensure
availability

GJW Sports Afterschool Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

07.2.24

Mr Dave Biggs will continue to deliver the football and dodgeball after school clubs during spring 2 term. Football will begin on Tuesday 27th February, dodgeball will begin on Thursday 29th February. Both clubs will be delivered for 5 weeks.

Please ensure registration and payment is received by **Monday 26th February**.

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

Clubs will start at 15:20 with a collection time of **16:20**. Please ensure the collection time is adhered to.

The total per club for the spring 2 term will be £30. BACS payment details are as follows:

Business Account: Gershon Williams - GJWSports

Account Number: 83780637 **Sort code:** 557049 **Reference :** SurnameSBS

Best regards,

Gershon Williams
GJWSports
www.gjwsports.co.uk
07519 722135

www.gjwsports.co.uk

SECRET ART CLUB PRESENTS



Advance
booking
£30

EASTER ART CAMP

With artist Caroline Clark
School years 3-6

Activities:

- Printing
- Collage
- 3D work
- Painting on wood
- Plus feed the chickens
- Outside space with trampoline

Dates:

Tuesday April 9th 9am - 3pm
Wednesday April 10th 9am - 3pm

Book now at:

www.carolineclarkartist.com
07847 269 734

Address:

The Secret Art House
Behind Sheering Village
Hall
Sheering
CM22 7LX



Well Bean Gardening

Learning through growing
Growing through learning

**Our After-School Gardening Club
starts again on Wednesday Feb 28
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
September 28 to Easter Holidays
- All equipment supplied but pupils must bring appropriate clothing as we will be outside in all weathers
- This half-term we'll be:
 - o Working to improve the school gardens
 - o Taking part in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Award Scheme - LEVEL 5

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday February 28 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 & Instagram page (please check 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 social media 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

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
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We need a cheerful and capable person to become part of our
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You will be supervising children Monday to Friday during term time
as directed, either while they eat their lunch in the school hall or playing outside.



Vacancies available from
Now

Monday to Friday 12pm to 1pm
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£11.59 per hour
Part-time also to be considered

For details or to apply visit: www.teachinherts.com or contact
Ms Sharon Freeborn, School Business Manager (01279) 723204

*Appointment to this role is subject to appropriate recruitment checks, including references being
Secured, completion of a DBS enhanced clearance and online health check.

*Spellbrook Primary School is committed to safeguarding
equality and promoting the welfare of children
and expects all staff and employees to share this commitment.*

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ARTISTIC SWIMMING COURSE

MONDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
AT MONK'S WALK SCHOOL POOL ALB 7NL

*ideal for kids that love being
underwater! Combines
gymnastics/dance and
swimming. No minimum age
Must be able to swim 100m and
be confident in deep water*

K S ARTISTIC SWIMMING TIMES:

- ✓ Beginner course daily at 10.30am
- ✓ Intermediate course daily at 11am (Up to Grade 2)
- ✓ Advanced course daily at 11.30am (Grade 3+)

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MON 1ST - FRI 5TH APRIL

9AM - GROUPS - 1:1'S
9.30AM - GROUPS - 1:1'S
10AM - GROUPS - 1:1'S
10.30AM - GROUPS - 1:1'S - BEGINNER ARTISTIC SWIMMING
11AM - GROUPS - 1:1'S - INTERMEDIATE ARTISTIC SWIMMING
11.30AM - GROUPS - 1:1'S - ADVANCED ARTISTIC SWIMMING

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SPRING 2024

TALKING DADS



Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 659

18th April - 23rd May 2024

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 660

5th June - 10th July 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of all ages, sharing information on:

- Increasing confidence in your parenting.
- Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.
- Improved listening and communication skills.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad you want to be.

Groups are open to male parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

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Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?



Sidra Hussain,
Beezee Families Nutritionist

We are here to help!

Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.



1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the **NHS Food Scanner** app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
4. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.

5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun - try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes is pretty good!

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