



NEWSLETTER - 27th September 2024

VALUE: Generosity
Focus: Giving Sacrificially
'God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9.7



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Walk to School Week - What a wet week!

Mrs Hasty was keen that I pass on her **huge thanks** for your support this week, especially those of you who have braved the wettest of weather to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride. Some families have done so well managing to do this every day. A big thanks to the teachers who quite often came back from the park and stride looking rather soggy. We appreciate the support from The Three Horseshoes, in letting us use their car park each morning.



Many of children had fun getting involved in Wacky Wednesday. Very popular were wearing odd socks, odd shoes, back to front clothes, outrageous hairdos and even displaying additional facial hair. A big congratulations to those who also walked, rode or scooted to school on the same day.

Sapphire Class: Science report from Mrs MacDonald. Enquiry Question- Can you see in the dark?

We collected some buckets and bean bags, and the children had to have a go at throwing the beanbags into the buckets from 1m away. We counted how many bean bags went into the bucket. We then covered 1 eye and repeated the throwing task. We then used blindfolds to cover both eyes and repeated the task. We talked about which attempt was the easiest and which was the hardest. We learnt that it was easier to throw the bean bags

when we could see but we were surprised that some children were very good at throwing and managed to get the bean bag in the bucket even when their eyes were closed.



These two were very pleased with their achievements.



Don't Forget, the PTA are running a Coffee afternoon to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support on **Tuesday 1st October at 2.30 pm** in the school hall. To donate to this worthy cause, payments can be made in Arbor by clicking on **School Shop < Macmillan Event - 01/10/2024**.

Car Park Congestion: We are very aware that with so many children in the school, we have more cars than ever. I know that many of you are showing great patience and care as you move your vehicles around and that you are always looking out for the children. From next week, for pick up after school, we are going to try allocating the playground to Sapphire and Emerald class parents and the main car park to Ruby and Diamond. Parents who have children in both will choose based on what space is available when they arrive. We will put signs up to remind everyone.

I have noticed a few things that I would like to encourage:

- Parking closely in the playground (but not dangerously so) so there is space for more cars.
- Using the bays in the car park, wherever possible.
- Parents leaving as soon they are able, freeing up space for others.
- Any parents who are staying after school for an appointment with a member of staff, should park in the main carpark so we can quickly lock the playground and secure the site. This is very important as we have clubs on with children still on our site.

As always, our priority is safety for the children and a community where everyone looks out for everyone else. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Ruby
Grace



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- Harrison for fantastic work in phonics and challenges.
- Ellie for always doing the right thing with a smile.

Sapphire

- Arthur for being an excellent role model.
- Eliza for challenging herself in RE lessons.

Emerald

- Vogue for listening during lessons and for working hard.
- Lisa for always being ready to contribute to class discussions.

Diamond

- Stanley H for his hard work and focus.
- Tristan for always being helpful and kind.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 95.51%**

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

- Macmillan Event** - on **Tuesday 1st October at 2.30 pm**. We are hosting a coffee afternoon to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We are kindly asking for donations of either home-baked or shop bought cakes. If home-baked, please include a list of ingredients (for allergens). Cakes can be brought into school on Tuesday morning. Donations can be made via Arbor in the **School Shop < Macmillan Event** or by cash on the day.

- Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Day Menu** - on **Thursday 3rd October**, we will be holding another fun day menu. The cost of this delicious 2 course meal remains the same as the school's normal price of £3.35 (Y3-6) and £2.70 (Nursery). Children who normally have a packed lunch are invited to join in. **No additional charges are incurred. There is no need to pre-order your meal, children can choose their option on the day.**

- Harvest Service** is on **Monday 7th October** from **2.15 to 3.00 pm** at **Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. **Children will need to be picked up from the church at 3.00 pm**. We would love to collect items for the church and Harlow Food Bank. Please see the letter sent out for more information on items to donate.

✚ **Asda Cashpot for Schools** – we have signed up with Asda Rewards, where Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Spellbrook each time you shop and scan. The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to the school. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn. Please see the link for more information: [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com)

MENU w/c 30th September 2024

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Tex Mex Quorn Fajita (V) (Red) ❖ Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Moroccan Tagine (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Chicken (Red) ❖ Plant Balls with Gravy (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	GOURMET BURGER FUN MENU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beef Burger in a Bun (Red) ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Salmon Fishcake (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)



**SCHOOL
DINNERS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
01/10/24	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 2.30 pm
02/10/24	Reception Class Photo (Bishop's Stortford Independent)
03/10/24	Gourmet Burger Fun Menu
07/10/24	Y6 TLM
07/10/24	Harvest Service
14/10/24	Individual Photos
24/10/24	Sapphire Trip to Stansted Aerozone
25/10/24	PTA Film Night
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term
31/10/24	Year 6 Deadline to Apply for Secondary School Place
21/11/24	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
29/11/24	Occasional Day
02/12/24	Christmas Decoration Day
11/12/24	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
12/12/24	Panto
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
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
15/01/24	Nursery Deadline to apply for a Reception Place
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



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024

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

Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle

AFTER SCHOOL Sports Clubs

Spellbrook C of E Primary School

3:20-4:20pm

Football



Tuesdays

Dodgeball



Thursdays

Footballers must bring trainers or astro turf trainers, shin pads, long socks, PE kit or sports wear, and goalie gloves if wanting to play in goal.

Please ensure children are collected on time at 4:20pm, or a late collection fee may be charged as per terms of our service.

£42 for 7 weeks

Starting week commencing 9th September

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THE SECRET ART CLUB

With Artist Caroline Clark

Activities:

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

Date:

Weekly, starting on Friday 13th September 2024, 3.20 - 4.30 pm
NB SORRY, NO ART CLUB ON 20th/27th SEPTEMBER

TO BOOK

www.carolineclarkartist.com or
Caroline Clark (Caz) 07847269734

Address

Spellbrook C of E
Primary School,
Spellbrook

For school
years 1-6



Spellbrook Primary School

StageSteps Dance and Acting Class

Taught by an industry professional, this innovative class will seamlessly blend the worlds of dance and acting to provide a unique and engaging experience. Our students explore diverse dance styles, from Street to Musical, while also delving into the art of acting through script reading, character development, and stage dynamics. The fusion class not only nurtures creativity but also builds confidence in expression, whether through movement or theatrical performance. Stretch and refine dance techniques, understand the skills of stage acting and combine the two to participate in exciting term projects showcased to friends and family.

Each child will be taught based on their own ability and growth, it doesn't matter how experienced/inexperienced they are, they will achieve in their own personal way, and they will have the most fun doing it!

When?

Every Monday after school

3:20pm-4:20pm

Term time only

Starting 9th September 2024

How do I sign up?

Please visit the website: www.stagesteps.co.uk and click the 'Sign Up' button to complete your sign up form.

Here is the link <https://www.stagesteps.co.uk/sign-up>

Year 2-6 welcome

Payment details:

StageSteps Dance and Acting Class is only £78 per term.

You will receive an invoice for the term shortly after you submit your sign up form.

I can't wait to meet your superstars! ✨

[SIGN UP | StageSteps](#)

Well Bean Gardening



Learning through growing
Growing through learning

Get close to nature with
our Gardening Club
Wednesdays from 3.20pm-4.30pm
Starts again September 25



- Spellbrook's Gardening Club meets on Wednesdays and is open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Limited spaces available
- £30.00 for five sessions Sept 25 to Oct 23
- 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 5

If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below to the school office before Wednesday Sept 25 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)

Email: wellbeangardening@gmail.com
Mobile: 07817 528652

facebook.com/wellbeangardening
Instagram: @wellbeangardening

Gourmet Burger & Hot Dog Fun Day Menu

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Menu

Beef Burger in a Bun (Red)

Or

Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Green)

Or

Jacket Potato (V) (Yellow)

Cheese Roll (V) (Blue)

Sides

Potato Wedges

Pasta

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Dessert

Cookies, Jelly or Fruit



DSPL3 SEND Coffee Morning

We are excited to invite all parents and carers of children with SEND to a relaxed and supportive meeting designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. This gathering will serve as a welcoming space for you to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a chance to meet and chat with others in a similar situation, this event promises to be both informative and enriching with a range of professionals available to you. Light refreshments will be provided, and we encourage you to bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



Tea O'Clock



We're holding an event to raise money for Macmillian Cancer Support.

join us on Tuesday 1st October

2.30pm in school hall

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19933_InvitePoster

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Understanding Autism and ADHD

A new virtual service, jointly commissioned by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS, designed to support children & young people who think they might be autistic or ADHD.

This service offers tailored support to those aged 7-16, covering a variety of weekly topics related to autism and ADHD.



All sessions will be held online.

FREE ONLINE SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO YOU!

Scan the QR code to complete the contact form for a referral and further information.



Email hertsbeeyou@autismoxford.org.uk if you require further assistance.

Family and Health Services Commissioning

HERTFORDSHIRE BEE YOU



Understanding Autism and ADHD

For ages 7-11 years, the weekly topics are:

- Session 1: What is autism and ADHD? What strengths does this bring us?
- Session 2: Introductory session to the course – getting to know each other
- Session 3: Learning about ourselves.
- Session 4: Friendships
- Session 5: Managing School.
- Session 6: Preparing for change as we grow up.
- Session 7: Body Scanning, how am I feeling?
- Session 8: Emotional Regulation
- Session 9: Masking / Internal Presentation
- Session 10: Myth Busting – what do people expect from me?

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TALKING ANXIETY in FAMILIES



Promoting Strong Family Relationships



Tuesdays 9.45-11.30am Online Course: ID 677
5th November - 10th December 2024

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged under 12, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety and be able to avoid escalation.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour and strengthen relationships in the family.

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

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

'This course has helped us massively. We are responding so differently, and its really helping us all to cope day to day.'

Booking essential

Please quote the course ID
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund



Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.