



SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER 2018

'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' – STAR OF THE WEEK

'Stars of the week' based on the 'Great Expectation' **Friendship** for last week years 3 & 4 that were at Birchwood Games are;

Year 3 - Teddy T

Year 4 - Mia

'Stars of the week' based on the 'Great Expectation' **Maths / Arithmetic** are;

Nursery - Grace

Reception – Lorcan

Year 1 – Maizee-Leigh

Year 2 – James

Year 3 – Natasha

Year 4 – Ronnie S

Year 5 - Megan

Year 6 – Sophie M

Head Boy / Head Girl 'Star of the week' – Percy & Freddy in Reception

The 'Great Expectation' for the coming week will be **Reading**.

SPOTTED @ SPELLBROOK

This week's 'Spotted @ Spellbrook' relates to all the children lining up in true British style to have a go of the new playground equipment purchased for school by the PTA.

SPORTING EVENTS & MINIBUS AVAILABILITY

Here at Spellbrook the children thoroughly enjoy taking part in Sporting events alongside other local schools. Other schools heavily rely on parents or coaches to take children to events. We are facing an increasing problem in trying to hire low cost minibuses from local senior schools and we haven't the budget to hire coaches for small groups of children. Another problem we are facing as time moves on is having staff that already hold a licence with a category D1 entitlement to drive a minibus. We may need to ask for more parent help in the future. Also, if there are any parents or family members that do have D1 entitlement on their licence and the availability during the day to become a volunteer minibus driver for the school we would very much like to hear from you! You would have to pass a Hertfordshire minibus assessment and we would carry out a DBS check.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you all for your generous donations on Wednesday for our Harvest Festival assembly which were donated to the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. Just a reminder that there will be a Harvest Festival church service at Gt St Mary's church this Sunday at 6pm, everyone is welcome. All children are also welcome to attend in uniform to take part in singing 'The Harvest Samba' with Emerald class.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Teddy T in Emerald class took part in a Judo competition last weekend and achieved a Gold medal last week.... Well done Teddy!

Alfie D in Emerald class was awarded cub of the month last month, an award not given out for 2 years! Alfie explained the reasons why he achieved this fantastic award to everyone in achievement assembly today.... Well done Alfie!

Finley M in Sapphire class (and his parents) have been selected to join in with Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children in Need which takes place this Sunday, 7th October. They are part of 2000 people that have been selected to join in on a 3.1 mile walk for Children in Need in Ely alongside Countryfile presenter Ellie Harrison. The event is being filmed and will be shown on a Countryfile special episode. I'm sure if anyone would like to sponsor Finley to support Children in Need you could catch his Mum after school.

We welcome outside achievements to be emailed in so we can share either in assembly or via the school newsletter.

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

R – 87.9%, Y1 – 96.9%, Y2 – 100.0%, Y3 – 98.7%, Y4 – 98.8%, Y5 – 100.0%, Y6 – 98.7%

Whole school attendance – 97.4%

Whole school target set - 96%

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

07.10.18 – Harvest Festival church service at Gt St Mary's 6pm (Everybody welcome)

11.10.18 – Year 5 swimming (5 of 5)

18.10.18 – School nurse Year 6 H&W and health questionnaire (A.M.)

19.10.18 – Flu immunisation Yr R to 5 (A.M.)

23.10.18 – Open Class 3:30-4pm

29.10.18 to 02.11.18 – Half Term

05.11.18 – Parent's Evening

06.11.18 – Parent's Evening

08.11.18 – Year 3 swimming (1 of 5)

Please remember to refer to the Events Calendar on the school website for the most up-to-date list of events in the diary. You can subscribe to this calendar to sync with your smart phone.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all back at school on Monday 8th October.

Spellbrook School Staff