



# SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**



## 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' – STAR OF THE WEEK

'Stars of the week' based on the 'Great Expectation' **Perseverance** are;

Nursery – Georgia  
Reception – Billie  
Year 1 – Joshua D  
Year 2 – Finley R  
Year 3 – Natasha  
Year 4 – Kyle  
Year 5 – Lauren  
Year 6 – Becky

Head Boy / Head Girl – Frank  
Golden Book Award – Isla

The 'Great Expectation' for the next week will be **Presentation**.

## SPOTTED @ SPELLBROOK

This week's 'Spotted @ Spellbrook' relates to Emerald class learning Roald Dahl's 'Enormous Crocodile' by heart with actions as part of their English lesson.

## NEW LAPTOPS

The new laptops provided by our PTA are now in use at school. Please take a look on Facebook to see pictures of Emerald & Diamond class having their first computing lessons using them. Please note if you do not often visit the school Facebook page you may not receive notifications of any posts so please do frequently stop by. The children and staff love the new computers and are thoroughly enjoying using them so thank you to parents for supporting our PTA to provide them.

## HOMEWORK SUPPORT

Teachers will be available at the start of lunch every Monday for homework support. If your children have any questions regarding their homework please encourage them to attend homework support at lunchtime on a Monday.

## BIRCHWOOD SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

16 selected pupils from Emerald & Diamond class attended Birchwood Athletics competition yesterday with Mrs Day and our governor Mrs Pierce. They all behaved extremely well and performed wonderfully really supporting one another. We came 6<sup>th</sup> yesterday but the competition continues today with other schools taking part so our overall place will be announced in due course. Well done to those children that took part and represented Spellbrook so well!

## A 'SOFT START' TO THE DAY!

As you will be aware children started coming straight into school for the start of the school day this week, this is known as the 'Soft Start' approach. They will have time to put their bags and coats away independently, organise their book bags, homework or equipment and settle themselves to a quiet activity ready for registration. Research has shown that this approach has a positive impact on children's readiness for learning at the start of the school day. We have already seen a calm and purposeful start to the day.

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

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 – 90.7%, Y1 – 93.8%, Y2 – 96.9%, Y3 – 98.0%, Y4 – 98.8%, Y5 – 97.1%, Y6 – 100.0%  
Whole school attendance – 96.7%      Whole school target set - 96%

## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

24.01.19 – Sapphire Year 1 Swimming (2 of 5)  
29.01.19 – PCSO Amanda visiting Ruby Class  
31.01.19 – Sapphire Year 1 Swimming (3 of 5)  
04.02.19 – Open Class 3:20-3:45pm

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 21st January.

**Spellbrook School Staff**