



# SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019



## 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' – STAR OF THE WEEK

'Stars of the week' based on the 'Great Expectation' Effort are;

Nursery – Poppy  
Reception – Sid  
Year 1 – Joshua D  
Year 2 – Kai  
Year 3 – Joshua K  
Year 4 – Liam  
Year 5 – All of Year 5  
Year 6 – All of Year 6

Head Boy / Head Girl Award – Charlie S in Emerald

Golden Book Award – Luca in Ruby

The 'Great Expectation' for next week will be **Working Scientifically**.

## SPOTTED @ SPELLBROOK

This week's spotted @ Spellbrook relates to Mrs O'Donovan. Emerald Class were watching the trailer for The Secret Life of Pets for their reading ERIC activity, having never seen it before she thoroughly enjoyed it and was in hysterics much to the amusement of Emerald class. Emerald Class suspect Mrs O'Donovan may be making a DVD purchase this weekend and will be looking forward to the release of No. 2 at the end of the month!

## SATS

Well done to the children for surviving SATs this week and even managing to come out smiling at the end! The staff were very impressed with their positive attitude and commitment to trying their hardest. However the results turn out we will be very proud of you all, we couldn't have asked you to do any more than you did. Year 2 will take their SAT's next week in the mornings on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Thank you to our parents for supporting your children at this time.

## SPELLING EVENT POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Natasha in Emerald Class won the competition and we had two runner-up prizes that went to Olivia and Ruby both in Diamond Class – well done and we look forward to the banner.

## RUBY CLASS PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Mrs Wild-Rees arranged for all of Ruby Class to visit Pizza Express in Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday as part of their food topic. They all followed the process of making a pizza themselves and were able to bring their pizza back to school for their lunch. They all had a fabulous time and enjoyed the end product!

## EMERALD CLASS TENNIS EVENT 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Well done to the four members of Emerald class that took part in the Tennis competition at Bishop's Stortford Tennis Club yesterday. They all played very well and represented our school impeccably.

## SAPPHIRE & RUBY CLASS FIRE ENGINE VISIT 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Miss Green arranged for the Bishop's Stortford fire service to come to Spellbrook this morning. Sapphire and Ruby class were lucky enough to receive a talk from the fire service, demonstrations and were able to get in the fire engine. The session was very informative and incredibly fun!

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 20<sup>TH</sup> -24<sup>TH</sup> MAY

The original letter regarding this went out on 3<sup>rd</sup> May with all the details and a copy has been sent today via Schoolcooms. We hope as many of you as possible can get involved making sustainable journeys to school next week. Don't forget the 'Walk to clean air challenge' to visit as many green spaces between now and clean air day on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## PRET-A-PORTRAIT GROUP & CLASS PHOTOS

Just a reminder that Pret-a-Portrait are in school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May for class, whole school and year 6 leavers photos.

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

We have had an unprecedented number of requests for leave during term time for family holidays. Attendance is something we are working really hard on as it was mentioned in our Ofsted report. We appreciate that holidays can be significantly cheaper in term time, even taking into consideration the fine enforceable when taking 15 or more unauthorised sessions in the current and/or previous school term. These leaves of absence heavily affect a small school like ours so could we please ask that you bare this in mind and the effect it may have on your child's learning. If you are considering a significant leave of absence please discuss this with your child's class teacher first or make an appointment to discuss with Mrs Howard.

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lauren in Diamond class took part in her first 2k parkrun at the weekend – well done Lauren.

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 – 99.3%, Y1 – 96.7%, Y2 – 97.1%, Y3 – 98.7%, Y4 – 98.1%, Y5 – 99.3%, Y6 – 98.6%  
Whole school attendance – 98.3%                      Whole school target set - 96%

## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

20-24.05.19 – Walk to School week  
20-22.05.19 – Year 2 SATs (A.M.)  
20.05.19 – Year 6 Crucial Crew Event PM  
20.05.19 – Kingswood Parent meeting 3:20-3:45pm  
21.05.19 – Dentist talk to Sapphire Class  
23.05.19 – **School closed / Polling station – Back to School Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
23.05.19 – Reception swimming cancelled  
24.05.19 – Pret-a-Portrait Group & Class photos  
24.05.19 – School finishes at normal time 3:15pm (KS1)/3:20pm(KS2)  
27-31.05.19 – Half Term  
03.06.19 – Back to School / Summer Term 2

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 20<sup>th</sup> May.