



# SPELLBROOK NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019



## 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' – STAR OF THE WEEK

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

- Reception – Stanley T
- Year 1 – Honey
- Year 2 – Taliya
- Year 3 – Archie
- Year 4 – Alfie C
- Year 5 – Lauren
- Year 6 – Sophie & Chloe

Head Boy / Head Girl Award – Mrs Freeman  
 Golden Book Award – Teddy T

The 'Great Expectation' for next week will be **Creativity**.

## SPOTTED @ SPELLBROOK

This week's spotted @ Spellbrook relates to Mrs Walton & Mrs O'Donovan picking up Poppy in her sack and helping her to the finish line... great team work.

## HEALTHY LIVING WEEK

As you are all aware we have had 'Healthy Living Week' at school this week. The children have taken part in many activities including the PSHE sessions in the 'LifeSpace' tent, ((Bounce)), Mini Me Yoga, First Aid, Dentist sessions, School Nurse assembly and a Food Fayre. Not to forget the healthy options provided at breakfast club, morning wake-up sessions and sports day! It has been a very informative and enjoyable week. Thank you to all involved with a special thank you to Mrs Ramiz and Mrs Lee.

The final event of the week we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to sign your child(ren) up and bring them along to the Junior Park Run at Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The run begins at 9am, children need to be registered in advance which is a simple process and they need to bring their own printed barcode with them. Once registered, the children are free to turn up on any Sunday should they wish to take part in any further Park Runs. Details and registration can be found through this link: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/grangepaddocks-juniors/>

## SPORTS DAY THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Thank you to all the parents that came along to sports day yesterday. All the children did really well; we hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did!

## CLEAN AIR DAY THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



Thank you to those that got involved with clean air day this year. Visiting the green spaces, encouraging sustainable journeys and turning off engines when idle all help. Please take a moment to look at our new speeding banner outside of school which was designed by our competition winner Natasha in Emerald class. We must also say another thank you to Finley M's parents of Sign-tific for providing our new speeding and mini-police banner at a reduced price.

## MRS FREEMAN

Mrs Freeman has been carrying out her teacher training in Diamond Class since January of this year. Today is her last official day at the school and we thank her for her time working with the class. We will however still be seeing her over the coming weeks as she continues to work with the class on the leavers play and other planned activities. We also wish her great success at her new school where her NQT year commences in September.

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

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

## ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

Over the last term there have been increasing levels of absence from school. We understand that sickness is unavoidable however, Mrs Howard is being increasingly asked to sign holiday forms. May we remind you that it is very important that your child attends each day in order that they do not fall behind their peers and have had access to all of the teaching and learning opportunities. Our latest Ofsted report highlighted an issue around attendance and despite our best endeavours attendance levels are falling rather than rising which is a real concern.

Can we also remind parents that you must contact school on the first day of absence such as illness or absence not previously advised. This can be done by calling (01279) 723204 option 1 and leaving a message on the absence line.

## ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

R – 71.4%, Y1 – 91.3%, Y2 – 92.1%, Y3 – 98.7%, Y4 – 92.5%, Y5 – 98.6%, Y6 – 100.0%  
 Whole school attendance – 92.4%      Whole school target set - 96%

## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- 27.06.19 – Reception & Year 6 swimming (3 of 4)
- 04.07.19 – Reception & Year 6 swimming (4 of 4)
- 08.07.19 – Parents Evening (excl. Yr 6)
- 09.07.19 – Sapphire Class Walton-on-the-Naze Trip
- 10.07.19 – Parents Evening (incl. Yr 6)
- 11.07.19 – Transition / Moving up day
- 12.07.19 – Summer concert
- 16+17.07.19 – Leavers Play
- 19.07.19 – Diamond class canoeing A.M.
- 19.07.19 – PTA Summer event P.M.
- 22.07.19 – Year 6 leavers BBQ after school
- 23.07.19 – Leavers Service at Gt St Marys Church
- 24.07.19 – Last day of school year (Finish at 1:30pm)

Please remember to refer to the Events Calendar on the school website for the most up-to-date list of events in the diary as some may be subject to change. 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 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Spellbrook School Staff