

**Message from Mr. Martinson**

What a very tough week! As you know, I contracted Covid on the 9th November, did my isolation, tested negative and returned to work. To my shock, the symptoms returned this week, so I took a lateral flow and then a PCR. Both came back positive. The symptoms came back with a vengeance. According to my GP, it's the same infection returned. The good news is that I'm not contagious and can return as soon as the symptoms go away, the bad news is that I've been off again since Tuesday.

On that subject, please test your children regularly and if they have any symptoms, then please keep them off and get them tested.

We have had to make a few changes and have already gone back to online assemblies and meetings to protect the community. We may have to return to bubbles and staggered times as early as next week if the cases continue to rise.

Football

On Wednesday evening, I was alerted by a flurry of internet activity about us winning a Football match. Mr Austin led the team to a substantial victory over St Katherine's. It's a bit crude to point out the score. I'm a massive rugby fan, so I am used to seeing big scores, we won by a converted try and a penalty :-). Well done to everyone involved, Mr Austin said that you played as a team and behaved impeccably, treating the other team with respect and kindness. I look forward to watching the next one.

Nativity

We have many suspected cases of Covid amongst staff and pupils and locally, the rates are very high. We have taken the very unpopular decision to record the production, and have a live virtual show. This has angered many parents, but we have done this with the health of the staff and community at heart.

The children will be recorded and we will produce something that you can show to the whole family and keep. The times will not be the same, so please do not turn up and force entry as has been threatened.

Carol Services

We will change the planned carol services too in light of the infection rates. The choir will sing in the church and again, we will record it for your viewing pleasure.

Dropping off children

It has been brought to my attention that children have been dropped off in Craven Avenue, parents have been opening the car door and children are left to run across the road. A child was almost knocked over this morning when he ran from behind the car that he had been dropped off from, fortunately the other car driver was going slow and was able to stop within inches, thankfully not hitting the child!

Both driver (another parent) and child were very upset and shaken up.

The painted red area and yellow zig zag lines indicate that it is not a safe place to stop and certainly not a safe place to drop and go.

Please guide your child across the roads safely.



Our award winners for last week are:

Bronze - Freya Dale, Mia Lewis-Allen and two for Isabella Reed

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

RCP	Mia Lambat
RR	Mia Fenlon
1/2DF	Eilah Huggins
1/2K	Lewis Payne
3R	Nieve Pollard
3T	River Amey
4P	Jessica Stringer
4R	Layla Yetkin
5B	Edward Wright
5C	George Yetkin
6FR	Rio McGlone
6PR	Mohammad Azad



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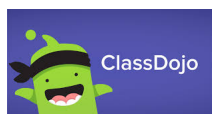
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Our Dojo Champions this week are:

Nursery	Aidan Pagiwa
RCP	Daisy Lawes
RR	Alfie Boulden
1/2DF	Samuel Matyus
1/2K	Isabel Clarke and Zacharia Sanders-Mackey
3R	Ethan Marsh
3T	Bobby Sipple
4P	Favour Ariyo
5B	Gabriella Coombes
5C	Brodye Brown
6FR	Max Parsons
6PR	Charlie Coble



The following children have achieved these certificates this week.

Bronze Certificate - Oliver Butwell 1/2K, Emelia Hall 1/2K, Jamie Stockley 1/2K, Eliza Swierczek 1/2K, Favour Ariyo 4P, Emir Enginov 4P, Melissa Howe 4P, Ronnie Atkins 5C, Grace Davies 5C, Ivy Irish 5C, George Yetkin 5C, Jay Clarke 6PR, Riley Lovell 6PR, Theo Milne 6PR, William O'Donnell 6PR and Bailey Tratt 6PR.

Silver Certificate -Eilah Huggins 1/2DF, Millie Johnson 1/2DF, Samuel Matyus 1/2DF, Charlie Butwell 3R, Shane Flint 3T, Marliee-Rose Wright 3T, Kelsie Harris 4P, Harry Pickett 4R, Sebastian Swierczek 4R, Erica-Gabriela Barsan 5B, William Gainey 5B, Nula Tratt 5C and Shaun Brett 6PR.

Gold Certificate - Gio Awidikian 3T, Nicola Dryla 5C, Charlie Coble 6PR and Charlie Pickett 6PR.

The table below shows our top readers so far this year:

Eligiusz Szczepanek	4R	560,621
Lara Garrett	6FR	412,620
Ava Nicholls-Cain	6FR	273,112
Claudia Vaux-Jackson	6FR	254,399
Charlie Pickett	6PR	216,016
Erica-Gabriela Barsan	5B	185,413
Phoebe Huggins	5B	181,623
Harlie-Rose Stringer	6FR	177,811
Toby Amey	5B	171,963
Freya Dale	5B	165,150

AR HOME CONNECT

All children in years 1-6 have brought a letter home with information for you to log on to AR Home Connect. By logging on to the website you will be able to access your child's AR account, allowing you to see what quizzes have been taken, their score and how close they are to their target etc. You will also be able to set up an email notification for every time your child quizzes and their results. Reading is a very important life skill. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible.

Change to Lunch Menu for next two weeks

Wednesday 8th December we will be serving Chicken Nuggets, Quorn Dippers, Chips, Baked Beans and Salad and Chocolate Chip Sponge with Chocolate Custard.

Thursday 9th December - we will be serving Spaghetti Bolognese and Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Tuna. Quorn Mince or Tomato Pasta will not be available.

Friday 10th December is Christmas Dinner Day and we will be serving a traditional Christmas roast dinner with a vegetarian option.

On Monday 13th December there will be cookies available rather than Angel Delight or rice pudding.



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Primary School (Reception) Admissions

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on 8th November 2021, for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2022

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2022. From 8th November 2021, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
