



Message from Mr. Martinson



Well, I am certainly happy to be at the end of this term! It has been one of the most difficult terms that I have ever had as a headteacher. It started off so well, the end of bubbles and contact isolations, planning activities, visits and celebrations only to have the rug pulled from under our feet by a rise in Covid infections.

Over the last few weeks, our rate has stabilised and we have had a consistent amount of staff and pupils off with Covid, as some come back, then the next batch go off with some year groups avoiding it altogether! We have tried to make the best of it with visits from Santa, a recorded Nativity, Christmas Dinner etc but inevitably, things have had to change and some things have had to be cancelled. I'm looking forward to a spring term where we can plan for lots of events, until then, please stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you back at school on the 5th January.

Rotary Santa

The Rotary Club of Canvey Island made sure that Santa took a detour from his busy schedule to visit our school. Santa really does have a very loud PA system!



Police Gifts and Hampers from CAVS

I am very proud of my staff and how they work with outside agencies to get things to support our families. Mrs Arif and Mrs Wright in the Butterfly room have worked with Essex Police and CAVS to put together food hampers and gifts for our families who need an extra bit of help this year. It is really difficult to choose families to help and we do it through our knowledge of their situations and the work that we have done with the children. The pastoral team, assisted by others, have gone out shopping and put these hampers together in their own time. Thank you!

Young Voices

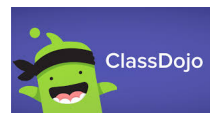
I hope that this doesn't continue but one of the first events of the new year has been postponed.

"As always, our priority here at Young Voices is the health, both physical and mental, of our children, teachers and the families who attend our concerts. It is therefore our decision to postpone all of our concerts to Spring/Summer 2022."

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

RCP	Emily Kemp
RR	Ralph McCabe
1/2DF	Edward Rotherham
1/2K	Charlotte Kemp
3R	Grace Goldstone
3T	Ronnie Bayford
4P	Whole Class
4R	Sebastian Swierczek
5B	Erica Barsan
5C	George Harris
6FR	Lara Garrett
6PR	Charlie Pickett



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

Nursery	Eva-Maria Barsan Sophia Hickin
RCP	Daisy Lawes
RR	Evie Clarke
1/2DF	Isabella Reed
1/2K	Indie Taylor
3R	Madison Turney Mason Raines
3T	Ares Potter
4P	Maximus Dean
5B	Charlie Spring
6FR	Ava Nicholls-Cain
6PR	Whole Class



Mathletics

Our award winners for last week are:

Bronze - Mia Lewis-Allen and Isabella Reed

Silver - Mia Lewis-Allen



The following children have achieved these certificates this week.

Bronze Certificate - Lennon Connelly 3R, Lauren Gardner 4P, Kaiden Blake 6PR

Silver Certificate - Cameron Davis-Campbell 1/2DF, Isabella Reed 1/2DF, Luis Ahmeti 3R, Sydney Blake 3R, Ryan Boulden 3R, Grace Goldstone 3R, Alana Lavery 3R, William Lowe 3R, Mason Raines 3R, Dulcie Stanley 3R, Madison Turney 3R, Charlotte Watts 3R, Ann-Marie Awere 3T, Pearl Robertson 3T, Megan Stockley 3T, Tabitha Stockley 3T, Shanay Osei 4R, Mitsy Taylor 4R, Jake Dovey 5C, Chase-Laiton Dudley 5C, Isla Fenlon 5C, Ashton Hickin 5C, Paige Walker 5C, Alfie Burdett 6FR, Andriyan Iskarov 6FR, Tyler Barringer 6PR

Gold Certificate - Millie Milner 1/2K, Jamie Brodie 3R, Lexi Gravely-Laplain 3R, Daisy Robertson 4R, Lacey-Mai Sinclair 4R, Erica-Gabriela Barsan 5B, George Harris 5C, Nula Tratt 5C, Teddy Wright 5C

Fluffy - Jamie Brodie 3R, Pawel Swierczek 5C, Lacey Dickinson 6PR

Keyring - Nieve Pollard 3R, Charlotte Anderson 6PR, Charlie Coble 6PR, Lacey Dickinson 6PR, William O'Donnell 6PR, Charlie Pickett 6PR

A huge well done to all the children who received an extra play on Thursday for reaching 100% or more of their AR target this term. New targets will be set for the Spring term in January.

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

Eligiusz Szczepanek	4R	655,877
Lara Garrett	6FR	527,866
Ava Nicholls-Cain	6FR	461,347
Charlie Pickett	6PR	386,213
Claudia Vaux-Jackson	6FR	350,952
Erica Barsan	5B	341,143
Jack McGrath	6FR	269,267
Shaun Brett	6PR	250,042
Charlotte Anderson	6PR	232,022
Toby Amey	5B	228,404

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.



Please click [here](#) to access the Children's University Challenges for December.

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.



A Reminder of our uniform policy

Lower School

Boys

Plain white shirt (long or short sleeves)
School tie (compulsory in Autumn & Spring terms in upper school – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, optional in other year groups)
Red v-necked jumper or cardigan
Black full length trousers or shorts in the summer
White polo shirt (Summer term only)
Black or white socks

Girls

Plain white shirt (long or short sleeves)
School tie (compulsory in Autumn & Spring terms in upper school – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, optional in other year groups)
Red v-necked jumper or cardigan
Black full length trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
Black or white socks or black tights
Girls may wear a red and white checked dress (Summer term only)
White polo shirt (Summer term only)

Upper School

Boys and Girls

As above but additionally:
Black Blazer with badge
School tie
Red v-necked jumper (no cardigans)

We would ask that children wear black sensible shoes, sandals or black, smart non branded trainers. If boots are worn for the journey to and from school, alternative shoes must be provided for use during the day.

PE

Black shorts
Red T-shirt
Plimsolls (trainers are optional for outdoor PE only)

All children will need a PE bag in which to keep their PE kit.

Children in the Reception and Year 1 classes will need to be provided with a pair of Wellington boots, labelled with your child's name, to be kept in school for use in the

outdoor area. Please provide a suitable bag for these, which can be hung on your child's coat peg.

No jewellery is allowed in school other than small plain stud earrings and watches. These need to be removed by the pupil before PE. We ask too that shoulder length and long hair is tied back for boys and girls.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name. School ties, T-shirts, jumpers, cardigans and water bottles are available to purchase from Penn Sports, 677 High Road, Benfleet, Essex but items may be purchased elsewhere.
