**Message from Mr. Martinson**

Half a year over!

It always shocks me when we get to the February half term that we are halfway through the academic year. I have said before that the spring term is my favourite time in school and the second half is my absolute favourite as the days get longer and the flowers bloom. I look forward to seeing you all after half term.

Safer Internet Assembly

In assembly this week, we spoke about keeping safe online and about how we should restrict the amount of information that we give to people. This also includes the information that adults can post about their children and how dangerous it can be.

📅 Safer Internet Day 7/2/22

Parking

I have been told about some dangerous parking on Craven Avenue. Unfortunately, we don't have any jurisdiction outside of the school. We have reported it on numerous occasions and encourage parents to do the same. Please report it via;

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/parking-restrictions/report-a-parking-issue/>

Or if it is dangerous driving or abusive behaviour, report it to 101 or even 999.

Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

Nursery	Bo Savage and Nova Herbert
RCP	Whole Class
RR	Ivy Ferguson
1/2DF	Oliver Crabb
1/2R	Millie Milner and Spenser Monk
3R	Lexi Gravely-Laplain
3T	Pearl Robertson
4P	Violet Hanby
4R	Harry Burn-Green
5B	Kelvin Cai
5C	Ivy Irish
6F	Freya Creak
6P	Charlotte Anderson

Message from Cathryn Adams

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you again following on from my earlier message regarding the decision to become an academy and join Northwick Park Trust.

We are very keen to meet with as many parents and carers as possible and to hear your questions and comments. So I want to invite you once again, to come along to a meeting with Emma Lane, CEO and Tony Wood, Chair of Northwick Park Trust, Mr Martinson, Strategic Intervention Board (SIB) members and Governors to hear about the vision and forward plans for the school. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

The meeting will be held on **23rd February at 6pm in the school hall at William Read Primary School and Nursery.**

In the meantime, if you wish to ask any questions or comments please email them to academy@williamread.essex.sch.uk by **5pm on Sunday 13th February 2022**. We will collate the questions and comments and respond to the points raised at the meeting and also through the school newsletter for those not able to attend.

I wish you a happy half-term holiday.

Cathryn Adams

Chair of Strategic Intervention Board (SIB) & Governors



Click [here](#) for the February Half Term Challenges from Children's University.



Book Week

We are excited to be holding a Book Week this year commencing on Monday 28th February and are very much looking forward to joining in with World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March.

On Thursday, please could we ask that the children either bring in a prop which represents a favourite book (and non-uniform can be worn) or 'go all out' and dress up as a character from a favourite book.

Information from www.worldbookday.com

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life, more than family circumstances, educational background, or income (Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development). Sharing stories together for just ten minutes a day will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone! You can read together anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time."

We hope the children will enjoy a range of exciting activities throughout the week linked to books and take part in a really worthwhile campaign to highlight the importance of reading!



Our award winners for last week are:

Bronze - Freya Dale, Mia Lewis-Allen, Nieve Pollard, Isabella Reed and Teddy Sipple

Silver - Isabella Reed

Gold - Isabella Reed

Dates for your Diary

We have today emailed you our Events Diary for the Spring Term 2022 but we will also be listing dates for your diary on our newsletter each week. Please take a look for new events and any changes of date.

Friday 11th February

Non Pupil Day

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February

Half Term

Wednesday 23rd February

6.00pm - Academy Consultation Meeting for Parents

Thursday 24th February

Rock Steady Music School Taster Morning

Monday 28th February

Virtual KS1 Winter Games

Virtual Active Kids Event for Year 3 & 4

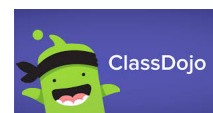
Virtual Sports Skills Festival for Year 5 & 6

Monday 28th February - Friday 4th March

Book Week

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day – dress up as a book character



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

Nursery	Sophia Hickin
RCP	Stanley Barrett
RR	Alfie Boulden
1/2DF	Isabella Reed
1/2R	Selim Enginov
3R	Nieve Pollard
3T	Summer Van Reenen
4P	Millie-Anne Butler
4R	William Perrior
5B	Kelvin Cai
5C	Paige Strickland
6F	Charlie Yeoman
6P	Harry Knox



The following children have achieved these certificates this week.

Bronze Certificate - Lily-Mae Stopher-Riches 1/2DF, Selim Enginov 1/2R, Indie Taylor 1/2R, Ethan Marsh 3R, Tommy Glover 4P, Harry Pickett 4R, Josie Robertson 4R, Michael Sayer 4R, Gabriella Coombes 5B, George Harris 5C, Paige Strickland 5C, Ava Nicholls-Cain 6F, Harlie-Rose Stringer 6F and Mallory Ares 6P.

Silver Certificate - Eilah Huggins 1/2DF, Isabella Reed 1/2DF, Tamara Brade 5C, Pawel Swierczek 5C and Bobby-Lee Anderson 6P.

Keyring - Eligiusz Szczepanek 4R.

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

Eligiusz Szczepanek	4R	990,713
Lara Garrett	6F	646,834
Ava Nicholls-Cain,	6F	545,696
Erica Barsan	5B	467,809
Charlie Pickett,	6P	427,547
Claudia Vaux-Jackson	6F	397,614
Ella Yalcin	6P	358,721
Pawel Swierczek	5C	334,337
Freya Dale	5B	321,021
Jack McGrath	6P	318,811
