



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for another wonderful term everyone – staff, pupils and families. The summer term is also so wonderfully packed of celebrations but also the culmination of the hard work of pupils. Rest lots over the Easter holidays so we can begin the summer term together, ready to take on the challenges and learning which lie ahead.

Back in January, I wrote to you to say that our attendance had nose-dived to 94.4% for the year (after having the best attendance in the Trust of 96.7% the previous year). I am pleased to say that the attendance for the year has risen to 95.2%. If the same improvement can be made over the summer term then we will have an attendance of over 96%, but it will take the work of all families and pupils. Let's rise to the challenge together.

Mrs James

Best attendance of the week goes to Crab class with **99.17 %**  
Whole school attendance: 95.5% (target 97%)

### Golds this week

Rose for her super reading, Lacey and Max for using their Hearts Values during the Easter hunt, Robbie for being responsible and taking the initiative to write his groups script, Issy for really involving herself in forest school, Lillyann for achievement in forest school and Harley for leading the way and setting an example to others.

### Infant Music Festival

On behalf of the South East Essex Schools' Music Association we want to thank your pupils and staff for all their efforts and support during the Infant Music Festival, this year. The hard work and enthusiasm has proved that music is still a vital part of the curriculum and should be encouraged at all costs. We look forward to working with you next year, Jane Barber and Fiona Ward

### WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please do not give your child any products with nuts in for snacks or in lunch boxes. Thank you

**New Summer Menus** start on the first week back to school. A copy has been sent home this week, if you do not have a copy please ask Ms Maynard or you can view them on our website [www.hearts-stambridge.uk](http://www.hearts-stambridge.uk)

**Daily Mile – The European Tour**  
Total so far this term – 1228 miles  
Current location – Lisbon, Portugal  
Next stop – Rome, Italy

### End of the Day Pick Ups

It's wonderful to see all the families chatting on the playground at the end of the school day but please make sure you are aware that your class teacher has signalled for your child where you are and sent them out to you. Also, can younger siblings please not ride their scooters on the playground at pick up and drop off time to ensure safety of all.  
Many thanks.

### 100% treat

All of the children who are achieved 100% attendance so far this year received a treat on Wednesday morning by attending the dress rehearsal of the KES Variety Show. Elliot, Ashton, Kyeron, Max, George C, Lacey, Teigan, Isabelle C, Jessie, Isabella S, Harvy – congratulations on your accolade and we hope you enjoyed your treat.

### Year 5 Gifted and Talented Day at KES

Mr Feeley has written to us to tell us what a pleasure it was to have Henry attend their G&T day at KES. Mr Feeley wrote that he was "delighted to pass on positive feedback and it was a pleasure to have Henry at KES as he took part in Maths, Art, Languages and Forensic Science lessons". Thank you for representing Stambridge and the HEARTS values Henry. He received a certificate in assembly.

### Upcoming dates

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Start of the summer term  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Swimming for **KS1** and **KS2**  
  
Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Week 1

### Head Pupil corner

This week has flown by, as we have had lots of busy things including the Easter egg hunt, which was amazing, Science afternoon, and the Easter celebration this afternoon. Good luck to all who guessed the amount of eggs in the bucket.  
Happy Easter!

Finley & Harley ☺

## Science Afternoon

The children and staff had a brilliant time on Tuesday during our Science Afternoon.

Science Boffin David started the afternoon off with an assembly where he taught some of the children and Miss Thomas how to skewer a balloon without making it pop. He also changed 'water' into 'blackcurrant' and then back again – teaching the children about acids, alkalis and neutral liquids and how they react with each other. Finally, he used an aerosol gas and an ignitor to make a canister explode and fly through the air!

Afterwards the children experienced three workshops. Chromatography Colours with Miss Thomas and Miss Young, where they looked at the inks which make up in Skittle and different felt-tipped pens: Super Static Electricity fun with Mrs Henderson, where the children found out about how balloons and objects react when they have different amounts of charge (They also produced some rather crazy hairstyles!); and a further workshop with Boffin David, who taught them about animal food chains and the human digestive system in rather a unique way!

