



Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear families,

As I am sure you are aware, Miss Williams, our PE instructor has been out this week as she is recovering from essential keyhole surgery. The surgery went well and Miss Williams is now resting and recovering at home. In the meantime, we have Sensei Adam covering our PE. He is practicing fundamental movements and provided an introduction to karate for our children. The children appear to be absolutely enthralled in this provision. There is a possibility that Sensei Adam can continue to run a karate club in the later Spring term or Summer term and judging by the positivity displayed by our pupils; I think this would be a very popular club indeed. Please inform your class teacher or Ms Maynard if you might be interested in this club.

Mrs James

Best attendance of the week goes to Nautilus Class **with 96.59%**
Whole school attendance: 95.78%
(target 97%)

We are thrilled to welcome Miss Winchester to our Early Years team (to replace Mrs Starkey) as our new Early Years Key Worker working across Nursery and Reception. Miss Winchester has settled in beautifully and is already proving to be a huge asset to the staffing team.

Welcome to Stambridge, Miss Winchester!

Times Tables Challenge

Octopus class has been challenging themselves to learn their tables. It has been wonderful to hear how enthusiastic they all are and see the improvement they are making. Well done and keep it up!
Try out the fun games such as *Hit the Button* and *Daily 10* on the website Topmarks to learn tables and number bonds. The games are also tablet friendly.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 6th February – Crab Class dress up day
Tuesday 6th February – Sea Turtle Class trip to the Synagogue
Friday 9th February – Non pupil day
Half term
Monday 19th February – Return to school
Friday 23rd February – Chinese New Year
Thursday 1st March – World book day
Friday 2nd March – Crab class sharing assembly 9am
Friday 2nd March Report out to families
Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th March – Parents evening
Thursday 8th March – International Women’s day
Friday 9th March – Nautilus class sharing assembly 2.40pm
Friday 16th March – Octopus class assembly 9am
Friday 23rd March – Sea Turtles class sharing assembly 2.40pm
Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Week 3

Stars of the Week

Crab – Bill
Turtle - Summer
Octopus - Belle
Nautilus - Yasmin

Writer of the week – William and Lacey
Reader of the week – John and Danny (Nautilus)



Awards this week

This week's 100% attendance with no late mark.

Elliot, Harvy, Isabella and Lillyann.

Lunch time awards

William, Daniel, Jack H, Isabella and Junior

Golds

Jasmin for knowing 100 key words, Alfie S for being kind and helpful to his friends, Jack H for his achievement in maths, Gui for his amazing reading and Charley for her creative homework

Daily Mile – The European Tour
Total so far this term – 501 miles
Current location – just north of Poitiers
Next stop – Madrid

Isobel was awarded a pen licence this week for her beautifully penned letter. Congratulations!

In Key Stage 2, 5 of the Year 5 and 6 class have a pen licence and 10 out of 17 children in Year 3 and 4 have a pen licence. This works out to 58% of the Key Stage. Keep practicing the other 11 pupils – aim to achieve one by the end of the school year.

Head Pupil corner

Assessment week Yay!

This week, Year 1-6 had a visit from Essex Fire and safety delivering workshops to each class. Ours was about internet safety and we learnt the importance of posting selfies safely. While Miss Williams is having an operation, Sensei Adam is our PE teacher and we are really enjoying every lesson. We all hope you have a good weekend.

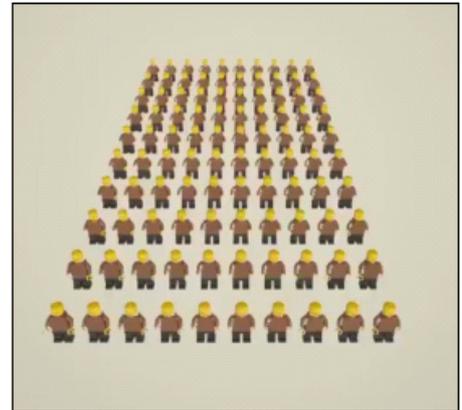
Finley & Harley ☺

If the world were 100 people...

- 59% of all the money in the world would belong to only 6 people;
- 80 would live in houses that aren't safe or properly built.
- 70 wouldn't be able to read;
- 50 wouldn't have money to buy enough food for the day;
- 1 would be about to be born!
- Only 1 would have been to university.

Half the world - nearly 3 billion people - lives on about £1 a day.

Using data from the CIA's World Factbook.



In Monday's assembly, we looked at these statements as a whole school and lots of children had comments and questions about them. It turned into an interesting discussion.



Fire Safety and
Cyber Safety Talks
with
Fire Officer Stuart

