



Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Families,

Winter has finally arrived with the colder and wetter weather we have had this week. This has not stopped the learning though, and all the classes have been busy. We have all noticed that quite a few of the children are struggling with telling the time, so any assistance with learning this important life skill at home will be beneficial. Perhaps Father Christmas might even help with buying a watch (just make sure it is an analogue watch).

Christmas will soon be upon us and preparations for the Christmas Fair, Christmas Concert and other seasonal events are well underway. Make sure you add the dates to your diary!

We also look forward to seeing you on Monday at 2.45pm for the celebration of our Geography Day.

Have a great weekend!

Best attendance of the week goes to Amber Class with **98.86%**

Whole school attendance: 96.41%
(target 97%)

EXCITING NEWS

From January we will be moving to a cashless payment system at Stambridge Primary School, making it easier and quicker to handle payments in school. More information to follow.

Geography Day

Remember children are to come to school on Monday dressed in colours of their class country.

Amber - Scotland - blue and white
Amethyst - Egypt - red, white, black
Sapphire - Brazil - yellow and green
Onyx - India - orange, white, green
£1.00 donation

Waterman Primary are seeking a part time Caretaker to keep their school site safe and well maintained. If you are interested in this position you can see more information at www.essexschoolsjob.co.uk. The closing date is Thursday 29th November but we will close the vacancy early if we have enough applications to shortlist.

Isobel is having her hair cut for Little Princess Trust . We have a donation box in reception. Please give her your support. Thank you

Upcoming dates

Monday 26th November – Geography Day
Wednesday 5th December – Book Club in School for a week
Saturday 8th December – Christmas fair WI Hall in Rochford 11am – 1pm
Tuesday 11th December – Christmas performance 2pm (no children)
Wednesday 12th December – Christingle at the Church 2pm
Thursday 13th December – Christmas performance 9.30 am
Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Week 2

Stars of the Week

Amber – Pearl

Amethyst – Alfie

Sapphire – George

Onyx – Lilah

Writer of the week – Vinnie, Bailey and Alina

Mathematician of the week – Junior

Awards this week

Platinum

Shelby for showing her Hearts values, Vinnie for amazing reading, Reggie for showing how to be a good friend, Indie for joining in with PE and forest school , Willow for amazing maths and Ukulele, Bailey for always trying his best, Issy for being an excellent role model.

This weeks 100% attendance with no late mark.

Amber Class

Vinnie, Alfie, Bill, Bert, Chloe, Reggie, Elsie, Sam, Anais, Indie

Amethyst Class Sophie, Bailey, Poppy, Rose, Elliot, Dylan, Jasmin, Fraya, George, Alfie, Sophia, Summer, Jack, Chloe, Annabelle, Ashton, Ava-Joyce, Willow, Harvy, Kyeron.

Sapphire Class

Oliver, Max, George, Isla, Daniel, Jack, Teigan, Ruby, Alina, Keira, Robbie, Nadine, Tiarna, Isla-Rose

Onyx Class

Charley, Issy, Gui, Jessie, John, Isabella, Isobel, Ethan, Lillyann, Junior, Danny, Lilah, Miah.

Hair

Please ensure that children with long hair wear it tied up for school. Hair accessories should be small and blue or white. A selection of suitable bows are available to purchase from the school office.

Head Pupil corner

This week we have picked our new Guide dog puppy called Spirit who we are going to sponsor and get updates throughout the year. It will get a lot colder so make sure you have a wrapped up weekend.

Henry & Junior 😊

We have had a very busy week in Amber class this week. We have carried on reading the story The Gruffalo and been thinking about using adjectives when telling stories. We have also been designing and describing our own monsters to use when telling our own versions of the Gruffalo! We have been thinking about how to be a good friend and how we can show our HEARTS values in everything we do!

We will be focusing on practising forming letters and numbers correctly for the rest of this term, so please try and practise at home if you can!

We have been very busy creating a big Gruffalo collage, working with Miss Parker to stuff snakes too! Thank you for the socks!

Next week we will be reading the Gruffalo's Child in Literacy and practising finding one more and one less in Maths.

This week Amethyst class have been writing their narrative about Mary Anning's life. We have also been focusing on sharing and division and really enjoyed using chocolate snowballs to help us!

We have also been writing our own algorithms.

Next week we will be starting a new story 'A snowy night'.

In Sapphire class this week we have been practising telling the time in different ways using an analogue, digital and 24 hour clocks. This is not an easy skill so we will be continuing to practise next week. I have been impressed by the children's narratives, especially with the use of descriptive language to engage the reader. Next week we will be writing letters in the role of Maia from the story and learning more about the rainforest in geography.

In Onyx Class, we have started our new English topic - we are now looking at biographies! This week, we have been reading a biography all about Easton LaChappelle and his amazing inventions. Why don't you ask your children, and see if they can tell you what he is famous for? In Maths, we have been working hard to tell the time, we will continue with this next week, so any practise you can do over the weekend would be great!