



Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The children are sharing their stories of decorations, elves and letters to Father Christmas with us and at school rehearsals for the Christmas production are well underway and taking shape nicely. However, the children have also been working incredibly hard on their assessments this week demonstrating their resilience and showing off what they can remember from their lessons. It has been lovely listening to the teachers share how well the children have done. Keep up the good work everyone!

On Wednesday, Amethyst, Sapphire and Onyx classes were visited by members of NatWest bank and took part in Money Sense workshops where they had to solve a fraud investigation. Afterwards, we received an email, from the staff who ran the course, thanking the children for their excellent behaviour and participation.

Please remember to come and visit the school's Christmas Fair at the Rochford WI Hall from 11.00 until 1.00 this Saturday. Please spread the word and bring some relatives and friends.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best attendance of the week goes to
Amber Class with 100%
Whole school attendance: 98.14%
(target 97%)

Reading Record Challenge.
Which certificate will you earn? Home/School reading record books will be collected in on Friday 14th December.

Daily Mile.
It's been a while since we reported on our journey. The children have steadily been covering the miles, with only one or two days being hit by bad weather. We are currently at Kosovo in Serbia on our way to Athens, Greece.

We are very pleased to be introducing a cashless system into school early in the New Year. Parents will be able to log onto their account and pay for school dinners, school visits and activities. Don't worry if you haven't got internet access, you can also pay in local shops via PayPoint. No more hunting for £1 coins in the morning! More information will be coming soon.

Upcoming dates

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
Thursday 13th December- Movie night – 3-5pm
Monday 17th December – 2- 3.30pm
Tuesday 18th December- Christmas flower arranging 3.15- 4.30- **Please book a place**
Wednesday 19th December – KS1/KS2 Ukulele assembly
Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Please see website for change in menu.

Stars of the Week

Amber – Victoria
Amethyst - Kyeron
Sapphire – Isla G
Onyx – Issy
Writer of the week – Alfie S and Isla H
Mathematician of the week – Ava-Joyce
Reader of the week - Lilah



This weeks 100% attendance with no late mark.

Amber Class
Pearl, Vinnie, Alfie, Bill, Berty, Chloe, Bobby, Reggie, Elsie, Sam, Anais, Indie

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

Sapphire Class
Oliver, Max, George, Isla, Daniel, Olivia, Jack, Teigan, Ruby, Alina, Keira, Sienna, Robbie, Connor, Nadine, Tiarna, Isla-Rose

Onyx Class
Charley, Issy, Gui, Jessie, John, Isabella, Danny, Belle, Isobel, Ethan, lillyann, Henry, Danny, lilah, Miah.

Christmas table decoration workshop.

Tuesday 18th December 3.15-4.30.

We are lucky to be offered this workshop led by a local florist to create a 2ft by 8inch table centre piece. All decorations are included in the £7.00 cost. A crèche will be available for the children. Please book a place with Ms Maynard.

We would like to congratulate Jessie for being appointed our new deputy head pupil. Well done Jessie!

Head Pupil corner

It's been an amazing week! NatWest Bank came in and helped us solve a fraud mystery. We are counting down the days till Christmas.

Hope to see you all on Saturday at the Christmas fair.

Have a fantastic weekend

Henry & Jessie ☺

Amber class have amazed us this week in every areas of their learning!
I have been wowed 100 times over with how good their ERR knowledge is and the words and sounds they know.
Miss Parker and I have been blown away by the standard of their writing too!
We have been recalling number facts in Maths and practicing our number recognition and careful counting.
Next week we will be learning about the Christmas story in Literacy and learning about money in Maths.
I will put out reminders for parents evening (afternoon) in Tapestry. I look forward to meeting with you all to talk about your wonderful children!

Amethyst class have been busy wowing me with the fantastic progress they have made this half term. They have been so focused during their assessments! We have also been investigating how to find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and objects (including cakes!) and year 2s have challenged themselves to find $\frac{1}{3}$ s!
Next week we will be continuing our fraction work extending to find fractions of amounts. We will also be writing about the Christmas story.

Sapphire class have worked super hard on their assessments this week. I am very proud of all the children for their efforts. Well done! In maths we have begun to look at fractions, with Year 3 finding half, quarter and thirds of numbers and shapes. Year 4 have been finding various fractions of quantities. Next week, Year 3 will look at fifths and tenths and Year 4 will be looking at equivalent fraction, mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Forest school lesson this week and made some very impressive bows and arrows.

Onyx Class have been working extremely hard this week on their assessments. They have produced some amazing biographies about Malala and have solved some very tricky worded problems in Maths. They also got to carry out their science experiment and solve a fraud scene investigation with NatWest Bank! Next week, we will be doing some letter writing and continuing our work on fractions.