

# William Martin CofE Schools and Nursery



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*Experiencing life in all its fullness*

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022



**"Be yourself, because the people who **mind** don't matter. And the people that **matter**, don't mind."**  
– Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents/Carers,

So, the last day of term has arrived and it makes us smile to see children around the school "dressed to express" or dressed up as Egyptians! What an excellent way to finish what can only be described as a "challenging term"!

As always, the children's resilience, energy and just fabulousness continues to permeate throughout the school, their books are full of excellent work and we have really enjoyed listening to them tell us how much they have learned, despite all the difficulties this term!! Our children always shine through the cloudiest of days!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their amazing commitment to providing the very best education for our children, we could not have got through this term without their brilliant sense of team and simple hard work! The Governors, Staff and Leadership Team would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all our parents for their unending support and patience through the class closures and disruption this half term. We are very grateful for your kindness and understanding.



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## Curriculum News

Our theme this term is 'Discover' with a focus on History. Year 5 spent a brilliant afternoon looking at the importance of the Nile for ancient Egyptians. They all created different things (including boats, barley and wheat, pyramids and houses to show settlement, pots and jewellery that were used for trade and papyrus paper) that the Nile was used for to put on our display!



Hawking class also created these beautiful daffodils, as part of Children's mental health week this week. Mrs Gill brought in some flowers for the class to carefully draw.

"We then wrote words to describe ourselves on the petals; words that help us grow on the stem, words that help us self-regulate and get through difficult times and negative words we have felt about ourselves or have been called in the soil as these are still around us but they aren't a part of us."



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## Our new Christian Values

Having been on a journey together over the past two years, we felt it was right to review our School's Christian values. We feel that the school has changed so much over the past two years, we wanted our children to choose what values were most important to them. Year 6 decided on their top nine, and these were the sent out to all the classes who came up with their top six!

The final results are as follows and will commence in the Summer Term:

Term	Christian Value	Meaning
Autumn 1	Responsibility	We take responsibility for our actions
Autumn 2	Friendship	We all get on together
Spring 1	Perseverance	We persevere to become our very best
Spring 2	Justice	We believe in being fair and reasonable
Summer 1	Courage	We have courage at all times
Summer 2	Truthfulness	We are always truthful

## **Parent/Teacher Meetings- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

You should have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher during the first week back after half term. Slips will be sent home with your time by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Events coming up...**

There are lots more exciting events coming up over the term including:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 'World Book Day'- dress as a favourite book character. (Year 4 dress up on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March due to swimming)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 'Mad Scientist Day' which will mark the end of our Science week. This coincides with Red Nose Day and we will be collecting donations on the gates in the morning.

## **Adult Community Learning (ACL)**

### **Sessions this Half Term**



**Suitable for parents of children in the Nursery to Year 6**  
**Tuesday Afternoons**

ACL in association with

**William Martin C of E Schools and Nursery**

*Sessions will be in school, but we will move back online if Covid cases increase.*



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Everything you need is completely free and everyone's welcome. To enrol for one or more sessions, speak to Mrs Jones or email [joanne.ingall@essex.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.ingall@essex.gov.uk)

22<sup>nd</sup> February: Praise Bears Reward Jar

1<sup>st</sup> March: World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March: Growing a Wellbeing Garden

22<sup>nd</sup> March: Easter Baking

29<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Crafts

## School Dinners

Please ensure that **all** school dinners are booked in advance by Thursday evening, the week preceding (before) your child's booking. We need this information and payment to pre-order the food to ensure we have sufficient stock and avoid waste. Non-booking and payment will mean that your child will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home. This will be confirmed by text.

Please note, that the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 will be our last week before the end of term. This means, we will have a slightly different menu on this week due to our early finish on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. We are pleased to offer our children's favourite: Fish Fingers, Chips and Beans on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We will be offering our usual choice of Baguettes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - no hot meals this day.



## Vine Passport

Children can bring in their Vine Passport after half term to show their teacher which zones have been completed, along with any scrapbooks too! Badges and certificates will be awarded on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February and the passport returned to them. Please ask your class teacher if you need another copy.

## Masks on Site

After the half term, we will no longer ask parents to wear masks in the playground, however for Parent Consultations, we do ask for parents to continue to wear masks, due to high volumes of footfall, in order to protect pupils, parents and staff from possible infection.

Wishing you all a fabulous half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Best wishes,

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## Value of next half term: Compassion



### Dates for your diary

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 'Those History People: Egyptian Day'

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of first half term- normal finish time

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Half term (including a non-pupil day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** First day of Spring Term 2

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Year 5 going to St Marks to watch Oliver (This has changed from 1<sup>st</sup> February)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent/Teacher Consultations

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day- Dress as a book character (Year 4 are invited to dress up on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March as it is their swimming day)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day combined with dress as a 'Mad scientist' Day- donations welcomed

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Reception trip to Boydells Dairy Farm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Last day of term- Early finish 1.10pm/1.15pm

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** First day of Summer Term

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 3 start swimming lessons at the Harlow Leisurezone

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATS Week

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood



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