

The Wickford Church of England School
Mount Road
Wickford
Essex
SS11 8HE
Executive Headteacher - Mrs D Rogan
Head of School - Mrs L Johnson
Tel: 01268 733297 Fax: 01268 571765
wickfordcofe.admin@heartsacademy.uk
www.hearts-wickfordcofe.uk



Tuesday 7th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Reading Challenge – Gold Award

As you know, here at Wickford C of E we place great importance on encouraging a love for reading and reinforcing how important it is that children read regularly to an adult and explore a variety of texts and experience a range of vocabulary.

The Reading Challenge has proved highly successful in raising the profile of reading and encouraging our children to read regularly at home. We would like to build on this success by introducing a special treat for the children who achieve “Gold” at the end of this term.

We are committed to giving the children an opportunity to express their wishes and as a result of asking the children what they would like as a reward for becoming Gold readers, in true democratic style, the children completed a vote compiled from their suggestions as to what they would like as a reward for their achievements. The results have been collated, and a special treat, as voted for by the children, will be arranged for all Gold readers at the end of the Summer Term. We would like as many children as possible in the school to be part of this special treat, so we really are encouraging everyone to “Go for Gold!”

In order to achieve a Gold award there needs to be at least 55 – 60 reads completed at home during this term and the Reading Challenge chart needs to be ticked/initialled by an adult each time in order to qualify. We shall be collecting reading diaries in on **5th July** to record the number of reads. It would be amazing to be able to award all children with this special experience. There is plenty of time left to achieve this number of reads.....so let's really go for it! A daily, five minute read with your child each day is truly advantageous to their progress and reading fluency and the children are very excited about achieving their Gold award treat.

We thank you for your support with this fantastic initiative.

The Teachers of The Wickford C of E School.

