



Colne Engaine Catch Up

School Council hold their first meeting.

October 19th



We're delighted to tell you that our new school council members have had their first meeting this week, having been voted into office by their peers in class, following a democratic process.

Well done Amy, Lara, George, Samuel, Max, Ava Grace, Ted, Emily, Amelie, William G, Darcey, Rebecca and Frankie – we know you will be an excellent School Council.

Our aim this year is to make sure that our children really do have a strong voice in our school – and we are looking this committee to support us in this. We are sure they'll do us proud!

Can you help us develop our reading journey even more?

We all know how important it is for children to become fluent readers, with all the skills they need to decode words and to understand what they read... but we also want our children to *love* reading too! We're doing lots to promote this in school and thanks to your generosity through FACES, we have some wonderful new books for the children to enjoy. We'd love to extend our reading materials further, by asking if you have any good quality children's magazines at home that we could have once your family have finished with them ... publications like Aquila, Kids National Geographic or 'The Week', a newspaper for children. Please send them in if you can spare them – we would love to add to the reading diet we can offer our children.



If there's anything you would like to find out about the Great Fire of London, please ask our resident experts in Willow Class, who have been exploring all sorts of facts about this key event in History. Ask them how the house designs (modelled beautifully here) added to the devastation caused by the fire... and ask them how they know, from a very important diary that someone wrote at the time!



Colne Engaine C of E Primary School

Open Day

for families with a child ready to start school in September 2021

Saturday 7th November

Please give us a call on 01787 222717, or email us at

admin.colneengaine@dcvst.org to book a place. (Booking is essential.)

We'd love to meet you!

(Please share with anyone who may be interested in coming to see us)

We asked our children what it is like being back in school, after lockdown...

"Doing 'Fluent in Five' every day is helping things not drop out of my head. I like how some are things I can do ... and some are harder. I am motivated at school because staff are kind and you feel special even if it's tricky. I don't worry if it is hard because there is help or we just keep doing it and doing it." IR



Our Learning Buddy BEN has been a great help in supporting our children to have a positive attitude and strong growth mindset.

Please find a reminder about BEN on the attached flyer.

Our WOW awards celebrate examples of learning where the children have demonstrated great learning behaviours, such as sticking at it even when it's hard, or refining their work with careful editing. Our most recent WOW winners are Carlton, Jayden, Toby, Herbert, Isobel, Daisy-Mae, Aidan M, Poppy, Tilly O, Isaac V, Jessica, Henry, Seb, Florence, Jasmine, Tommy, Gerogia, Emily C, Ted T, Joshua W

Reading WOW awards go to Penelope and Fergus



Our ERICER Tree

As you know, our school ethos is deeply rooted in our core Christian values; Empathy, Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Equality and Responsibility. Our children are fantastic at using and recognising 'ERICER' behaviours, which they understand to be the crucial ingredients needed to 'make a difference' in the world. Our ERICER awards celebrate and acknowledge examples of kind,

compassionate and fair behaviours. One child from each class each week receives an ERICER leaf award, which is added to the tree in the hall.

Our most recent ERICER awards go to Eleah, Phoebe, Ruari, Chloe, Logan, Aidan W, Kai and Sophia

Diary Dates

This week – parent/carer telephone consultations this week to share how your child is getting on at school – bookable by Care Monkey. Please make sure you are available in the time slot you chose, as our teachers have lots of calls to make and have lots to share with you too! We have sent home a portfolio of work too – please have a good look before your call.

Wednesday 4th November – Mrs Scillitoe's special Harvest Lunch

FACES Colour and Sparkle non – uniform day –

Friday 6th November

Virtual Balloon race! – During November

Monday 16th November- Odd Socks – 'Cool to be Kind' day to support Anti Bullying week – more information to follow.

Christmas Film night (in class bubbles) –

Friday 11th December

Our Harvest Appeal is a little later this year than usual – but we will be sharing a video soon of what our classes have been thinking about during this Harvest Season. This year our theme has been 'harvesting kindness'.

With this in mind, we would be grateful to receive donations for the Halstead foodbank in the week after half term.

Right now, the foodbank would particularly welcome the following items – Cereal Bars, Chocolate Bars, Jam, Sponge Puddings, Deodorants, Washing Detergent (In A Gel Form If Possible Please), Tea (40 Bags If Possible), Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Sponge Puddings, Sugar 500g, Coffee (Small Jars), Instant Mash, Breakfast Cereal, Packet Soups, Tinned Rice Pudding, Rice, Tinned Meat

Secondary school places for September 2021

Parents/carers of children in Year 6 must apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place.

You need to submit an application by the national closing date of 31 October 2020.

Applications received after this date will be considered late and you may reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school – and local schools fill up very quickly, so please make this a half term 'job to do'! The local authority do not send out any reminders. Please go to <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>