



Colne Engaine Catch Up

Welcome to the World, Baby Pennell!

November 23rd



We're delighted to share the lovely news that Mr and Mrs Pennell and big sister Imogen welcome a new baby girl to their family. Born on 20th November, Emilia Lily weighed in at 7lbs 8oz. We can't wait to meet them!

Christmas cards - We hope that you will understand why this year, we are asking that you **please don't send in any Christmas cards**, as we need to minimise the risk of transmission, however slight. **Please do** use email or the class Dojo pages to post Christmas messages if you'd like to... we'll make sure they get to the right people! We have also found a way for our children to send Christmas greetings to all in our community... all will be revealed!

Christingle - This year, Rev Mark and Rev Sharon are holding a Zoom Christingle service on Sunday 20th December at 5pm. They will be sending home a Christingle kit with every child, so that you can join in if you'd like to. We shall send out the details of how to join nearer the time.

FACES hope that our Christmas Film night can go ahead on Dec 11th but this depends on the rules after Dec 2nd.



Christmas is coming!



We want to make sure that we make Christmas as magical as we can in school this year, but we are of course having to make some different arrangements to accommodate the Covid restrictions we are working with. This is a work in progress of course- until we know what the new tier restriction are and how they will affect us in what we are able to do... but the plan so far is;

Christmas Nativity - Providing we manage to keep our bubbles in school, we are planning our Nativity for the children in Oak Tree and Willow class - with a script that allows us to do this in a 'bubble friendly' way. It will be a bit different than usual - but we plan for this to be every bit as special as ever. We hope to share this with you virtually - and we are currently working on how this might be possible. More news on that when we receive all the responses to the questionnaire sent out to those parents last week. Please do get this back to us as soon as possible.

Our Christmas service is a work progress! If lockdown rules permit, we shall visit the Church in class bubbles, to hold individual services with Rev Mark and Rev Sharon. If not, we shall share this with them via Zoom, just as we do our assemblies with them both. Sadly, we shall not be able to invite you to join us this year for this event.



Christmas Dinner will be as tasty and magnificent as always, thanks to our wonderful team in the kitchen. We shall need to follow our 'new normal' for lunch times, but we shall have Christmas crackers and lots of fun for sure! This will be on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas Parties will go ahead, With children having fun in their class, within their own learning bubble. These will take place on Thursday 17th December - in the morning for KS2 and in the afternoon for KS1. **This year, instead of coming in full party clothes, please replace the school sweat shirt/PE tracksuit with a Christmassy top.**

... and don't forget, we finish at 1.15pm on Friday 18th December... Please come on to the playground to collect in the 'new normal' way... taking particular care to remain socially distanced please. Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone as safe as possible.





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

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 Chloe, Freya, Archie, Elsie, Jaina, Lily, Aidan T, William R, Penelope, Isaac V, Finnley, Freddie E, Matilda, Liam and Tilly MM.

Well done everyone!



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 Seb, Matilda D, Daisy-Mae, Herbert, Lara, Farrah and Ernie.



*What a Star you are, Daisy-Mae!
We are so proud of you.*

Some of you may have spotted this article in the Halstead Gazette recently - 'A KIND-HEARTED schoolgirl with Christmas spirit hopes to spread a little joy this winter with a reverse advent calendar. Little Daisy-Mae is just ten-years-old and goes to Colne Engaine C of E Primary School. But far from thinking of herself as Christmas approaches, Daisy-Mae has started a campaign to help families who need support over winter by creating hampers filled with tinsel, treats, toys and more. Daisy-Mae and her friends hope to put a smile on the face of those who may be struggling this season and face a bleak festive period'.

If you'd like to join us in supporting Daisy Mae, please drop a small treat in the box outside the school and we shall be sure that she gets them. Well done Daisy-Mae!

Primary School Places for September 2021

– Please share!

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opens on 9 November 2020, for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2021. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2021. From 9 November 2020, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of Essex resident families applied online last year.

The Local Authority do not send letters to parents about making an application. All of the application and admissions information is available on the website above and we will be promoting via our website, social media and the printed press. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2021-22 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.



Please send in any old newspapers as we are running very low in supplies for painting in class!