

Colne Engaine Catch Up

Back in School... and loving every minute!

March 22nd 2021



We've had a lot of fun since we came back just two short weeks ago. As you'll see, Sycamore class have FINALLY had their Christmas dinner and Willow class made their own bread for a medieval banquet this week!

It's been the best thing ever to have all of our children back in school – our classrooms needed our children to bring them back to life. To hear the chatter as they learn together in their bubbles has been just what we all needed! We've spent time getting to know each other again, reminding ourselves how to be the best learners and the most caring friends that we can be. And my goodness, it's been busy! As you can see from these pictures, it finally feels like we're back where we belong – and we are very proud of our children for working hard to settle back in and settle back down to learning and laughing together.



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 Matilda D, Georgia, Emily C, Max L, Olly W, Freddy H and Toby M – Well done!



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 Rose, Liam, Louie and Frankie – well done!

Diary Dates so far....

We're still waiting for Government guidance on some dates, so please be aware that some of these are provisional. There may be more opportunities too – we certainly hope so!

Friday 26th March 11am – Easter Service with Rev Mark (sadly no families may attend) followed by Easter Fish Friday Lunch

Monday 12th April – Return to school after Easter Holidays

Fortnight beginning Monday 19th April – Relationships and Sex Education lessons

Tuesday 20th – Thursday 23rd April – Parent/carer and Teacher consultations via Zoom – please book a slot when email received from Operoo.

Thursday 1st July – Sports Day – more information to follow – but fingers crossed, we can invite families to come along too!

Sunday 4th July – Sycamore class residential to Mersea for 3 nights – again, fingers crossed!

Monday 19th July – Year 6 leavers assembly – hopefully parents and carers of Year 6 will be able to attend.

Tuesday 20th July – 11am - End of Year Service in the church, followed by family picnic – we hope!

School finishes at 1.15pm



A message from Emma Wigmore – CEO of the Vine Schools Trust, to all of our families.

On 8th March we were delighted to welcome children and staff back into our schools and to see them come alive again with the sound of learning. During the long weeks of remote schooling, we saw a high standard of provision across our Trust schools which has led to continued learning for our pupils during such a turbulent time. We would like to thank you - our parents and carers- for the work and commitment you have given to your children and to their school throughout this difficult time. Thank you also to our wonderful school staff. We know that school is the best place for our children to be and hope for a more stable summer term.

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No parking or dropping off on zig zags or in school carpark entrance please.

Please think of our neighbours – avoid parking in front of driveways or blocking access to their road.

Please help us to keep our children and families safe - and also to save us precious time in managing concerns and complaints about thoughtless or dangerous parking. Thank you for your support.