

Colne Engaine Catch Up

Hello to our little chicks!

June 17th



We have some new additions to our school community! Sycamore class have been learning about life cycles and as part of this study, they have hatched some chicks that have been incubated here in school. Imagine the excitement when we heard the cheeping and met five little fluffy bundles for the first time! We have good homes for all of the chicks – but we shall be looking after them here in

Delay in easing Covid restrictions and the implications for us and our families in school.

As we know, the PM recently announced that there would be a delay in easing Covid restrictions further until at least July 19th. This means that we remain at step 3 of the roadmap- and therefore, no further changes to the guidance put in place for schools. This means that every school has been busy looking at their own circumstances and risk assessments. As a result, we have had to make some difficult and disappointing decisions about some of our planned events in this half term. We thank you for your understanding in these difficult circumstances.

Sports Day – Thursday July 1st.

Sadly, we cannot now invite parents and carers into school to attend Sports Day. This is a great disappointment to us, as our Colne Engaine Sports Day is one of our favourite occasions of the year.

We shall still run our Sports Day as planned with our children of course. They will wear their team colours and run their races, to earn points to add to their team totals. We have arranged for a photographer to come along to capture the fun – and we are working on ways to make the photos available to you to download, so that you can have a memento of this occasion.

We shall be organising an online form via Operoo for you to let us know if you give consent for photographs which include your child to be added to an online class private file, where it will be possible for every person in that class to view and download. We shall also ask you to confirm that you will not share any of these photos which contain images of children other than your own, on any social media platform, without the express consent of their parent or carer.

Year 6 Leavers Celebration Service in the Church – Monday 19th July.

We are delighted that currently, we can still invite **one parent/carer** of Year 6 children to attend our service of celebration, led by Rev Mark, as the rules around attending worship at the church do have enough space for one person for each child to attend, whilst maintaining appropriate social distancing.

If the lockdown easing goes ahead on the 19th July, we can of course invite more than one person to come along to share this special occasion for our Year 6 children.

Sycamore Class residential can go ahead as we will always remain just in our own bubble.

Transition visits for our **new EYFS children** have been slightly adapted to fit the current rules on size of gatherings – all parents and carers have been notified. Our children in **Oak Tree class, Year 2 and Year 4** will still spend time as planned with their new teachers before the end of term. Families of our **Year 6** children have now been notified of the changes to arrangements that their secondary schools have made. Please let us know if you are still unclear about these plans.



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 Riley, Emily C, Eliza, Eloise, Toby, Amelie, George, Tilly O, Isaac V, Harrison, Eleah, Beppe, Aiden, Rose, Barney, Jasmine, Keira, Amberlie, Isaac R, Ava, Esme, Rebecca and Matilda. 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 Jenson, Oscar, Millie, Poppy, Leon, Lily, Rose and Freddie H. Well done!



One of our aims for this academic year has been to support our children to develop a love of reading and to recognise how many adventures we can have if we immerse ourselves in the pages of a book.

Zoom has brought new opportunities for our children – and this week, we were delighted to welcome Lindsay Galvin, author of 'Darwin's Dragons', to talk to the children in Sycamore class about her book, which they are reading in class. She even read to them the next chapter of the book, which was a real treat. Oliver said that it was so inspiring to hear the actual author reading her story – and that it made him want to read even more – which is music to our ears!



We LOVE our new parasols – thank you so much to The Five Bells, for donating these to us- and to FACES and Cat, for making them perfect for our picnic tables.

As you know, FACES have lots of plans for creative ways to help raise funds for our school – we are grateful to them and to you all, for supporting us to make things special for our children.