

# Colne Engaine Catch Up

New Beginnings

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2021



We've been having a lovely time here in school. We're really enjoying a bubble-free school, with shared playtimes – and it's wonderful to welcome our new children in Oak Tree class into our assemblies every day too.

Here they are setting off for their very first visit to Forest School – where they had lots of fun in spite of a very heavy downpour. Well done Callum, Charlotte, Mollie, Oliver, Teddie, Octavia, Lucas, Amber, Noah, Archie, Aibhlinn, Brooklynn, Oli, Ava, Thomas and Thea – for being super resilient Forest schoolers!

We are thrilled that ALL of our children will get the chance to go to Forest School this year. Please look out for requests for parent helpers from your child's class for these sessions, to help the children to have as much fun as possible.



Please join us at our Harvest Festival on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am at our village church. Coffee will be served from 10.45am

Please support our Harvest Appeal for the Braintree Area Foodbank this year- by dropping your donations to school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

We urgently need:  
Washing up liquid  
Washing detergent (in a gel form if possible please)  
Juice (1l please)  
Deodorant  
Custard (tinned or packet)  
Sponge puddings

Needed to maintain stocks:  
Long life milk (1l please)  
Tinned spaghetti  
Tinned fruit  
Instant mash  
Chocolate  
Baby wipes  
Shampoo/conditioner  
Shower gel  
Sugar (500g please)

Due to the generosity of our community, at present we do not need: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Baby Food, Baby Nappies, Jam, Fish, Rice, Hot Meat, Hot Snacks, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Veg

Please note: We ask for small packs—Larger packs do not fit in our boxes and make it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods which are still well within their "use by" date (no less than 6 months where possible). Thank you!



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 Evie, Emily Cu, Jaina, Ruari, Patsy, Callum, Oscar, Aidan T and all of Oak Tree class– well done!**

### Well done Emily!

We're very proud of Emily, one of our Y6 pupils, who has set up a [gofundme](#) page to support refugees. Please visit her page for further information

### #refugee awareness



Thanks to a generous donation from friends of our school, we have been able to buy a brand new class set of Bibles and Atlases for our children to use in class – we are very grateful for this wonderful support.



### 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 Ted T, Louie K, Leo and Brooklynn - Well done!**



Please park thoughtfully...

to keep our children and neighbours safe. Please avoid parking on the zigzags – or double parking in side roads around school, as this could cause issues for emergency vehicles.

Ramsey School are holding a Virtual Open Evening Event this year. Mr James will add a link to his talk on the school website ([www.ramseyacademy.com](http://www.ramseyacademy.com)) in the coming days. During his talk he will explain how parents can book a tour of the school.



We will be holding a Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 23 September starting at 6:00 p.m. Small group tours will be available on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 September. Further details on how to book a place will follow.

### A few reminders and gentle requests...

- No earrings on PE days please and black trainers and plain black tracksuits if possible.
- Small bags only please – we really don't have space for larger bags and rucksacks
- No nuts in packed lunches please – we ask that sweet treats are limited to a chocolate covered biscuit bar such as a Penguin, rather than other forms of sweets or chocolate.
- KS2 playtime snacks – we are trying to encourage healthy snacks at playtimes. Local dentists have asked us to encourage vegetable snacks or plain, unsweetened breadsticks for snack time, but we do allow fresh fruit snacks also. We do offer breaktime snacks at school which can be paid for online. Please don't send mini packs of savoury or sweet biscuits as we find packaging can cause a lot of litter issues.
- Please provide a named, freshly filled water bottle each day.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term
<b>September 2021</b> <b>Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup></b> – e safety lessons and clubs start this week <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Macmillan biscuit sale for children at playtime – 50p
<b>October 2021</b> <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 11am</b> – Harvest Festival in the Church– all welcome. <b>Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup></b> – Class ‘Share our learning’ events for parents and carers <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm</b> - Willow <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm</b> Rowan <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15am</b> – Oak <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm</b> – Sycamore <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 5.30-8pm</b> and <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 3.30-6pm</b> – Parent Carer consultation evenings <b>Half Term – Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> - and non-pupil day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b> <b>October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> am</b> – Swimming for Y345
<b>November 2021</b> <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b> – Non-pupil day <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> – 3.30 Express in the church – all welcome <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> – am Swimming for Y345</b> <b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11.30</b> – Open morning for prospective parents <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b> – School Photos – individual and family
<b>December 2021</b> <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> Flu immunisations for whole school <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm</b> – Whole School Christmas play <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.15am</b> – Whole School Christmas play <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> pm</b> KS1 Christmas parties <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> pm</b> KS2 Christmas parties <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 11am</b> Christmas Service and Christmas Dinner <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm</b> School finishes

## Learning about Stone Age lifestyles ... investigating sources of evidence

Sycamore class were in for a treat last week – by working as historians investigating sources of evidence ... in the shape of stone age ‘poo’!

The classroom was full of discussion and exclamations of disgust when the children learned what their afternoon history lesson was going to be... just look at these faces!



By using careful skills of dissection and observation, the children identified that stone age people ate lots of seeds, nuts and sometimes fish. A lesson they will never forget!

(P.S... the ‘poo’ wasn’t real!)