NEWSLETTER

8th October 2021

AIM HIGH TO BE THE BEST

OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS HALF-TERM IS

THE WORDS OF JESUS

Forgive others (Matthew 7.1-5)

On Monday this week the whole school attended a Halloween & Firework Safety Presentation run by Mr N Soanes, Education Officer from Essex County Fire & Rescue Service.

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Now the weather is more Autumnal please send your child/ren into school with a named coat.

Thank you.

ESSEX CHRONICLE

Information for Reception Class Parents

The Essex Chronicle celebrate the new starter children at schools around Essex in a picture supplement known as "First Class". The date this year that the supplement will appear will be **w/c 11th October 2021.**

Our Reception class will be featured in this supplement so please make sure you purchase your copy.

You have helped raise an incredible

£416.28

We would like to again say a massive thank you to all of you who provided cakes and donated so generously to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

Latchingdon C of E Primary School

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This week we have issued a letter and announced on our school Facebook page that we are reviewing and updating our **School Vision** and would like to obtain our parents opinions.

If you have not already done so, please return the reply slip sent out, or comment on our Facebook post, the **three words** that sum up how you would like our school to be seen.

Thank you.

Otters

As part of this terms theme of "Reach for the Sky" Otters class have been making hot air balloons out of papier mache.

Otters

mathematics world cup

WITH MOVEMENT AND MINDFULNESS

This Week Otters class have taken part in the Mathematics World Cup which is developed in partnership with UCL Institute of Education.

This activity combines education with physical activity and mindfulness to nurture well-being and connected the children to a global classroom.

Foxes & Badgers classes also took part in this activity.

Red Squirrels

As part of this terms theme of "Reach for the Sky" Red Squirrels class have made rockets and painted pictures of planets.

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 8th October 2021

The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: School Vision – 3 words that sum up Latchingdon CofE Primary School
- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Newsletter Autumn 2021 – Short Breaks
- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Academic Year 2021-22 Height & Weight Checks for Children in Yr6
- ESSEX CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE: Academic Year 2021-22 Height, Weight & Vision Checks for Children in Reception
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Admissions Policy Consultation 2023-2024 (Consultation period 5/10/21 to 16/11/21)
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Admissions Policy Criteria 2023-2024 – Latchingdon CofE Primary School

Headteacher Stickers

This week Mrs Kemp has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

Finley – Badgers
Alex – Badgers
Erin – Otters
Girush – Otters
Jolie – Otters
Skyla-Rose – Otters
Elsie-Mae – Red Squirrels
Tahnee – Red Squirrels
Gopish – Red Squirrels
Archie – Red Squirrels
Stanley – Red Squirrels
Rhys – Red Squirrels
Eliza – Badgers
Molly – Hedgehogs
Eloise P - Hedgehogs

Flu Immunisation

If you have not already returned the Flu Immunisation form for your child/ren please can you do so **asap**.

Many thanks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RECEPTION & YEAR 6 PARENTS

National Child Measurement Programme

Please find attached letters regarding the National Child Measurement Programme 2021-22

Children in Reception – height, weight & vision checks

Children in Year 6 – height & weight checks

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE A PRINTED VERSION OF THIS LETTER

Height, Weight & Vision Check Letter (Reception)

Height & Weight Check Letter (Year 6)

Admissions Policy Consultation 2023-2024

Latchingdon CofE Primary School are currently consulting on the school's Admission Policy for the academic year 2023-2024.

There have been no changes to the Admissions Policy procedures/criteria for the last seven years and there are no changes this year.

If after seven years there have been no changes, we are still expected to consult our community again on the policy, which we are doing now. The draft policy is attached.

The statutory consultation period is open for 6 weeks from Tuesday 5th October 2021 and will close on Tuesday 16th November 2021.

If you would like to comment on the policy, please contact the school office via admin.latchingdon@dcvst.org or in writing by post by Tuesday 16th November 2021.

Consultation Letter (dated 5th Oct 21)

Admission Policy Criteria (2023-2024)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PARENTS/CARERS YEAR 6

Applications for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2022 needs to be applied for by the closing date of 31st October 2021.

Parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children need to make their applications using Essex County Councils website:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember

AUTUMN TERM

October 2021

14th Oct – Yr 5 Swimming
14th Oct – Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6pm
21st Oct – Yr 5 Swimming
21st Oct – Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6pm
22nd Oct – PTFA – Change the Rules Day
25th Oct to 29th Oct – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 2021
1st Nov – NON-PUPIL DAY
2nd Nov to 5th Nov – Art Week
4th Nov – Yr 5/6 – Life Support Road Show
5th Nov – Yr5/6 – Life Support Road Show
5th Nov - PTFA Firework Disco KS1 3.15pm to 4.15pm
KS2 4.30pm to 6pm
9th Nov – Flu Immunisations
10th Nov – Prospective Parent Tours Reception 2022
18th Nov – Prospective Parent Tours Reception 2022
30th Nov – NCMP – Reception & Year 6

December 2021
2nd Dec – PTFA – Pantomime (in school)
7th Dec – Christmas Church Service – Christ Church
10th Dec – Christmas Decoration Afternoon & KS2 singing
14th Dec – KS1 Nativity – pm performance
15th Dec – KS1 Nativity – am performance
20th Dec to 31st Dec – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM

January 2022
3rd Jan – BANK HOLIDAY

February 2022
14th Feb to 18th Feb – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

March 2022
3rd March – World Book Day – Dress-Up
14th March to 18th March – Book Week

April 2022
4th April to 18th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM

May 2022
2nd May – BANK HOLIDAY
5th May – World Maths Day
9th May to 13th May – Year 6 SATS
30TH May to 3rd June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2022
6th June – NON-PUPIL DAY

July 2022
11th July to 15th July – Science Week
20th, 21st July – NON-PUPIL DAYS
22nd July – START SUMMER HOLIDAY

Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

Attendance – w/e 8/10/21

The winning class for the week ending 8th October 2021 is Otters.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	87.1%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	88.93%
3 (Foxes)	85.97%
4 / 5 (Otters)	95.56%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	84.64%
Whole School	88.44%

Each Friday we hold a raffle for all pupils in school, on time all week. This week the raffle was drawn and the winning pupil was Edith from Foxes class.

The Government expects our attendance to be 96%.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message. **We must have a reason to enable us to authorise the absence and to notify the Department of Education if it is COVID related.**

If you receive a text message, please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally has to attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Louis and Charlie G.

Well done to all these children.

Stars of the Week – w/e 8/10/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Rhys & Jaxon
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Millie & Ollie
3 (Foxes)	Archie & Ellie
4 / 5 (Otters)	Freddie & Zac
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Sienna & Lily-Mae

Star Writers – w/e 8/10/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Abigail
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Freddie
3 (Foxes)	Elijah
4 / 5 (Otters)	Adora
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Evelyn

Good Manners – w/e 8/10/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Bonnie-Lee & Gopish
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Esme & Harrison
3 (Foxes)	Lucas & Eddie
4 / 5 (Otters)	Ella-Mae & Isaac
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Finley & Adele

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 8/10/21

Molly - Hedgehogs

Lacey-Mai - Foxes

Reading Challenge – w/e 8/10/21

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Less than 50%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	60%
3 (Foxes)	70%
4 / 5 (Otters)	58%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	91%

Latchingdon Church of England Primary School

Part of the Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

Tours for Prospective Parents

We are a small, friendly church school. We are very proud of our children and their achievements and we would be pleased to show you around our school.

Wednesday 10th November 2021 - 9am to 11.30am

Thursday 18th November 2021 – 9am to 11.30am

By appointment only – please call our School Office on 01621 740328 for an appointment time.

" Aiming high to be the best that we can be."

- At Latchingdon we value positive relationships and caring attitudes between all in our school community.
- We aim to provide a stimulating environment, in which high standards of achievement are fostered and where all pupils are challenged and encouraged to reach their full potential
- Our school is driven by our Christian values of hope, wisdom and friendship; which guide all our plans and actions.
- We are passionate about promoting and safeguarding the welfare of our children and are committed to providing a happy, safe and welcoming atmosphere, in which children can learn and develop.

WE NEED YOU!

The Vine Schools Trust is a multi-academy trust responsible for 23 primary schools across 460 parishes in Essex.

We are actively seeking volunteers from a wide range of professional backgrounds to join our experienced Dengie Local Schools Governing Board (LSB), responsible for local governance in two of our schools:

- Latchingdon Church of England Primary School
- St Cedd's Church of England Primary School
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The role of an LSB member is really important in supporting the strategic direction of our schools. The role is challenging but it is rewarding to know that you have really contributed to the education of the pupils and the schools as a whole.

Your commitment would be to attend two meetings per term plus any training sessions. The meetings take place via Microsoft Teams at the moment due to Covid-19 restrictions. Outside of these meetings, you would be very welcome to attend as a guest at school events and on visits to see the schools in action.

There is no payment for the role (other than claiming expenses), but there is immense satisfaction to be gained by contributing to the education of young people in our community. We very much appreciate the time given so willingly by our LSB members.

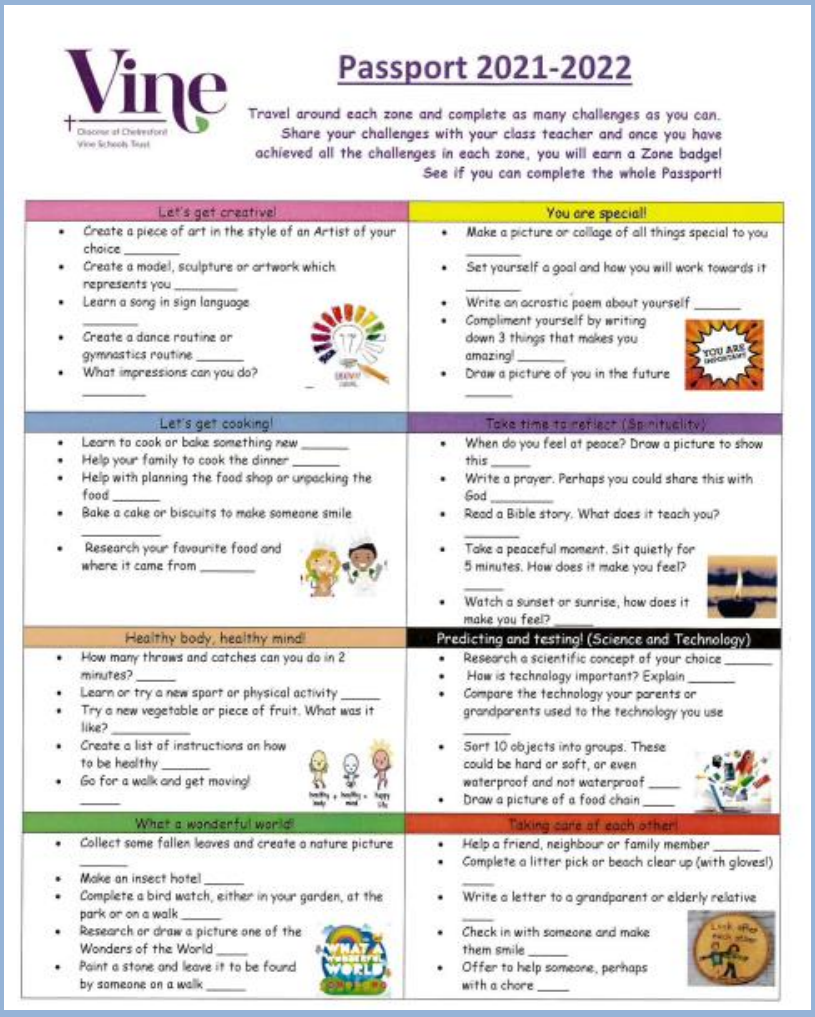
If you are interested in registering your interest or finding out more about the role, please contact our Governance Lead, Tosca Boothman
tosca.boothman@dcvst.org

Vine School Passport 2021-2022

With the success of last year's Vine Passport, the Vine Trust have updated and re-launched again this year!

This year Latchingdon C of E Primary School have decided to use the passport as projects within the school and teachers may, occasionally, set some of the ideas as homework.

Once any areas are completed by the children they will receive a Badge and a Certificate during one of our Friday Celebration Assemblies.



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Passport 2021-2022

Travel around each zone and complete as many challenges as you can. Share your challenges with your class teacher and once you have achieved all the challenges in each zone, you will earn a Zone badge! See if you can complete the whole Passport!

Let's get creative!

- Create a piece of art in the style of an Artist of your choice _____
- Create a model, sculpture or artwork which represents you _____
- Learn a song in sign language _____
- Create a dance routine or gymnastics routine _____
- What impressions can you do? _____

You are special!

- Make a picture or collage of all things special to you _____
- Set yourself a goal and how you will work towards it _____
- Write an acrostic poem about yourself _____
- Compliment yourself by writing down 3 things that makes you amazing! _____
- Draw a picture of you in the future _____

Let's get cooking!

- Learn to cook or bake something new _____
- Help your family to cook the dinner _____
- Help with planning the food shop or unpacking the food _____
- Bake a cake or biscuits to make someone smile _____
- Research your favourite food and where it came from _____

Take time to reflect (Spirituality)

- When do you feel at peace? Draw a picture to show this _____
- Write a prayer. Perhaps you could share this with God _____
- Read a Bible story. What does it teach you? _____
- Take a peaceful moment. Sit quietly for 5 minutes. How does it make you feel? _____
- Watch a sunset or sunrise, how does it make you feel? _____

Healthy body, healthy mind!

- How many throws and catches can you do in 2 minutes? _____
- Learn or try a new sport or physical activity _____
- Try a new vegetable or piece of fruit. What was it like? _____
- Create a list of instructions on how to be healthy _____
- Go for a walk and get moving! _____

Predicting and testing! (Science and Technology)

- Research a scientific concept of your choice _____
- How is technology important? Explain _____
- Compare the technology your parents or grandparents used to the technology you use _____
- Sort 10 objects into groups. These could be hard or soft, or even waterproof and not waterproof _____
- Draw a picture of a food chain _____

What a wonderful world!

- Collect some fallen leaves and create a nature picture _____
- Make an insect hotel _____
- Complete a bird watch, either in your garden, at the park or on a walk _____
- Research or draw a picture one of the Wonders of the World _____
- Paint a stone and leave it to be found by someone on a walk _____

Taking care of each other!

- Help a friend, neighbour or family member _____
- Complete a litter pick or beach clear up (with gloves!) _____
- Write a letter to a grandparent or elderly relative _____
- Check in with someone and make them smile _____
- Offer to help someone, perhaps with a chore _____

Bags Of Taste Restarting In The Maldon District

Bags of Taste is an award-winning social enterprise that supports vulnerable people who live in food poverty. The mentorship course teaches participants the skills to cook healthy meals on a budget to feed themselves and their families for below £1 a portion.

The course looks to reduce health inequalities by targeting those in greatest need. The course ran successfully last Autumn in Maldon District with 94% of the course participants living with long term health conditions.

They support people to learn the skills to be more independent, resilient and make better food choices. Many of their beneficiaries have multiple and complex challenges and a large majority have mental health issues. They are specialists in getting these people to make lasting change to their eating habits and this impacts hugely on their overall health and future well-being.

Councillor Wendy Stamp, Leader of Maldon District Council, said; "I am delighted to see initiatives such as these taking place in the District. It will provide great support to those who need help in cooking healthy and affordable meals and I would encourage those who are eligible to sign up."

This project is aimed at those who are in food poverty or socially isolated, people on a low income, single parents, pensioners, families struggling with budgets or over reliant on takeaway or ready meals.

Bags of Taste are currently recruiting Maldon District residents and would like them to express their interest by sending an email to maldon@bagsoftaste.org with a contact number so they can be signed up for this amazing opportunity.
The course will run through Autumn/Winter 2021/22 and is funded through the Maldon District Livewell Fund.

Website: www.bagsoftaste.org