NEWSLETTER

19th November 2021

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15: 12-13)

OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS HALF-TERM IS

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The angel announces good news to Mary (Luke 1.26-38)

Once again thank you to all of you that took the time to come along to our new Vision Launch and Latchingdon Art Gallery, last Friday. For those of you that were not able to attend Mrs Kemp's presentation our new Christian Values are:

Peace

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." (Colossians 3:15)

Friendship

"If one falls down, a friend can lift him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:10)

Thankfulness

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Hope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Forgiveness

"Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

Courage

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

School Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete our Parent View Questionnaire.

We will use the information gained to help improve our school.

The following children & members of Worship Group attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Christ Church on 14th November 2021 with their parents, Mrs Kemp & Mrs Pennock.

Eloise - Hedgehogs
Edith – Foxes
Eddie – Foxes
Caitlin – Otters
Girush – Otters
Alex – Badgers
Lacie – Badgers
Evelyn – Badgers
Ethan – Badgers

Thank you all for representing the school so well.

They have all received a Headteacher sticker from Mrs Kemp.

RED SQUIRRELS

WOODLAND TRUST

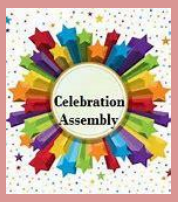
The Queen's Green Canopy: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee

Plant a Tree

The parents of the **Reception** children in Red Squirrels class have been invited into school next Friday 26th November 2021 to plant a tree sapling.

The tree saplings have been supplied by the Woodlands Trust to commemorate The Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

We would like the **Reception** children and parents to plant the trees and follow their growth in the years they will be with us.



Celebration Assembly

Red Squirrels Class
Friday 26th November 2021 at 10am

Next Friday we have invited the parents of the children in Red Squirrels class to our Celebration Assembly.

Please note that due to space in the hall we can only admit 1 adult per family and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

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Diocese of Chelmsford
Vine Schools Trust

The Vine Schools Trust Passport 2021-2022

Well done to Sophie from Red Squirrels class who has completed the Let's get Cooking Zone on this year's Vine Schools Trust Passport.

As you can see she has been very busy helping at home - even with the washing up!

Sophie has today received a Certificate and Badge – keep up the good work!

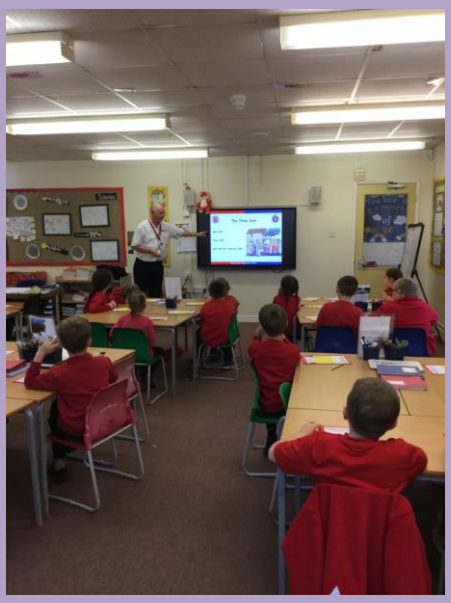
Sophie helped prepare dinner. She put the food on baking trays ready for the oven, cut potatoes (with help) and placed them in the saucepan, and also helped lay the table. After dinner Sophie always helps clean up & will dry up the items after they have been washed.

Sophie sat with her nanny and discussed where some food items she liked came from. Sophie chose to research apples, oranges, potatoes, chicken and pizza. Sophie then, with assistance, made her own lunch.

FOXES

On Monday this week Foxes class had a visit from a Fire Safety Officer as part of their PSHE work. They learned about how to keep safe if there was a fire in the home. Following the visit, the children created some informative posters.

Well done Foxes!



Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

GYM CLUB

We are delighted to welcome back Sarah Walsh our fully qualified Gymnastics Coach. Her Tuesday morning club commenced on 9th November 2021 and runs up to and including 14th December 2021.

All our clubs are reviewed termly to enable all children the opportunity to take part and places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2022

The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on Monday 8 November 2021, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in **September 2022.**

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2022.

From 8 November 2021, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Primary Schools brochure (2022 to 2023)

Essex County Council Primary School brochure for Mid Essex (2022 to 2023)

All the application information is available on the websites above.

If you are interested in your child attending Latchingdon CofE Primary School from September 2022 and missed our tour dates, then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 01621 740328 to arrange a mutual convenient time to view our school.

Please note that the school has only one line for incoming calls the number is:

01621 740328

(As the school has two outgoing lines if you miss a call from us, please use the above number to return the call)

Headteacher Stickers

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

Emily – Red Squirrels
Ralph – Foxes
James – Foxes
Ashley – Foxes
Rory – Otters
Lily-Mae – Badgers
Henry - Foxes

Adult Community Learning Essex are running over ***50 sessions*** throughout November & early December in support of family learning.

These sessions cover an ***impressive range of areas and ages***.

To search what courses ACL are running you can view their full course list **here**

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 19th November 2021

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

- CHESS HOMELESS: Letter of thanks for Harvest Donations (dated 9/11/21)
- LETTER TO PARENTS BADGERS CLASS: Celebration Assembly 28th January 2022 (issued 18/11/21)
- LETTER TO PARENTS OTTERS CLASS: Celebration Assembly 21st January 2022(issued 18/11/21)
- LETTER TO PARENTS FOXES CLASS: Celebration Assembly 14th January 2022 (issued 18/11/21)
- LETTER TO PARENTS HEDGEHOGS CLASS: Celebration Assembly 3rd December 2021 (issued 18/11/21)
- LETTER TO PARENTS YEAR 1 IN RED SQUIRRELS CLASS: Celebration Assembly 26th November 2021 (issued 18/11/21)
- LETTER TO RECEPTION CHILDREN: Plant a Tree & Celebration Assembly 26th November 2021 (dated 17/11/21)

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

AUTUMN TERM

November 2021

26th Nov – Red Squirrels
9.15am Tree Planting (Reception Only)
10am – Celebration Assembly
30th Nov – NCMP – Reception & Year 6

December 2021

2nd Dec – PTFA – Pantomime (in school)
3rd Dec – Hedgehogs – 10am - Celebration Assembly
7th Dec – Christmas Church Service – Christ Church
10th Dec – Santa Dash (virtual event)
10th Dec – Christmas Decoration Afternoon & KS2 Singing
13th Dec – KS2 Drama Performance
14th Dec – KS1 Nativity – pm performance
15th Dec – KS1 Nativity – am performance
15th Dec – Christmas Dinner (book by 2/12/21)
20th Dec to 31st Dec – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM

January 2022

3rd Jan – BANK HOLIDAY
13th Jan – Cross Country –Burnham Primary School KS2
14th Jan – Foxes – 10am Celebration Assembly
21st Jan – Otters – 10am Celebration Assembly
28th Jan – Badgers – 10am Celebration Assembly

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

Attendance – w/e 19/11/21

The winning class for the week ending 19th November 2021 is Foxes class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	94.2%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	86%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	96.3%
4 / 5 (Otters)	91.1%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	95%
Whole School	95.5%

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 Riley from Badgers 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.

Well done to all these children.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Lily-Mae & George.

Stars of the Week – w/e 19/11/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Emily & Daisy
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Judith & Dounya
3 / 4 (Foxes)	James & Lucas
4 / 5 (Otters)	Adora & Ella-Mae
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Alex & Lilly

Star Writers – w/e 19/11/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Amelia
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Isla-Mae
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Elijah
4 / 5 (Otters)	Rylee
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Finley

Good Manners – w/e 19/11/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Thea & Sophie-Louise
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Millie & Logan
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Ted & Ralph
4 / 5 (Otters)	Skyla-Rose & Lillie
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Lacie & James

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 19/11/21

Tahnee – Red Squirrels

Lilyrose - Badgers

Reading Challenge – w/e 19/11/21

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Less than 50%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	
3 / 4 (Foxes)	54%
4 / 5 (Otters)	59%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	73%

We have received a lovely letter of thanks from CHESS Homeless regarding the Harvest Festival items that we donated to them.

Thank you once again for supporting the Worship Group in this worthy cause.

CHESS Homeless
Opening doors to independence

Jenny Kemp
Latchingdon C of E Primary School
The Street
Latchingdon
Chelmsford CM3 6JS

9 November 2021

Dear Jenny,

I am writing to thank you for the recent donation of Harvest gifts to CHESS Homeless. I thought you may like an update of how we have been working during the Covid crisis which will also give you some insight as to how your donation will be used.

We have been working with local partners to provide longer term solutions for those who were temporarily housed by the council and have secured extra permanent accommodation so that they did not have to return to a life on the streets. We are also in the process of carrying out much needed refurbishments to our existing properties as well as reconfiguring the night shelter to operate as a 24hr facility for a smaller number of service users.

Our services overall have grown and continue to do so, meaning more funding is required but ultimately, we can support more individuals and get them into independent living situations. We were able to facilitate 32 residents over 5 properties, but over the past 20 months this has increased to 13 properties operational with 66 service users. Our staffing numbers have also had to increase to manage this growth and we currently have 31 members of staff, both part and full time. We have taken on our first property outside Chelmsford which is in Epping - one of the 8 areas that we cover through our Outreach services in addition to Rochford, Braintree, Maldon, Chelmsford, Castle Point, Brentwood and Uttlesford.

Our mission remains *to ensure that people who find themselves homeless are supported in ways that enable them to move forward purposefully and in good health*. We continue to offer one to one support in addition to providing accommodation, plus we are able to offer assistance with mental health issues, certificated training courses which helps with future employment, housing benefit support and help with domestic violence situations.

Thank you once again for your continued support which is gratefully appreciated.

Kind regards,

Lynne

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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

Essex ACTIVAte

ActiveEssex are again working with their network of trusted local delivery partners to put on a winter programme of activities for children & young people.

These sessions are ***FREE*** they are government funded for primary and secondary aged children (5-16 year olds) who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as those from low income working families who would benefit from this support. We are also able to extend this support to children and young people who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation, on a case-by-case basis, please speak to the club provider to discuss if this is an option.

Each Essex ActivAte club will deliver a fun physical and enrichment activity, fun food education and a nutritious meal.

27 organisations have been engaged support children & young people in Mid Essex between **Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd of December.**

This includes 4 dedicated **SEND Hubs** (2 in Braintree, 1 in Maldon & 1 in Chelmsford)

2 organisations will also be designated **Wellbeing Hubs** (1 in Braintree and 1 in Chelmsford). These sites will be offering support around emotional health & wellbeing alongside the enrichment activities.

The programme formally launches on the **17th of November**, at which point you'll be able to click **here** to find out details of all the clubs taking place across Mid Essex by district and to book a place.

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WORSHIP GROUP

Please see the letter from the Worship Group dated 10th November 2021 regarding our collection for The Dengie Food Pantry via the Reverse Advent Calendar. Please send any donations in by the end of November 2021.

Each class has a collection box in their classroom.

Thank you for your support.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Help us stock our Dengie foodbank to help local families in need

Give something special this Christmas and help families in our community have a fuller belly and happier Christmas

Please donate things that have a long use by date, such as:

- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tinned meat and fish
- Rice, pasta and noodles
- Biscuits and crisps
- Savoury snacks
- Advent calendars
- Pet food
- Tea and coffee
- Long life milk
- Juice, squash and fizzy drinks
- Toiletries for men, women and babies
- Small gifts for all ages
- Baby milk and nappies
- Cereals
- Chocolate and sweets
- Blank Christmas cards and wrapping paper
- Sauces, herbs and packet mixes
- Christmas foods such as puddings, biscuits and snacks

Please do not donate, fridge or freezer food or food doesn't last long before it expires, such as fresh fruit and bread

The Dengie Food Pantry could not provide help to those people in need without your donations at Christmas.
We greatly appreciate all donations