NEWSLETTER

25th February 2022

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey (Matthew 21.1-9)

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We hope you all managed to enjoy the break despite the weather!

We have this week welcomed Mrs Oakley to our team and she will be working in Foxes and Otters classes every morning as well as lunchtime duties.

This week a letter regarding booking a parent evening appointment has been sent out with all the children. If you have not received a letter then please come to Reception to collect another copy.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Morning Snack

Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break. Pupils may bring water, fruit, dried fruit or vegetables. No nuts, chocolate or chocolate cereal bars please.

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit or vegetable for mid-morning snack every day.

Water

Please send your child into school each day with a clearly labelled water bottle. The children can refill their water bottles in their classrooms or at lunchtime. Please fill with water only (not juice or squash) because it is important to maintain hydration during the day and to avoid an over consumption of additional sugars or additives.

Thank you for your continued co-operation

HEDGEHOGS

Before we broke up for half-term Hedgehogs class made crowns to finish off their Kings and Queens history topic.

Twosday – 22.2.22

Thank you to the PTFA for helping the children to celebrate this palindrome date by doing any 2 of the following:

- 2 bunches
- 2 odd socks
- 2 different colour nail varnish
- 2 tattoos
- 2 snacks

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sequence that reads the same backwards as forwards.

WILL YOU BE THIS WEEK'S MATHS CHAMPION – GO ON HAVE A GO!

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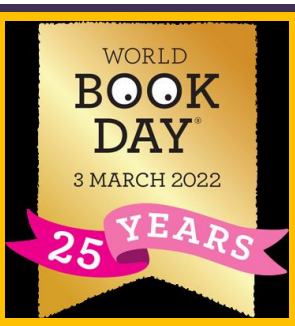
VALENTINE'S DISCO

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Valentine's Disco on Friday 11th February 2022.

All the children who attended had a wonderful time. We were also praised by Trevor from Quest for the outstanding behaviour from the children, so a massive well done to them, you should all be very proud 😍

We would also like thank the staff who give up their free time to support this event.



WORLD BOOK DAY

3RD MARCH 2022

To celebrate World Book Day we are inviting the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character.

Please note that if children decide they do not wish to dress up then they need to be in school uniform.

FOXES class have moved their PE day to Wednesday (please wear PE kit on Wednesday instead of Thursday)

OTTERS class have moved their PE day to Friday (please wear PE kit on Friday instead of Thursday)

Two prizes will be given:

Best home-made costume in EYFS/KS1
Best home-made costume in KS2
The prize will be a £5 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair which is visiting the school between 17th and 22nd March 2022.

Details of when the Book Fair can be visited will follow nearer the time.

SCHOLASTIC

Mrs Strathern's last day before she starts maternity leave will be Friday 29th April 2022.

We are delighted to confirm that Miss Taylor will be returning, from her maternity leave, to teach Red Squirrels class for the remainder of this academic year.

Her first day back will be Tuesday 19th April 2022 to give a 2-week hand over period.

We wish both ladies all the best.

Vine
Diocese of Chelmsford
Vine Schools Trust

The Vine Schools Trust Passport 2021-2022

Well done to Sawyer, Isla-Mae, Oliver B and Harrison from Hedgehogs class who have all completed the Taking care of each other! Zone of this year's Vine Schools Trust Passport.

Today, during our Celebration Assembly, they all received a Certificate and Badge – well done!

The Vine Schools Trust Passport 2021-2022

Well done to Jaxon from Red Squirrels class who has completed the Let's get creative! Zone of this year's Vine Schools Trust Passport.

Jaxon made a paper mache sculpture of himself by mixing flour and water and sticking strips of paper to a balloon. He enjoyed making the same expression as his balloon!

He performed 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' in sign language and sent in a great video. Jaxon also sent in a video of himself doing various animal impressions. He also sent in a video of a brilliant gymnastics routine that had a brilliant ending move!

Today, during our Celebration Assembly, he received a Certificate and Badge – well done Jaxon!

The Vine Schools Trust Passport 2021-2022

Well done to Daisy from Red Squirrels class who has completed the Let's get creative! Zone of this year's Vine Schools Trust Passport.

She has made a great sculpture of herself out of play-doh.

She also sent in a video of herself performing 'Happy Birthday' in sign language as well as a video of a brilliant dance routine.

Today, during our Celebration Assembly, she received a Certificate and Badge – well done Daisy!

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 25th February 2022

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: Parents' Evenings – 24/3/22 & 31/3/22 (dated 21/2/22)
- ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL: Letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education – Government COVID-19 Guidance wef 24/2/22 (dated 24/2/22)

Headteacher Stickers

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

Archie – Foxes
Ted – Foxes
James – Foxes
Lucas – Foxes
Holly – Foxes
Lacie-Mai – Foxes
Mia – Foxes
Erin – Foxes
Elsie-Mae – Red Squirrels
Sophie – Red Squirrels
Emily – Red Squirrels
Abigail – Red Squirrels
Frankie – Red Squirrels
Ronnie – Red Squirrels
Mollie – Hedgehogs
Matthew – Hedgehogs
Ashley - Foxes

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK YOUTH TRUST

Thank you to everyone who donated books, sweets and small toys to enable our Archbishop of York Young Leaders Club hold a Book Sale and Tombola after school today.

The Book Sale was to raise money for the RSPCA.

RSPCA

The Tombola was to raise money for Farleigh Hospice.

Farleigh Hospice

We will let you know how much they raised in next week's Newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

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PTFA Meeting

3rd March 2022 @ 3.10pm

The PTFA are holding a meeting afterschool on Thursday 3rd March at 3.10pm.

All are welcome and Miss Mallett has kindly agreed to look after any school aged children to enable parents to attend.

Well done to the following children who have all earned Times Table Rock Stars Certificates.

FOXES

James
Ralph
Catalina

OTTERS

Grace
Scarlett-Rose
Luke

BADGERS

Jamie
Laila-Bo

Book Week

14th-18th March 2022

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children including an author visit and lots of opportunities for the children to read with older/younger children in the school. The teachers will also be swapping classes so they can read to a different group of children.

On Thursday 17th March we would like to invite parents into school from 2.30pm to read with their child/ren.

We are also holding a 'Latchingdon Bake Off' with a book theme! Please bring your child's cakes into school on the morning of Thursday 17th March and they will be judged. Please label your cakes with your child's name and class and the book they are representing e.g 'Harry Potter cupcakes' or 'Little Red Riding Hood cakes.'

Two prizes will be given:

Best decorated cake from EYFS/KS1
Best decorated cake from KS2

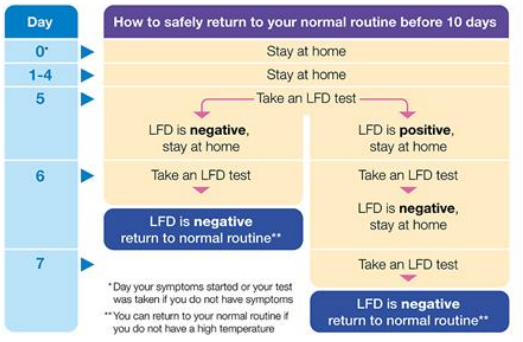
The prize will be a £5 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair which is visiting the school between 17th and 22nd March 2022.

The cakes will be sold on 17th & 18th March 2022 to raise funds for Red Nose Day.

Well done to Enrico from Red Squirrels class who completed Essex County Councils Winter Reading Challenge.

If your child/ren completed the Challenge then please let us know so we can share their achievements.

Please take a look at the useful diagram below that is referred to in the COVID-19: People with COVID-19 and their contacts guidance.



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

SPRING TERM

March 2022

3rd March – World Book Day – Dress-Up
3rd March – PTFA: 3.10pm Meeting
14th March to 18th March – Book Week
17th March – 2.30pm – Parents invited into school to read with children
17th March – Latchingdon Bake Off – Book Themed
17th March to 22nd March – Scholastic Book Fair
18th March – Red Nose Day
24th March – Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6pm
31st March – Parents Evening – 3.30pm to 6pm

April 2022

4th April to 18th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM

May 2022

2nd May – BANK HOLIDAY
4th May – Year 5 Road Safety Training
5th May – World Maths Day
9th May to 13th May – Year 6 SATS
25th May – Class Photographs
27th May – Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebration
30TH May to 3rd June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2022

6th June – NON-PUPIL DAY
28th June – EYFS/KS1 Barleylands Trip

July 2022

7th July – Year 6 Transition Day – Ormiston Rivers
11th July to 15th July – Science Week
20th & 21st July – NON-PUPIL DAYS
22nd July – START SUMMER HOLIDAY

Attendance – w/e 25/2/22

The winning class for the week ending 25th February 2022 is Hedgehogs class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	91.6%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	99.21%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	92.75%
4 / 5 (Otters)	94.2%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	97.7%

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 Sawyer from Hedgehogs 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.**

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 must 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 Lacie and Charlie W.

Well done to all these children.

Stars of the Week – w/e 25/2/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Abigail & Frankie
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Oliver K-P & Isla-Mae
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Bella-Rose & Edith
4 / 5 (Otters)	Summer-Joy & Daniel
5 / 6 (Badgers)	George & Ethan

Star Writers – w/e 25/2/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Gopish
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Roman
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Archie
4 / 5 (Otters)	Erin
5 / 6 (Badgers)	-

Good Manners – w/e 25/2/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Lola-Rose & Tahnee
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Tilly & Harrison
3 / 4 (Foxes)	James & Holly
4 / 5 (Otters)	Girish & Zac
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Cheri & Lola

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 25/2/22

Isabelle – Hedgehogs
Isla-Mae - Hedgehogs

Reading Challenge – w/e 25/2/22

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	50%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	50%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	50%
4 / 5 (Otters)	73%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	92%

Well done to all these children.

Maths Champion Problem dated 11/2/22

KS1 Answer = Sam has 6 bread rolls left – winner – Judith - Hedgehogs

KS2 Answer = 2nd week – winner – Gowsh - Foxes

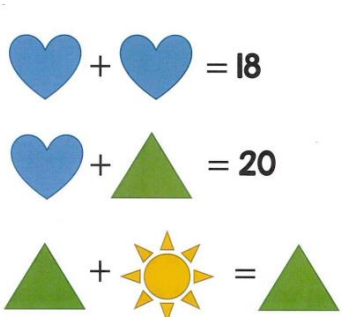
Well done to you both!

Maths Problem of the Week

KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem:

Work out the value of each symbol.



KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem:

Amy makes a repeating pattern.

What shape will be in the 50th position?

Explain how you know.

If you would like to solve your KS problem, please put your completed answer, labelled with your name and class, in the **'Maths Competition' box in the main School Office Foyer by 8.45am on Friday 4th March 2022.**

A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about NFTs (NON-FUNGIBLE TOKENS)

A non-fungible token, or NFT, is a unique digital record of a particular file – such as an image, audio track or video (non-fungible meaning it can't be replaced by an identical item). NFTs let digital content producers like artists and designers control how their work is distributed and monetised. The offline equivalent would be owning a limited-edition art print, signed by the artist, with a certificate of authentication. The value of the tokens is incredibly volatile, unregulated and very much based on hype, publicity and marketing. These digital assets – typically collectibles, avatars for social media profiles or character add-ons for online games – are traded in specialised marketplaces using cryptocurrency.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FAKE COLLECTIONS

When searching for a particular collection of NFTs, it is common for fake versions to display alongside the originals, which can easily fool a less experienced buyer. Larger projects will be verified, but small ones will not, so check the volume that has been traded and check the activity to verify authenticity – fake collections will have almost no trading history.

LACK OF CLARITY

Buying a limited-edition print of a painting isn't the same thing as owning the original. Likewise, when someone buys an NFT, they're not acquiring ownership rights to an original work. Some buyers don't realise that – since many NFTs are publicly on view – purchasing one doesn't stop other people from making their own copies of your NFT (by saving a screenshot of it, for example). Sneak peeks of NFTs can also falsely advertise what the purchaser is investing in, leaving buyers disappointed in what they actually receive, and as they are unregulated, there isn't a procedure for returns and refunds.

IP THEFT & "WASHTRADING"

Many online thieves steal NFTs to sell, while another common scam is "washtrading". Here, an unscrupulous trader creates aliases to buy the same NFT multiple times at increasing prices (so A sells to B for 10, who sells to C for 100, who then sells to D for 300 – except A, B, and C are actually all the same person). The goal is to lure in naïve speculators with the illusion of a juicy opportunity.

STORAGE ISSUES

An NFT is cryptocurrency which is linked to an additional file containing a digital asset. Due to the cost of storing data on a blockchain, it's typical for a project founder to store only the NFT's transaction record "on chain" to prove ownership – with the accompanying asset stored "off chain". Whether that storage is in the cloud or on a personal server, it must be permanently secure or the asset could be lost. So in a large number of cases, the NFT contains a link that points to the image data: it is not the image data itself.

TRANSACTION COSTS

Issuing an NFT requires "minting" it and any future sales require updating a blockchain ledger to transfer ownership. The cost of this – depending on the blockchain and market conditions – can vary wildly, based on supply and demand of "block space". In 2021, the fees paid for NFT transactions on one blockchain regularly cost *more* than the value of the asset itself, often by hundreds of US dollars.

PHISHING EMAILS & REPLICA SITES

There have been instances of messages being sent advertising the availability of new NFTs with a link to a fake website with a very similar URL to an authentic site. Users then link their cryptowallet to the site, are able to 'mint' the fake NFT, and once you press 'confirm', the cryptocurrency leaves your wallet and you are left without the NFT you were promised, and very much out of pocket.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CHECK AUTHORSHIP

Don't buy NFTs from unknown sources, and be wary of trading outside of official marketplaces. Branded NFTs, like those sold by sports franchises, are typically available via a platform that's easy to authenticate. However, NFTs sold by individual artists can be harder to verify. Research their online reputation to ensure they have a consistent track record of authorship and a recognised cryptocurrency wallet before you send a payment.

WALLET SECURITY

Wallet security can be the difference between keeping NFTs secure and having them stolen. There are two primary types: a hot wallet (such as metamask) is used for minting NFTs and general day-to-day interactions with third-party sites. A cold wallet (or 'vault') is for storing high-value assets, as interactions can't take place without physical confirmation on the hardware. Only buy these from official sites and not from third-party sellers (including Amazon).

DON'T GAMBLE

Beginners should avoid investing significant sums of money and gambling on future NFT prices. Anyone can create NFTs: this potentially infinite supply of "limited-edition" collections means that, eventually, 99% of NFTs will likely be worth nothing. The market is largely based around building hype and making people believe that the next project will be the one that makes them rich. Take time over your decision and ensure you fully understand a project before getting involved.

SPOT THE SCAMS

Learn what type of message a hacker will leave. They'll often try to create the illusion that you're one of a select few who has this incredible, limited-time opportunity. These can appear on official pages via hacking, so be wary of this pressure-buying tactic. Hackers also send links outside official channels, such as on message boards and private messages. Turn off direct messaging from the server when you join, and never click links that aren't on a project's official page.

RESEARCH THE SPACE

If you're interested in NFTs and you've learned the basics of cryptocurrency, talk to people who are already involved in the space (like an NFT alpha group) on authentic marketplaces. Research the projects you're considering investing in to avoid scams: follow the project on Twitter or Discord and review the work they've done before – avoid artists and teams who insist on remaining anonymous.

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Sources: Bloomberg Quicktake Documentary, "From Bitcoin to DeFi: In 2 Short Years", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMEJ4AA1Z4

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