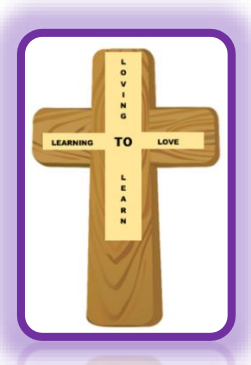
NEWSLETTER

6th October 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

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)

A short week this week as Friday 7th October 2022 is a non-pupil day due to all the teachers attending a Vine Schools Conference in Chelmsford. We do hope that you have a wonderful long weekend.

Well done to our School Council who helped this afternoon setting up for our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. They all really enjoyed helping and are going to be fantasic role models for their peers.

We would like to thank everybody who donated cakes for this event and all the donations made to this worthy cause – your support is very much appreciated.

We will announce the total amount raised in next week's Newsletter.

PTFA

Thank you to all those that attended the PTFA AGM after school today.

Reminder

Friday 7th October 2022

Non-Pupil Day

Parent's Evenings

13th October 2022 - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

20th October 2022 – 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Appointment times have been sent home with children this week.

We have been contacted by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) regarding two virtual groups they are running for Challenging Behaviour and Worry Management (full details at bottom of Newsletter).

If you feel that this may be of assistance to your family, then please contact the School Office to arrange for Mrs Kemp to make a referral. The deadline for referrals is 21st October 2022.

Helping Hands Box

Life is going to become expensive this year, with prices rising everywhere.

We all have days where we need some extra help and so we are going to put a box of food etc in the foyer, if you can donate the odd item great, if you need something please come and take it.

We all need to look out for each other.

Thank you to everyone that has added items to our Helping Hands Box.

The box is a helping hand to all our school community and is totally anonymous - please feel free to come in and take any items that you require.

Secondary School Admission – Sept 2023

The new secondary school admission round opened on Monday 12 September 2022, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school Year 7 place for September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

Applications can be made online via:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets

The Worship Group would like to thank everyone for all their generous donations in aid of the Dengie Food Pantry based in Southminster.

All the items will be delivered to them next week and we are sure they will be very grateful.

Thank you.

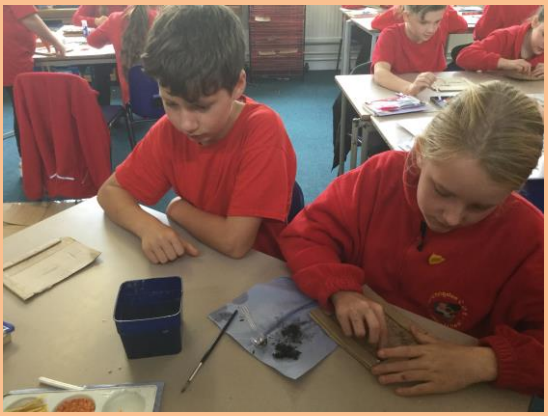
https://www.facebook.com/Dengie-Food-Pantry-Food-Bank-100408298274586/

Our Celebration Assembly for this week will be held on Monday 10th October 2022.

Please see next week's Newsletter which will contain all the winning names!

BADGERS

As part of their lessons on Roman civilisation Badgers class have been making mosaics using rice and pasta.



Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Today we have had an assembly led by Mr Neil Soames from Essex Fire & Rescue regarding safety during Bonfire Night and Halloween.

DONATIONS NEEDED
Can you help??

During break and lunchtimes many of our children enjoy colouring.

We have provided plenty of colouring pens and paper but if you have any unwanted colouring books that you are able to donate to the school they would be very much appreciated.

If so please drop them off at the School Office.

Essex Year of READING

As part of the Essex Year of Reading, a mobile library van will be visiting the school on 18th October 2022.

If your child would like to borrow a book they need to bring their library card.

If your child does not have a library card please collect a letter from the School Office which they can bring back anytime before 18th October 2022.

Thank you.

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, holds music lessons on a Tuesday morning for children in Year 2 or above.

He currently has spaces so if you are interested in your child/ren learning to play the piano, keyboard or guitar then please contact him directly on:

steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 6th October 2022

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

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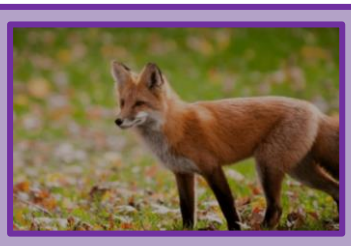
Headteacher Stickers

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

Eloise – Foxes
Isla-Mae – Foxes
Matthew – Foxes x 2
Ruby – Foxes
Isabelle – Foxes x 2
Oliver B – Foxes
Harrison – Foxes
Judith – Foxes

WHY NOT HAVE A GO AT ENTERING OUR MATHS CHAMPION COMPETITION?



FOXES

Well done to Eloise, Isabelle, Isla-Mae, Ruby and Matthew from Foxes class who have been very busy at lunchtime collecting rubbish in the school field.

They all received a Headteacher sticker for their excellent initiative.

So, what is Times Tables Rock Stars all about? Please follow this link to a short parents and carers guide.

What is Times Tables Rock Stars?

Essex County Council

Every month during 2022 there will be a different story chosen and available on the Essex Library Service website.

The story for October is A Fun ABC book written by Sade Fadipe and illustrated by Shedrach Ayalomeh.

There is also a suggested arts and crafts activity that the children could enjoy after listening to the story.

It can be accessed via this link:

Story of the Month - October

LATCHINGDON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Latchingdon C of E Primary School
The Street, Latchingdon
Chelmsford, Essex CM3 6JS
Telephone 01621 740328

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 9th November 2022 - 9am to 11.30am

Thursday 17th November 2022 - 9am to 11.30am

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

"Learning to love, loving to learn"

- 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.

Applications for Primary (Reception) school place starting September 2023 can be made between 7th November 2022 and 15th January 2023.

Please visit https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place for full details.

Maths Champion

- problem dated 30/9/22

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
IN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022

Maths Problem of the Week

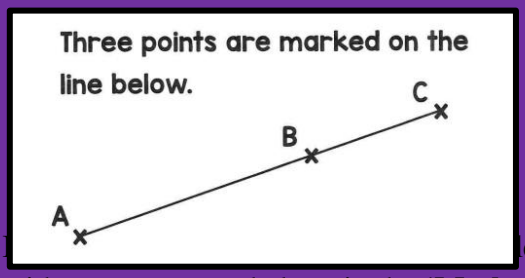
KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem

There are 26 children in a class.
There are 17 girls in the class.
How many more girls than boys are in the class?

KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem



The distance from A to B is twice the distance from B to C.
The distance from A to B is 15cm.
What is the distance from A to C?

…em, please put your completed answer, labelled with your name and class, in the **'Maths Competition' box in the main School Office Foyer by 8.40am on Friday 14th October 2022.**

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

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

October 2022

7th Oct – NON-PUPIL DAY
13th Oct – Life Support Roadshow – Year 5's
13th Oct – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
14th Oct – Life Support Roadshow – Year 6's
18th Oct – 10am to 1pm – Mobile Library Outreach Van
20th Oct – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
24th to 28th Oct – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 2022

4th Nov – PTFA Disco – KS1 3.10pm to 4.15pm
KS2 4.30pm to 6.00pm
9th Nov – 9.00am to 11.30am - Reception 2023 Tours
10th Nov – Flu Immunisations
13th Nov – Church – Remembrance Service
17th Nov – 9.30am to 11.30am – Reception 2023 Tours

December 2022

2nd Dec – 9.30am – Pantomime in School – Aladdin
13th Dec – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play
14th Dec – 9am – KS1 Christmas Play
19th Dec – 2pm – KS2 Carol Service
21st Dec to 4th Jan 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2023

February 2023

13th Feb to 17th Feb – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
20th Feb – NON-PUPIL DAY
27th Feb to 3rd March – MATHS WEEK

March 2023

3rd March – 2pm – Parent Open Afternoon
28th March – 9am – Road Safety – Year 5 & Reception
31st March – REPORTS ISSUED

April 2023

3rd April to 14th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

May 2023

22nd May to 26th May – CAREERS & AMBITIONS WEEK
26TH May – 2pm – Parent Open Afternoon
29th May to 2nd June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2023

12th June to 16th June – Mersea Outdoor Residential Trip
22nd June – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
29th June – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening

July 2023

5th July – Latchingdon Sports Day
6th July – Dengie Sports Day
13th July – 7 pm - Year 6 Production
21st July – NON-PUPIL DAY
22nd July – SUMMER HOLIDAY

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
Parent- Led Worry Management Group

What is it?
This virtual group is run by the MHST. It aims to educate parents & carers around their child's worries and teaches skills and techniques to support the parents & carers help the child.

Where: Online- Microsoft Teams.
Length: Each session will be approx. 1 hour long. The group lasts 6 weeks. Parents & carers attend all 6 weekly sessions.
When: 6 consecutive Fridays at 12.30pm. Starting Friday 4th of November 2022.

Who can attend?
This is a targeted group, meaning it's for parents & carers with a child who experiences worries and the parents/ carer would like to learn more about supporting their child with those worries.

How can I attend?
To attend this group, please seek a referral via the school. Once the MHST has received this referral you will be invited to a virtual initial assessment where we will discuss your child's worries in more detail. From here we will invite you to the group or signpost you to more appropriate support if we feel the group is not the best service for you & your child.

Limited places available- we will operate a first come first served basis. Deadline for referrals is 21st October 2022. MHST.referrals@nelft.nhs.uk

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Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
Parent- Led Challenging Behavior Group

What is it?
This virtual group is run by the MHST. It aims to educate parents & carers around their child's behavior and teaches skills and techniques to increase positive behaviors.

Where: Online- Microsoft Teams.
Length: Each session will be approx. 1 hour long. The group lasts 6 weeks. Parents & carers attend all 6 weekly sessions.
When: 6 consecutive Fridays at 10.00am. Starting Friday 4th of November 2022.

Who can attend?
This is a targeted group, meaning it's for parents & carers with a child who presents with challenging behavior and the parents/ carer would like to learn more about supporting their child with those behaviors.

How can I attend?
To attend this group, please seek a referral via the school. Once the MHST has received this referral you will be invited to a virtual initial assessment where we will discuss your child's behaviors in more detail. From here we will invite you to the group or signpost you to more appropriate support if we feel the group is not the best service for you & your child.

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IF YOU FEEL THAT EITHER OR THESE VIRTUAL GROUPS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO HELP WITH YOUR CHILD/REN THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN ORDER THAT MRS KEMP CAN MAKE A REFERRAL.

THE DEADLINE FOR MRS KEMP TO MAKE ANY REFERRALS IS 21ST OCTOBER 2022.

Cobbs Farm, Maldon Road, Goldhanger,
Maldon CM9 8BQ on the B1026

Cobbs Farm Pumpkins

Pop your wellies on for a fun day picking at our family farm!

Fri 21st Oct to Mon 31st Oct 2022
10am 'til 4pm

Free Entry NO BOOKING REQUIRED
facebook: Cobbs Farm Pumpkins Maldon
instagram: @cobbsfarmpumpkins

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 apps 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 BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE RATING 13+ from the App Store & Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

Time to BeReal

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Sources: https://bereal.com/privacy | https://bereal.com/terms | https://bereal.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/7452-BeReal-English-2d1d5b0e4f8c4f534bad0a40b04cfe82a | https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/bereal

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