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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wonderful Writing?!

We are introducing pen licences. The idea of pen licences is that they encourage children, in Years 2 to 6, to use neat and joined writing. Children earn a pen licence by consistently using neat joined hand writing. A pen licence lasts for the academic year in which it is earned. For example, if a child in Year 5 earns a pen licence next week then it will last to the end of the summer term, so long as the child keeps writing neatly. That Year 5 child then needs to try and earn a new pen licence when they move into Year 6. Pen licences can be 'lost' if a child that has one does not maintain neat and joined handwriting. The expectations for what is neat and joined writing in Year 2 is not the same as it is in Year 6. This is so that pen licences are fair and can be earned by every child, In Years 2 to 6, every year.

Pen licences are prestigious!

Official Pen Licence Mistley Norman Church of England Primary School		Official Pen Licence Mistley Norman Church of England Primary School	
Name	Card Number 0 000 000		
Year Group	Issued By		
Class		You have been awarded this pen licence because your handwriting has been judged to be accurately formed, correctly joined and neatly presented.	
Signature	Date of Issue 2nd October 2020	Expiry Date 21st Jul 2020	Keep up the good work to keep your licence! Well done.

Have you ever wanted to design a logo?

Children, our trust, The Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust, wants a new logo and they want your help to design it. To help them, all you need to do is to draw, paint or print a new logo for the trust, on plain white paper, and either:

1. Ask an adult to email it to school (photographed or scanned copies are fine) or
2. Put it in an envelope, with your name and school name on it, and give it to your class teacher.

You may want to look at the trust's website to help you think of ideas for a logo -

<https://www.vineschoolstrust.co.uk/>

All logo designs need to be submitted by the end of this half term so that they can be shown to the directors of the trust.



Marvellous Mathematics

Maths is one of the areas we are looking to develop, during this year. At our School Improvement Meeting, on Monday, teachers looked at some good electronic teaching resources that are new to the school. This week some of our youngest children were showing good mathematical learning whilst outside. I love the look of concentration that they all have!



Applications for Reception 2021

We warmly invite all parents, who have children that are due to join Reception next September, to contact the office for a tour of the school. These tours will only take place out of school hours and in a 'COVID19 secure' manner. We are giving this invitation now because when we can provide tours for parents is limited to after school and this restricted time may be harder for parents to book.

Applications to our school are made via Essex's website - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Online applications can be made for a Reception school place between 9 November 2020 and 15 January 2021.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'M. L. Carter-Tufnell'.

Mr M Carter-Tufnell
(Headteacher)



Golden Award

Well done to the following children who received Golden Awards this week

Isabelle R – Aristotle

Evie – Plato

Frankie – Socrates

Sport/PE Golden Award

Well done to the Frankie of Aristotle class who received this week's Sports Award

DOJO Champions

Congratulations to this week's Dojo Champions

Angel – Aristotle

Thomas – Plato

Millie – Socrates

