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Dear Parents and Carers,

Plato Class are looking forward to their trip next week. Some of the children couldn't wait until then to explore learning outside of the classroom – they have spent some of their break and lunchtimes making their own stone age dwellings, complete with secret paths and tunnels!



### Forever improving

Through monitoring and evaluation work undertaken by Mrs Levett, this week, we can see how much the learning and teaching of English has improved over the last few weeks. This is a very rapid rate of improvement and really encouraging. Mrs Levett and I are grateful for the way the team here are responding to new ideas and the new leadership – it is all working together to take things forward for your children. Mrs Levett is now busy working towards supporting us taking the next steps to make our English even better. This constant cycle of monitoring, evaluating and planning and implementing improvement plans is something we do with every aspect of school.

So that parents and carers know the main areas we are focusing on this year, for improvement, we have produced a one-page summary of our whole school improvement plan. That summary is being sent home today with this newsletter.

We are also working to improve some aspects of our provision for children with special educational needs and disability (SEND). As Mrs Martin, our SENCO, was ill last week and in an effort to speed up the pace of improve for SEND, Mrs Martin will be here all day next Tuesday and the following Tuesday. This has cost implications for the school but I am determined to 'wring out from the budget' as much money as I can towards key areas of our provision.

### **More great learning outside of the classroom**

Aristotle have combined learning about how houses were made in the past with developing good fine and gross motor skills.



### **The importance of fresh air and exercise**

Recently the weather has turned somewhat colder and wetter. It is still important for our children to have as much time outside, at break and dinner, so that they can relax and play with friends, get some exercise, be around nature and so on. Therefore, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed to go outside during the school day – including when there is light rain. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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, appearing to read 'M. Carter-Tufnell'.

Mr M Carter-Tufnell  
(Headteacher)



## Golden Award

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

**Lucy** – Aristotle

**Alfie** – Plato

**Toby** – Socrates

## Sport/PE Golden Award

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

## DOJO Champions

Congratulations to this week's Dojo Champions

**Isabelle R** – Aristotle

**Maddison** – Plato

**Courtney** – Socrates



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## A Parents Guide to Relationship and Sex Education- ONLINE

*New online training dates available*

Primary school parents

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 13:00-14:00

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Secondary school parents

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 13:00-14:00

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Our Education and Wellbeing Specialists will explore how the new legislation will impact on your child and-

- What it means for primary and secondary school students,
- What is taught and why we teach it
- How you can continue those conversations at home.

There will be time reserved for questions and how Brook can provide further support.

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