



Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

Newsletter

Key Vine Dates:

9 th January	Leadership Board (Harlow Academies) 1.30pm St James Harlow
11 th January	Vine training , become a KS1 moderator 1.00pm Howbridge Junior School
12 th January	Leadership Board (Dengie Academies) 9.00am Latchingdon
12 th January	Leadership Board (Tendering Academies) 1.30pm St Andrew's
16 th January	Leadership Board (Witham Academies) 10.30am Howbridge
17 th January	Leadership Board (Colne Valley Academies) 09.00am Ridgewell
23 rd January	HT COO Termly meeting 9.00am Board Room, Chelmsford
24 th January	Finance Leads 9.00am Chelmsford
25 th January	Vine Year 2 RWM moderation 1.00pm Howbridge Junior School
29 th January	Vine Year 1 RWM moderation 1.00pm Howbridge Junior School
31 st January	Vine training , become an EYFS moderator
9 th February	Vine Board Meeting Chelmsford
23 rd February	Vine training , become a KS2 moderator 1.00pm Howbridge Junior School
26 th February	Vine Year 6 WM moderation 9.00am Howbridge Junior School
26 th February	Vine Year 5 WM moderation 12.45pm Howbridge Junior School
26 th February	Vine meeting with Trade Unions
28 th February	Vine Year 4 WM moderation 9.00am Howbridge Junior School
28 th February	Vine Year 3 WM moderation 12.45pm Howbridge Junior School

Vine Trust Board – LGB Communication:

Please include communication with the Vine Trust Board on all LGB/LB agendas. Please send a copy of the minutes following each meeting to John – many thanks.

CEO Message:

I would like to thank Phil Preston for his service as Chair of the Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust Board. Phil's term of office ended this term, he leaves us in a strong position to move forwards. Tim Rose has been appointed as the new Chair of the Vine Trust Board, his pen pic can be found on the Vine website.

With Christmas and the end of term approaching, Nativities and Christmas Celebrations are in full swing at schools across our Trust.

Thank you to every member of staff who has supported pupils so they can take part in these Christmas events. Your dedication, skill and patience have created moments that spread joy that will live long in the memory.

I would like to pass on congratulations to Eleanor from Howbridge who designed the Christmas card for the Education Department at the Diocese and Erika from St James Harlow who designed the Vine Christmas card.

The way leaders, teachers and staff are balancing Christmas celebrations with promoting the highest quality teaching and learning is inspiring. Congratulations to both Belchamp St Paul and St Andrew's for receiving good SIAMS outcomes and to Orsett who received a positive Challenge Partner report. The majority of our schools are preparing for Challenge Partners next term and I look forward to hearing about the positive difference you are making.

Thank you all for continuing to be the custodians of pupils' learning. Merry Christmas to you all.

Kind Regards

John

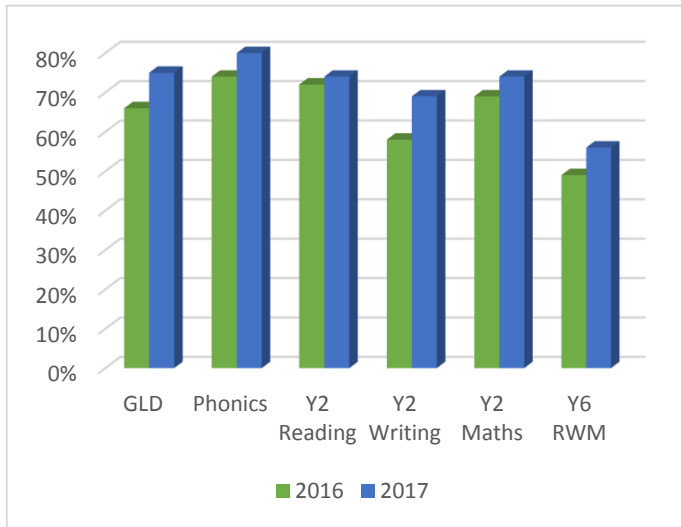
Recruitment:

Please be aware that any vacancies you have can be advertised on the Vine website and links tweeted by the CEO. This is a good way of attracting applications. Send adverts for uploading to ceo@vineschoolstrust.org

New Vine Academies:

Since the last newsletter, the Vine has welcomed Bulphan, Belchamp St Paul and Ridgewell Church of England Primary Schools, taking our number to 16 academies. We have received applications from 6 more schools and are looking forward to welcoming Two Village, Rivenhall and William Martin Infants and Juniors during the academic year.

Vine Success



The Vine has achieved academic progress in 2017 compared to 2016. This represents a positive step as the Vine progress towards being above the national average in all areas. Congratulations to ALL teachers as you all play a part in this progress. Let us make another positive step in 2018 – keep up the good work.

- Vine YR GLD +9%
- Vine Y1 Phonics +6%
- Vine Y3 Reading +2%
- Vine Y2 Writing +11%
- Vine Y2 mathematics +5%
- Vine Y6 RWM +7%

Vine Academy News

Howbridge CofE Junior School



On Saturday 11th November, Year 6 pupils from Howbridge Church of England Junior School accompanied their teacher, Ms Lambert, to the Witham War Memorial to lay a wreath in remembrance of those who have fallen in conflict. They were one of only two schools from the Witham area represented at the service and all of the pupils were a real credit to the school.

St James CofE Primary, Harlow



St James' choir, The New Edition Singers, perform in St James' Church recently, looking and sounding like a professional choir.

Rolph CofE Primary



In what can only be described as an outstanding performance, the children of Year 6 brought Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar to life recently. Set in modern day Rome Year 6 took the audience from Caesar’s entrance into Rome, to his death at the hands of Brutus and to the final scene where Brutus falls on his own sword.

“I would never believe children could act or even understand Shakespeare” Shared one parent. “They were incredible!”

Belchamp St Paul CofE Primary



Have used their Sports Premium to install a running track around the perimeter of the field. The Daily Mile Challenge improves the physical, social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing of our children.

Cathedral Day



With the theme of ‘family’, everyone agreed that the first Vine Cathedral Day was a success. These comments come from pupils at Orsett CofE Primary School.

- “Although there were 16 different schools that didn’t know each other, it brought us together as a family.”
- “A day to build confidence and ask questions from other people.”
- “A wonderful day with lots of different activities to do.”
- “It was a lot of fun, many questions to answer and you got a gift to take home.”
- “An exciting day because there was lots to do.”
- “It was a beautiful place to go especially when we had to put the candles on the floor.”

