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Our Christian value for the next half term is Respect

Staff News: After 25 years working in our office we are sad to wave goodbye to Paula Mitchell at the end of this week. We thank Paula for all her hard work over the years and wish her the best of luck and happiness in what ever she does next.

Charlotte's Web: We have managed to get a last minute deal for years 2-5 on a performance of "Charlotte's Web". The £1 contribution should appear on your School Money account.

Changes in Pupil Collection Arrangements: If there are any changes in the arrangements for collecting your child from school, such as a different person picking up or a medical appointment, please could you notify the school office as early as possible so that they can let the class teacher know. It is also very helpful wherever possible if you can let your child know in advance as well.

Staff Car Park: Please be reminded that the staff car park is not for use by families dropping off or picking up children. This includes after school clubs where it can be quite unsafe.

Juniors Healthy Snacks: Can we remind you that at break times Junior children may have a healthy snack such as fruit, vegetable or plain biscuits, rather than crisps or chocolate. Apart from encouraging healthy living, this is also to reduce the amount of litter on the playground. Can we also ask, with hot weather due in the summer term, that drink bottles only have water in them, not squash or other drinks.

School Uniform: May we remind you that we expect all children to be school uniform, including plain tights for girls and royal blue school jumpers. Please check all school uniform, including PE kits and coats, have your children's names clearly written in. In case you are buying new school shoes over the holidays, these should be black or a dark colour and no open toe sandals. Please make sure that children with long hair have it tied up for school.

With the warm weather of summer term approaching it is also really important that every child has a PE kit in school to change into.

<http://www.williammartinschools.org.uk/Uniform-and-PE-Kit>

Safeguarding Section

Each newsletter from now on will contain information on how we, as a school, and you, as parents/carers, can ensure that safeguarding the pupils in our school remains a high priority. Keep safe during the Easter half term.

The Children & Families Hub Provides Advice and Guidance to the public and professionals looking for early support. It is also the referral pathway to request for support from Family Solutions and is the referral pathway for any safeguarding concerns. When you call 0345 603 7627 - please specifically ask for the Children & Families Hub and state if you are a Member of the Public you will speak to a Family Adviser who will discuss and identify with you the right services that will help to meet the family's needs. <https://www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk/>

Dates for your diary

- Friday 5th April: Last day of term.
- Tuesday 23rd April: First day of Summer term.
- Friday 26th April: PTA Quiz Night
- Tuesday 30th April: Years 2-5: "Charlotte's Web" theatre performance.
- Thursday 2nd May: Non-pupil day.
- Friday 3rd May: Non-pupil day.
- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday Monday.
- Tuesday 7th May: Year 4 Iron Man Workshop
- Friday 10th May: Reception trip to Paradise Park.
- Monday 13th-Friday 17th May: Year 6 SATS week
- Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th May: Year 6 residential trip to Thriftwood.
- Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May Half term break.
- Thursday 13th June: Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo.
- Friday 14th June: Year 1 Seaside day in school.
- Monday 17th June: Year 5 Harry Potter Studios
- Wednesday 26th June: Year 1 trip to Frinton
- Monday 1st July. 9.30am: Infants' Sports Day
- Wednesday 3rd July: Juniors' Sports Day
- Friday 5th July: Reception trip to Weald Country Park
- Sunday 7th July: PTA Summer Fayre
- Friday 12th July: Year 2 Trip to RAF Museum, Hendon.
- Wednesday 17th July:
- Thursday 18th July: Year 6 Performance. am and pm
- Wednesday 24th July 2.15: Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Wednesday 24th July: Last day of term.
- Thursday 5th September: First Day of the new school year.





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Dear Families,

We have recently had a review which has been undertaken by The Vine Schools Trust. The review was led by an Ofsted inspector along with three other Senior Leaders from other Vine schools. The review was done over two days involving joint lesson observations with staff from William Martin, looking at books, data and talking to children.

Strengths and what is working well.

- . Emotional support for vulnerable pupils is a strength at this school led by the two Inclusion Mentors.
- . Philosophy is a strength where it is being used, and is ready to develop further across the school.
- . Behaviour for learning is focused because staff are consistent. Relationships between staff and pupils are effective in promoting learning.
- . There are many examples of strong teaching practice in both schools from teachers and support staff. These must be celebrated and used to aid further support where needed.
- . The chair of governors knows her school well and recognises its strengths and areas for improvement.
- . All groups of children make at least expected progress.
- . Senior staff have a clear vision and understanding of what they want to achieve for their pupils to succeed. They set high expectations for their staff and hold themselves and others to account where necessary.

Areas which we need to continue to develop.

- . Enhance the teaching of cross-curricular topics by increasing the length topics are taught, focusing on skills that may have been missed in the Foundation subjects such as geography, history and Design and technology.
- . Ways to challenge our more able children during Power Maths sessions.
- . Ensure new initiatives in the two schools have time to embed to support some inconsistencies seen in lessons.
- . Embedding the use of the new data analysis program.

