



Essendon

C of E Primary School

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Dear Essendon families,

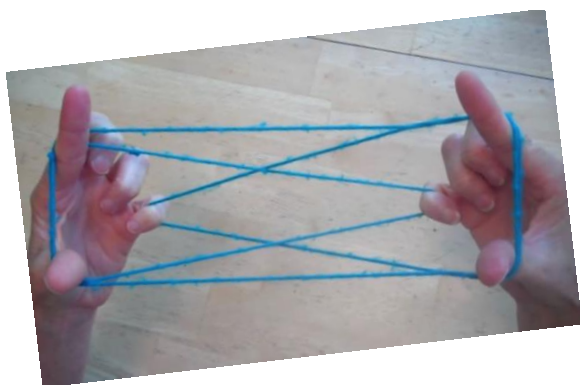
Happy Friday everybody!

Book Fair

It was lovely to see the children looking at all the books on offer at the Book Fair. Thank you to Mr Woodhouse for organising the event and for all those who took part, this raises funds for buying books at school which we can all enjoy in our class libraries.

Playtimes

We have had a great time meeting some of the Governors at our lunchtime play. The Governors have been able to meet the children outside at a safe distance and they have been able to reconnect with us all. We have introduced some new playground equipment and as part of this the children have been having a go at cats cradle. Please do look it up on-line and have a go as a family it can be quite tricky to start but is fun once you get going. The weather has certainly been very mixed this week but we always try and get outside to play so please can everyone bring a coat and then we are ready for whatever the weather brings.



Our focus value this term is...



Friends of Essendon School

A big thank you to Friends of Essendon School for the on-going fundraising activities. The Easter Raffle and Easter Craft raised £306 and the Uniform Sale continues this week, so have a look on the rail outside the main door and see if there is anything you need.

Good Listening

In this week's collective worship we have been thinking about good listening and how we can get better at listening to each other. Our assemblies this half term have been about school rules and how sticking to the rules ensures that the school runs smoothly and we can enjoy our learning and being together.

Bags to School

Thank you for gathering all your unwanted clothes for the Bags to School collection today. It's great to see how clothes that we do not want go on to others and help us raise funds for the school.

Thank you

And finally a big thank you to Mrs Bedi for coming in to support in Homewood Class this week, it has been lovely to see her back in the classroom and working with Year 1 and Year 2.

Have a great weekend! From Ms Canham

Awards

Well done to all the children who have received awards for their hard work and good manners this week. Bronze awards for 50 Team Points go to Sam Smith, Martin Lawrence and William Bohan. Headteacher's awards go to Henry Moran and Albie Sell. Congratulations to all of you!

Learners of the Week: Pantherswood



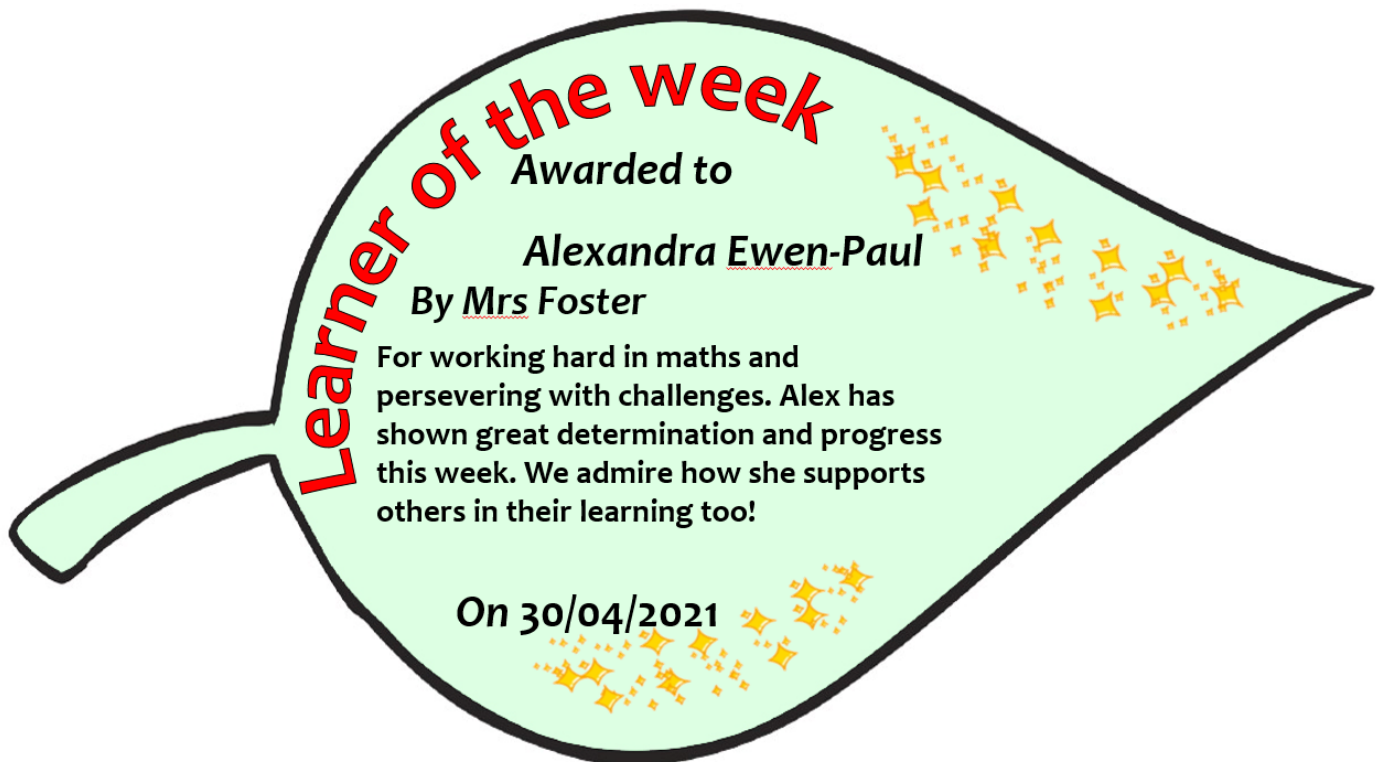
Learners of the Week: Homewood



Learners of the Week: Warrenwood



Learners of the Week: Harefield



Covid Rules

It has been a great relief to many to see the rules around Covid gradually relaxing, as we have been allowed to see friends and go shopping since Monday 12th April.

Please remember, though, that the rules for school and self-isolation have not changed.

If your child, or anyone else in your household, experiences any of the three main symptoms of **persistent cough, temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher, or loss of taste or smell** you should **begin self-isolation** and **book a Covid test**. Our classes remain in separate bubble groups, and bubble closures are still a possibility if infection finds its way into the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Term dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Weds 2nd Sep: Inset Day
Thurs 3 Sep: Term Begins
Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct: Half Term
Fri 18 Dec: End of Term

Spring Term

Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day
Tues 5 Jan: Term Begins
Mon 15-Fri 19 Feb: Half Term
Fri 26 Mar: End of Term

Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day
Mon 19 Apr: Parents' Evening (1st half – early evening)
Weds 21 Apr: Parents' Evening (2nd half – later evening)
Tues 13 Apr: Term Begins
Mon 31 May-Fri 4 Jun: Half Term
Mon 7 Jun: Inset Day
Tues 20 Jul: End of Term
Weds 21 Jul: Inset Day
Thurs 22 Jul: Occasional Day

Sign up for hot and cold school meals!

Since Herts Catering Ltd began providing our school meals in the Autumn term, we have been delighted by the fantastic quality, generous portions and wide variety of options on offer. The pupils have unanimously expressed their enjoyment of the meals.



I would strongly encourage all parents to read through the information available at www.hcl.co.uk and consider taking up these excellent school meals!