



Essendon

C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Newsletter: 22nd October 2020

Dear Essendon families ...

What a half-term it's been! We're very pleased that we've made it through to this point without any bubble closures or positive in-school tests. A huge thanks to all parents for supporting us in our efforts to keep the school open in these trying times!

PE Day, Monday 19th October

A huge thanks to Mrs Pinfold for organising our whole-school PE day on Monday. The pupils had a fantastic time trying out a variety of new sports including archery and bowls!



Curriculum for next half term

Next half term, we will be continuing our wellbeing-based Covid recovery curriculum. We will be structuring this around our new Essendon Way values, which will be at the heart of all our learning.

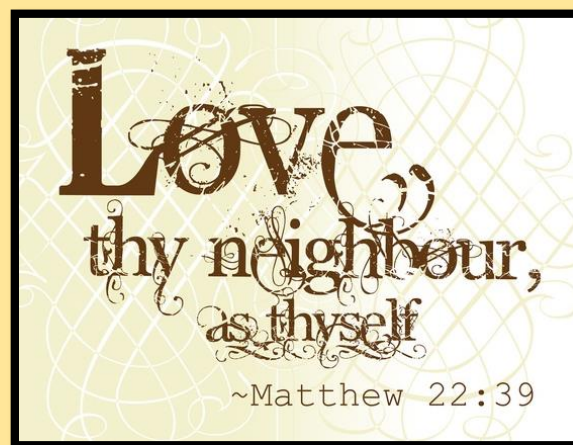
Awards

Well done to **Rose Pittard**, who has earned a Headteacher's award for her excellent work in English lessons!

Congratulations to **Albert Moran**, who has become the first person to achieve 50 Team Points, which earns him a Bronze Award. Keep up the hard work Albert!



This half term, our value is:



Out-of-School Achievements

If your child has achieved something that they are proud of outside school, such as a swimming certificate, an award, or a trophy they have won, we would love to celebrate these in school. Please email the office with a photo/description of any achievements and we will share these during our Friday celebration assemblies.

Extra-curricular clubs

Don't forget that **all children** from Reception to Year 6 can sign up for our extra-curricular clubs, which are 50% funded by the school! If we don't have enough interest, then clubs may have to be cancelled, which would be a great shame!

Year 2 Phonics Check

Those children who missed the Year 1 Phonics Check in the summer will be required to undergo the check next half term. Further information will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions about the Phonics Check, please don't hesitate to ask.

Have a great half-term break!

With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

After School Clubs



Join our after school clubs at
Essendon Primary 3:15 - 4:15

Monday - Netball

Tuesday - Archery

Wednesday - Football

Thursday - Gymnastics

Friday - Performing Arts

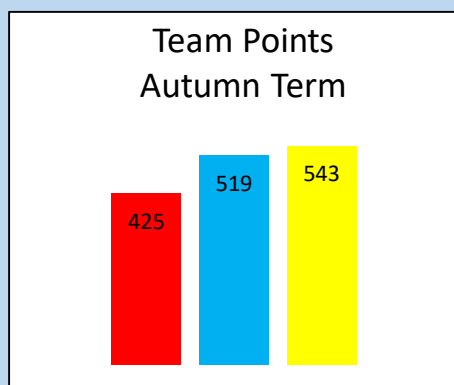
To book blocks of 7 clubs visit
www.multi-active.co.uk and select
after school clubs at Essendon
Primary
or call on 01462 351582

After School Care club at The Base
available until 6pm

The
BASE
Wrap Around Care @ Essendon Primary
Powered by Multi-Active

Team point totals so far

Well done to everyone who has earned points for their team this week!



There's plenty of time for the other teams to catch up, so keep trying hard!

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th October:** Half term week
- **Monday 9th November:** Bags to School Day
- **Monday 16th November:** Children's nasal flu vaccinations
- **Tuesday 24th November:** individual photos
- **Monday 16th November, Wednesday 18th November, Monday 23rd November and Wednesday 25th November (4 – 6 pm each day):** Parent's evening telephone consultations

Governor update

We are pleased to announce that Becky Pittard has joined our Governing Body as a Parent Governor.

Parent Governors play an important part in the running and development of our school and are valued members of the team. They play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Body is aware of the views of the parents.

Becky has two daughters at the school, Rose in Year 4 and Charlotte in Year 2.

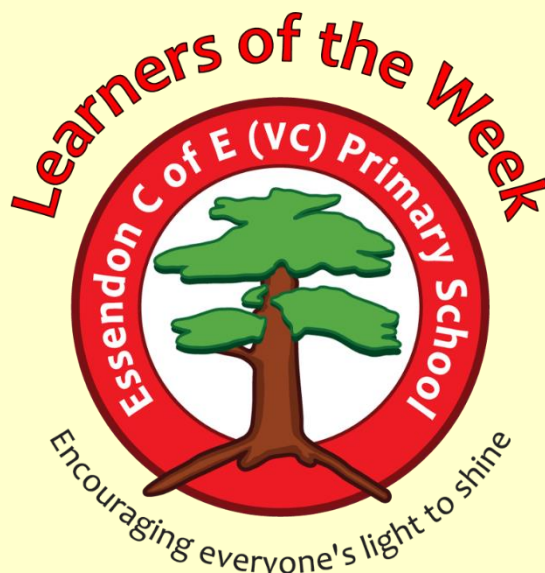
Congratulations to this week's star learners!

Pantherswood:
Elise and Leo

Homewood:
Henry and Evie

Warrenwood:
Mollie and Lily

Harefield:
Erin and Keira



Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep leaves are attached below, and don't forget that your leaves will be kept and put up on the Essendon Tree display at the front of the school once it has been completed.

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

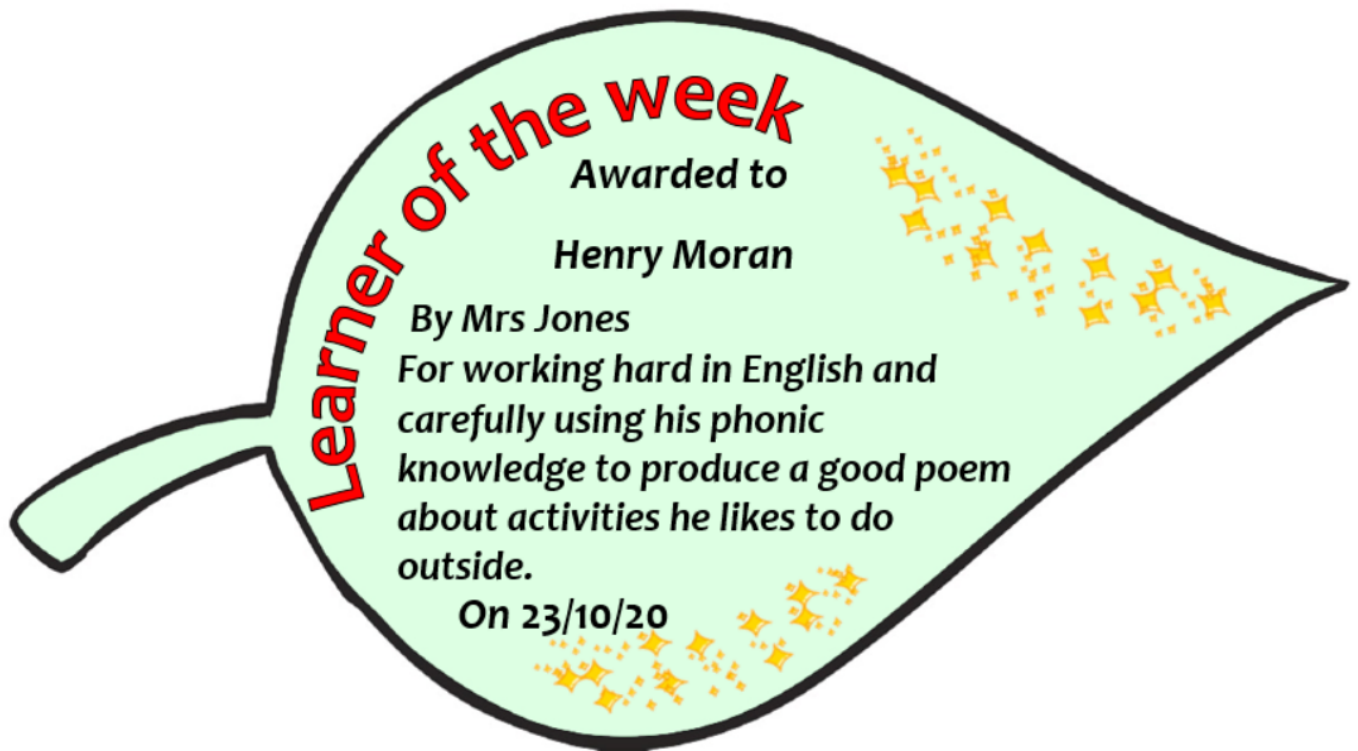
Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day
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

Pantherswood



Homewood



Warrenwood

Learner of the week

Awarded to:

Mollie

By: Mrs Morton

For Showing amazing effort in Science
and being really supportive to her
partner when carrying out an
investigation.

On 23/10/2020

Learner of the week

Awarded to:

Lily

By: Mr Woodhouse

For Demonstrating an excellent 'can-
do' attitude to her learning and
showing great independence during
Science lessons.

On 23/10/2020

Harefield

