



Essendon

C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Newsletter: 11th December 2020

Dear Essendon families ...

With just one week to go until Christmas, the children have been getting in a festive mood this week with Christmas decorations going up around the school, Christmas activities in classrooms and singing rehearsals taking place. Here's this week's news...

Christmas Story Carol Concert: Consent Needed

You should have received an email this week asking for your consent to video being shared of your child singing in the carol concerts next week. Regardless of the photo permissions we have on record, we need additional consent for pupils to take part in this fun, festive activity. Please email the school office expressing your consent, or your child will not be able to be included.

This half term, our value is:

The Essendon Way

Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI)

We're very excited to report that as part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, our school is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is designed for Reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be able to develop and extend the children's vocabulary and language skills, which will enhance their language acquisition. For more details, speak to Mrs O'Connor.

Lunchtime casual hours

The need to operate a staggered lunchbreak due to Covid has made staffing the pupil's lunchbreaks very difficult. Therefore, we would like to hear from any parents who would be interested in making themselves available as casual midday supervisory staff to help out when needed. Please contact me directly if you would be interested in helping the school in this capacity. Any appointment will be subject to interview and completion of all necessary background vetting checks.

Christmas Raffle draw

Congratulations to all those who were winners in our Christmas Raffle draw. Huge thanks go to Giani Asofiel for organising the event, and to all those who supported it by donating prizes or buying

Out-of-school achievements

We love sharing your out-of-school achievements! Congratulations this week go to...

Evie B on achieving your Entry Level Award in Performance from LAMDA!



Beau for gaining your Orange Belt in Kung-Fu!



Laura for earning a gold medal at Lost World Adventure Golf, Hemsby!



Well done all of you!

tickets. We have raised an incredible £2000 for the school!

Flu vaccinations

Don't forget that nasal flu vaccinations will take place at school on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th December for any children who missed them the first time round. Children will only receive the vaccination if parents have given the school their express consent.

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumpers

Don't forget that Wednesday 16th December is Christmas dinner day, so all pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on that day.

Skipping Champion

Following our Skip2bFit day two weeks ago, our results were submitted to the Hertford and Ware Sports Partnership, and we are delighted to announce that **Louie Moss** is the Rural Schools Champion for his age group with 178 skips in 1 minute. Louie receives a Pudsey Bear, a medal and a pair of Certificates and **Henry Moran** has also won a medal. Well done both!



Reminder: Friends of Essendon School AGM

The new FES will be holding their AGM outside the school at pickup time on Mon 14th December. It will last only around 5 minutes and is necessary to appoint the members of the Board.

We would appreciate if parents would attend (maintaining 2-metre distancing) so that a vote can be taken. For info, email FES61120@outlook.com.

Have a great weekend!

With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

ST MARY'S CHURCH,



OUTSIDE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

3PM

This year's Christingle will be held outside St Mary's Church, Essendon by the Christmas tree.

It will be a short service and although sadly this year we will not be able to give the children decorated oranges, they will each have a 'Covid free' battery tea light to hold and a small packet of sweets to take home. As it's being held outside we will be able to sing a couple of Christmas carols!

Please join us at what should be a magical occasion!

Spring term after-school clubs from Multi-Active

Multi-Active have announced the following line-up of after-school clubs and activities for the spring term. Once again, the school will pay 50% of the cost for any child who wishes to attend.

Monday – Multi-Sports – 3:15-4:15
 Tuesday – Nerf Targets Club – 3:15-4:15
 Wednesday – Football Club – 3:15-4:15
 Thursday – Gymnastics Club – 3:15-4:15
 Friday – Street Dance Club – 3:15-4:15

Care Club, including Snack, Mon – Fri 4:15pm - 6pm
 (not included in 50% subsidy offer)

CALLING EVERYONE!!!


V O L U N T E E

WHAT'S MISSING?

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**Parents, Teachers & Community Working Together
to Benefit the Education of OUR Children.**


Essendon Village CoFE School are setting up a new Friends of Essendon School Fundraising Charity – there are so many reasons why being part of the FES can benefit your child, school and community so please come & join our committee!



Please contact us on FES61120@outlook.com or Mr Potter if you would like to be part of the new & exciting FES Committee.

AGM to be held 14.12.2020 3.15pm – details to follow

 Friends of Essendon School
Every Child. One Voice

 Parentkind
Member Association

Venues in Beds, Cambs, Herts & Essex

All Venues have safe Covid-19
measures in place.
More information on website.



Activities Include:
Arts and Crafts
Archery
Circus Skills
Multi-Sports
Nerf Wars
Puzzle challenges
Performing Arts
Team Games

£19.99 per day
(Sibling discount 10%)



Courses run 9-4pm
All venues offer extended hours: 8am-5.30pm
Biggleswade extended hours: 7.30am-6pm

HOW TO BOOK:
WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK
TEL:07561-416208 OR 01462-351582





Christmas Treeasy

Dear Parent,

With Christmas fast approaching its time to inform you of our fantastic Covid secure Christmas tree fund raising scheme that Christmas Treeasy are able to offer through your school this year.

For every tree sold through your school, to both staff and parents, your relatives, friends and work colleagues, we will donate the sum of between £3 and £5 (size of tree dependant) to your school fund by the start of the end of the Christmas term.

Christmas Treeasy specialise in only the very best top-grade trees available, the non-drop Nordmann Fir Christmas tree, which we deliver free of charge direct to your home. For a small additional fee there is also the option of recycling, whereby we collect and recycle trees in the New Year. For all your tree needs we also supply tree stands and bags of logs too!

This year we have eleven dates available for delivery (more dates may become available) and great trees are of short supply, so please order early to avoid disappointment.

HOW TO ORDER

1. Online at www.christmastreeasy.co.uk where we can take credit card payments, please choose your school from the drop-down list.
2. By phone, calling [07710 407149](tel:07710407149) or [07989 072090](tel:07989072090)
3. By direct email at enquiries@christmastreeasy.co.uk this year's order form is attached.

You can also follow us and your delivery on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/christmastreeasy and on Twitter: [@XmasTreeasy](https://twitter.com/XmasTreeasy)

Please make sure you mention your school in all correspondence to ensure a donation to your school.

'WIN' a full refund on your order, it has worked so well the last few years so we're keeping the offer for this Christmas. Tell your friends about us and if they purchase a tree, make sure that they inform us, via the order page online, of your recommendation and the winner will be the person who supplies the most recommendations; they will be notified and fully refunded before Christmas. Good luck!

I look forward seeing many of you soon.


Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Turner'.


Dean Turner
Christmas Treeasy Ltd.



 PREMIUM GRADE NORDMANN FIR	SIZE OF TREE	PRICE PER TREE	QTY ORDERED
	4ft to 4'8"	£35.00	
	4'8" to 5'6"	£40.00	
	5'6" to 6'4"	£46.00	
	6'4" to 7'2"	£55.00	
	7'2" to 8ft	£62.00	

 CINCO STAND	SIZE OF STAND	PRICE PER STAND	QTY ORDERED
	SMALL	£15.00	
	MEDIUM	£18.00	
	LARGE	£23.00	

	SIZE OF BAG	PRICE PER BAG	QTY ORDERED
	5KG BAG OF XMAS LOGS	£4.00	
	10KG BAG OF XMAS LOGS	£7.00	

	RECYCLING OF XMAS TREE	£6.50	
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Recycling of Christmas trees will take place between 7th & 10th January. Please leave your tree outside your door ready for collection.

CHRISTMAS DELIVERY DATES	30 th Nov	1 st Dec	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	6 th Dec	8 th Dec	11 th Dec	12 th Dec	13 th Dec	15 th Dec	17 th Dec
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More delivery dates may be added due to demand, deliveries start early on the specified days, trees will be left in a safe place if you're out

Here's how to place an order

1. Go to the order a delivery page online at: www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk
2. Choose your size of tree
3. Add your school from the drop-down box
4. Choose your preferred delivery date from options
5. Add Recycling, a Stand or Christmas logs to your order if you wish

Contact us for more information by Email: enquiries@christmastreeeasy.co.uk

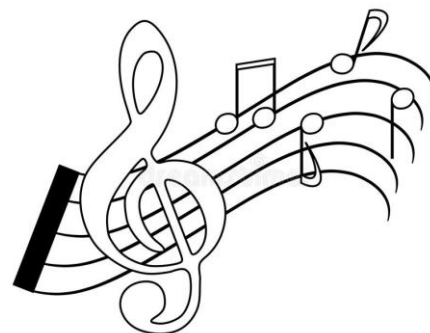
Phone: 07710 407149 or 07989 072090

Facebook: www.facebook.com/christmastreeeasy Twitter: [@XmasTreeeasy](https://twitter.com/XmasTreeeasy)



Cash & cheques may be payable upon delivery, call or email us for details. Please make cheques payable to Christmas Treeeasy Ltd; please write your details on the back. Credit card payments can be made online only.

TAKE UP MUSIC!



Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer

Musical Instrument tuition is coming back to Essendon Primary!

The scheme will be available for Piano/Keyboard, Guitar and Ukulele.

Whichever you choose, the lessons are all designed to offer high quality tuition, keeping each session enjoyable and interesting - using the very best in tuition books and courses.

Everyone has the potential to play a musical instrument and as with any learning process we all progress and develop in different ways - from technical expertise to a more creative style, or somewhere in between!

After an initial period of getting to know the instrument, musical activities such as ensembles and performance in assemblies are encouraged for students.

Please find below details of schemes and costs - then contact us with your preference at shampshire32@gmail.com and we will reply to your enquiry as soon as possible.

Lesson requests will be dealt with promptly and your child can start learning to play!

<i>Tuition scheme</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Paired</i>	<i>Cost per session ind /paired £'s</i>
• PIANO	Yes	*	6.50
• KEYBOARD	Yes	*	6.50
• GUITAR	Yes	Yes	6.50 / 3.25
• UKULELE - *NEW*	Yes	Yes	6.50 / 3.25
• SINGLE STUDENT "MAXI SESSION"	Yes	*	10.00

All standard lessons have a duration of 20 minutes / MAXI SESSIONS - 30 minutes

Other Information -

- Advice and recommendations for purchasing instruments can be given.
- **Invoices will be sent with payment instructions once reply forms are received**
- Tuition Fees are requested in advance for each Half Term period
- Fees are calculated subject to school curriculum activities

COVID - 19 : ALL MUSIC LESSONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHOOL REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS/REQUIREMENTS AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. MUSIC LESSON TIMETABLES WILL BE ORGANISED AND/OR ADJUSTED TO ALLOW SAFE COLLECTION AND RETURN OF PUPILS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS.

Teacher : Simon Hampshire Mobile : 07473 173448 Email : shampshire32@gmail.com

Governor quote

The Health & Safety of the children, staff and visitors is of the highest priority for the school and is monitored by a committee who meet every half term. This morning the committee did a walkabout of the school as part of the school site inspection safety checklist. The monitoring includes checking that all registers are up to date (Fire, Incident and Central register). We also look at the general environment and from time to time, review Risk Assessments.

We are happy to report that during our visit, we found everything to be in good order.

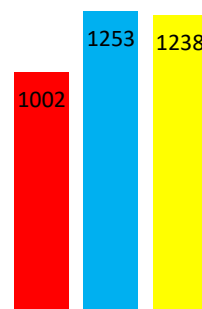
During the visit it was also nice to see how much the children appeared to be enjoying their activities and work in class.

Jan Bedregeanu,
Health & Safety Governor

Team point totals so far

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

Team Points
Autumn Term



With one week to go this term, it is neck-and-neck!

Good luck next week everyone!

Congratulations to this week's star learners!

Pantherswood:

Ollie and Belle

Homewood:

Lana and Carter

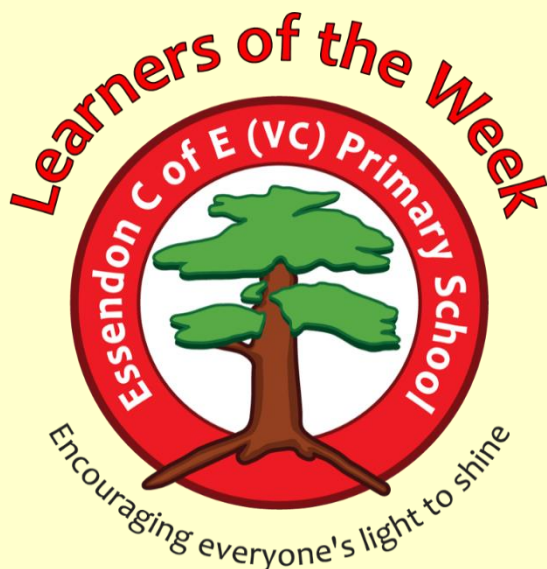
Warrenwood:

Ted and Rose

Harefield:

Charlie J and Annalise

Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep Learner of the Week leaves are below.



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

Learner of the week

Awarded to
Ollie Talbot

By Mrs O'Connor

For always trying his very best in
all his learning choices.

On 11/12/20

Learner of the week

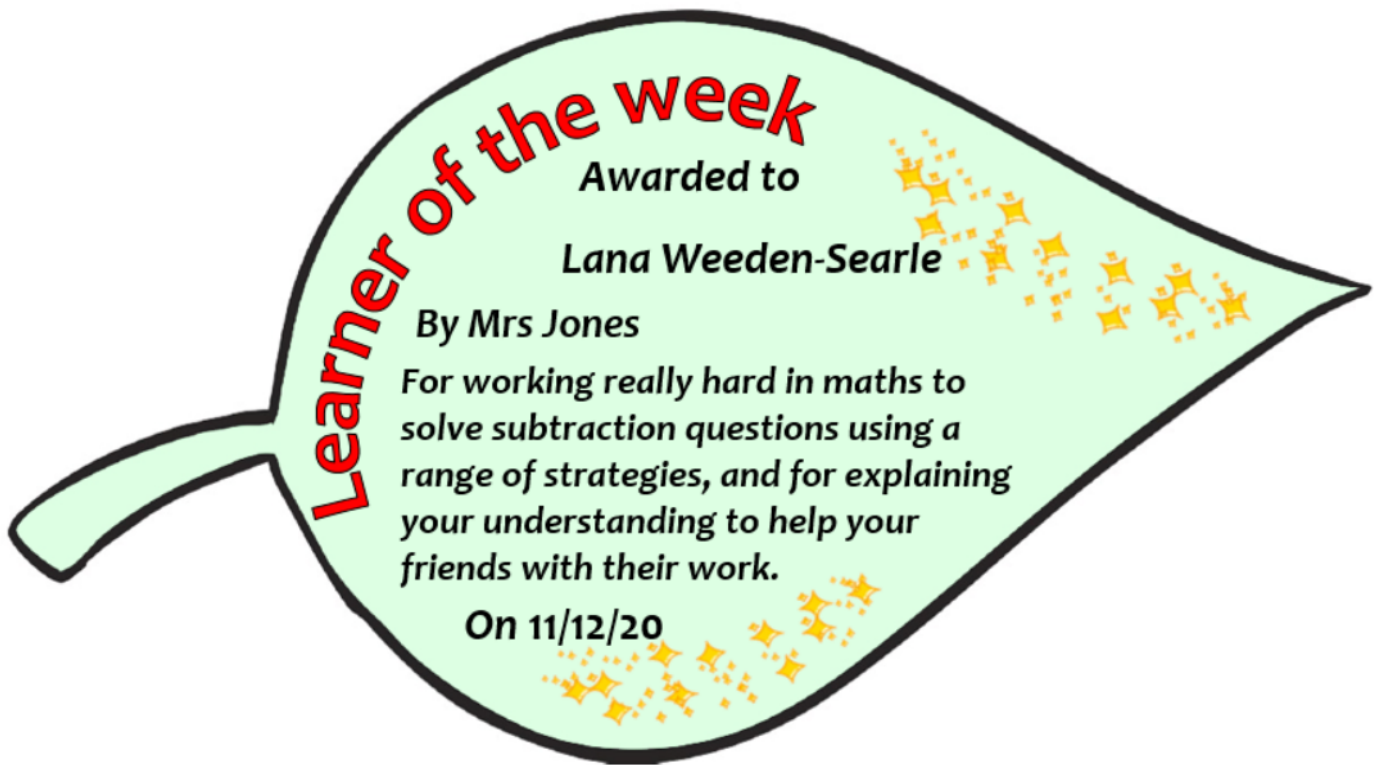
Awarded to
Belle Pavlou

By Mrs O'Connor

For settling into nursery so well and
developing her independence with
all the new routines.

On 11/12/20

Homewood



Warrenwood

Learner of the week

Awarded to:

Ted

By: Mr Woodhouse

For his fantastic work and engagement during self-isolation on SeeSaw. Well done!

On 10/12/2020

Learner of the week

Awarded to:

Rose

By: Mr Woodhouse

For her wonderful work and engagement during self-isolation on SeeSaw. Well done!

On 10/12/2020

Harefield

Learner of the Week

Awarded to

_____ Charlie Jenner _____

By Miss Da Costa

For complementing others on
their Art and Design project,
spreading kindness.

On __10th December__

Learner of the week

Awarded to

_____ Annalise _____

By Miss Da Costa

For working so hard on her
multiplication and division facts
showing great determination and
progression.

On 10th December