



# Essendon

## C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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### Dear Essendon families,

As I write to you at the end of another challenging half-term, we still have very little certainty about when or in what form we will re-open, and I'm very sorry about this. The government have promised to review the situation on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, so I recommend you keep an eye on the news as we at school will certainly be doing. We do know that learning in its current form will continue for at least the first two weeks after half term. Regardless of how the next half-term will shape up, I wish you and your families a happy, safe and healthy half-term break.

### Book collection – last call

The school is giving away books that are surplus to requirements free to anyone who wants them. We will be donating any that are not collected to charity after half-term, so please come and take a look.



### Surveys

Two parent surveys will be going live online today, and we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete them.

The first asks for your feedback on your child's home learning experience so that we can keep aiming to improve our home learning offer:

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/30wn>

The second concerns our accessibility arrangements:

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/30wq>

Links to the surveys can also be found on the school website. Thanks for helping us with these!

### Our focus value this term is...



### Lister Hospital collection

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our collection for staff at Lister Hospital. We are sure they will gratefully welcome these generous gifts!



### Dates for your diary

Please add the following forthcoming events to your diary.

More detail of each event will be provided in due course, and of course, all activities are subject to change depending on the Covid situation.

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> March – Wear something Yellow for Marie Curie day**

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers' Day activities**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March – Wear a hat for brain tumours day**

**Now read on to see the brilliant work our pupils have been posting online this week!**

**With love and best wishes, Mr Potter**

## Photos from our learning this week!

### Pantherswood



### Homewood

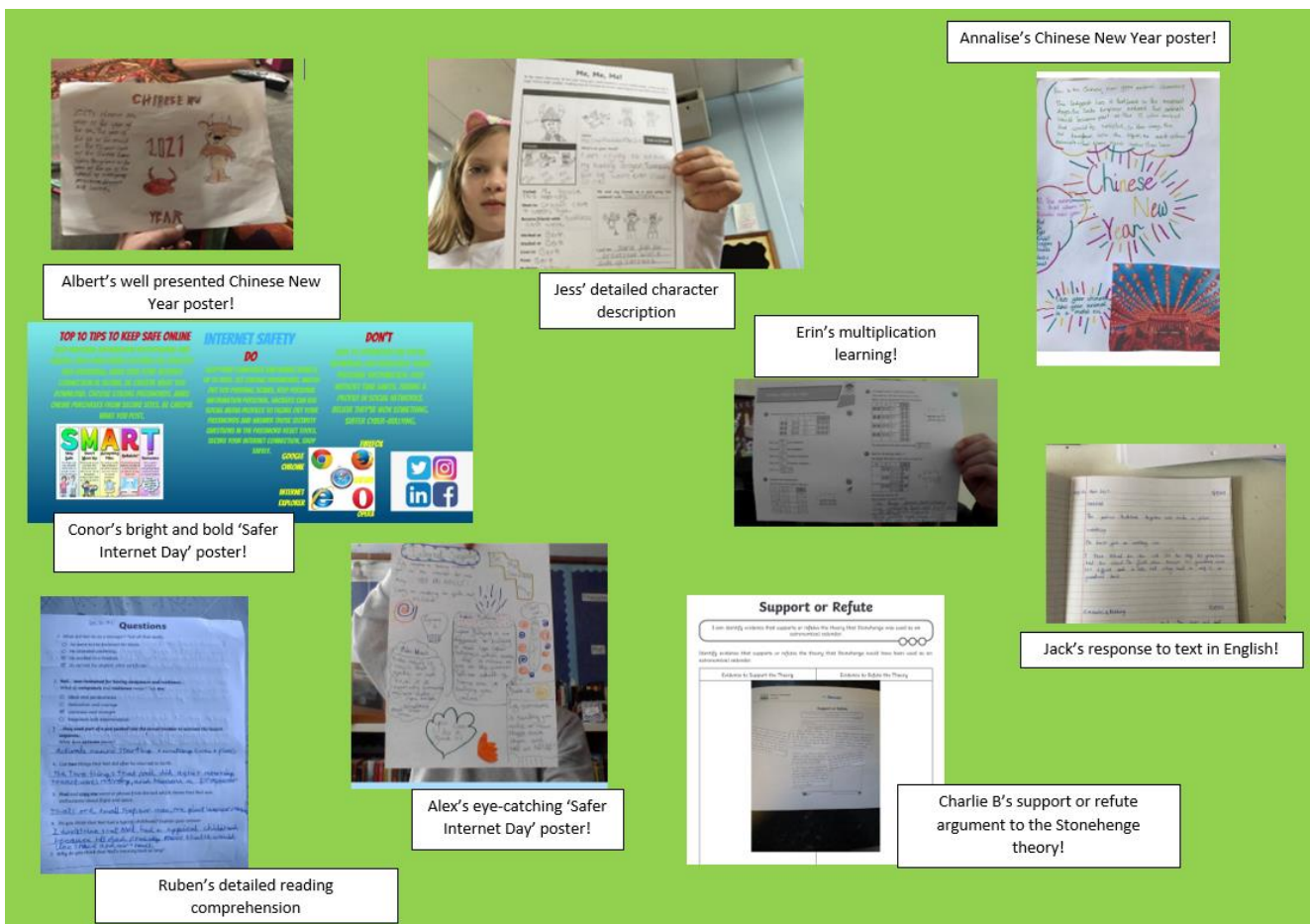




## Warrenwood



## Harefield



## Governor view

As we come to the end of this half term, I just want to say a huge thank you and well done to Essendon School.

The class teachers and teaching assistants are doing a fantastic job by planning and delivering remote learning to our pupils as well as teaching children who are in school. I can see by the number of stars awarded, how well classes are engaging online each week.

Thank you to all parents and carers for persevering with the home learning and trying to access and complete as much as you can. Everyone's circumstances are different - whether you are at work or at home, or whether your children are in school or remote learning. I think you are all doing an amazing job!

I've been so impressed with the quality of schoolwork shown every week in this newsletter. This a testament to the children's hard work, but also to the effort that you are putting in behind the scenes as well. There have been some lovely photos posted of activities and craft being carried out not just inside but outside as well, which reminds us that we can love learning and the love the world we live in at the same time!

It's important to celebrate the successes our pupils are having both at home and school so well done to all of the pupils who have been nominated as star learners each week.

I hope that you are all keeping well during these challenging times and hope that the February half term is a restful and happy family time for you.

Sending you all my very best wishes.

**Pauline Alleyne,**  
Chair of Governors

## Whole class engagement online this week...

**Whole School – 4 stars out of 5**

**Pantherswood – 3 stars out of 5**

**Homewood – 4 stars out of 5**

**Warrenwood – 4 stars out of 5**

**Harefield – 5 stars out of 5**

## 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

## Congratulations to this week's star learners!

### Pantherswood:

**Matthew and Madison**

### Homewood:

**Oliver and Eileen**

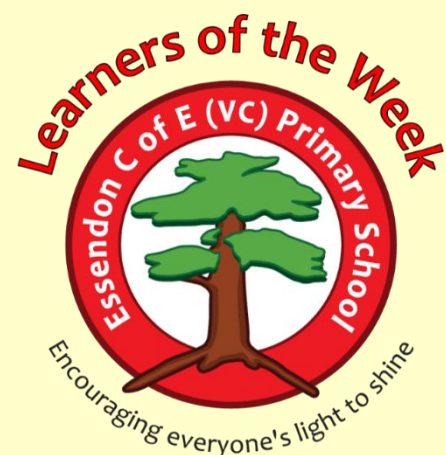
### Warrenwood:

**William and Jacob**

### Harefield:

**Henry and Erin**

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



**Pantherswood**

**Learner of the week**

Awarded to  
Matthew Sharpe

By Mrs O'Connor & Miss Gurney

For his super engagement with  
the Aliens Love Underpants  
Activities.

On 12/2/21

**Learner of the week**

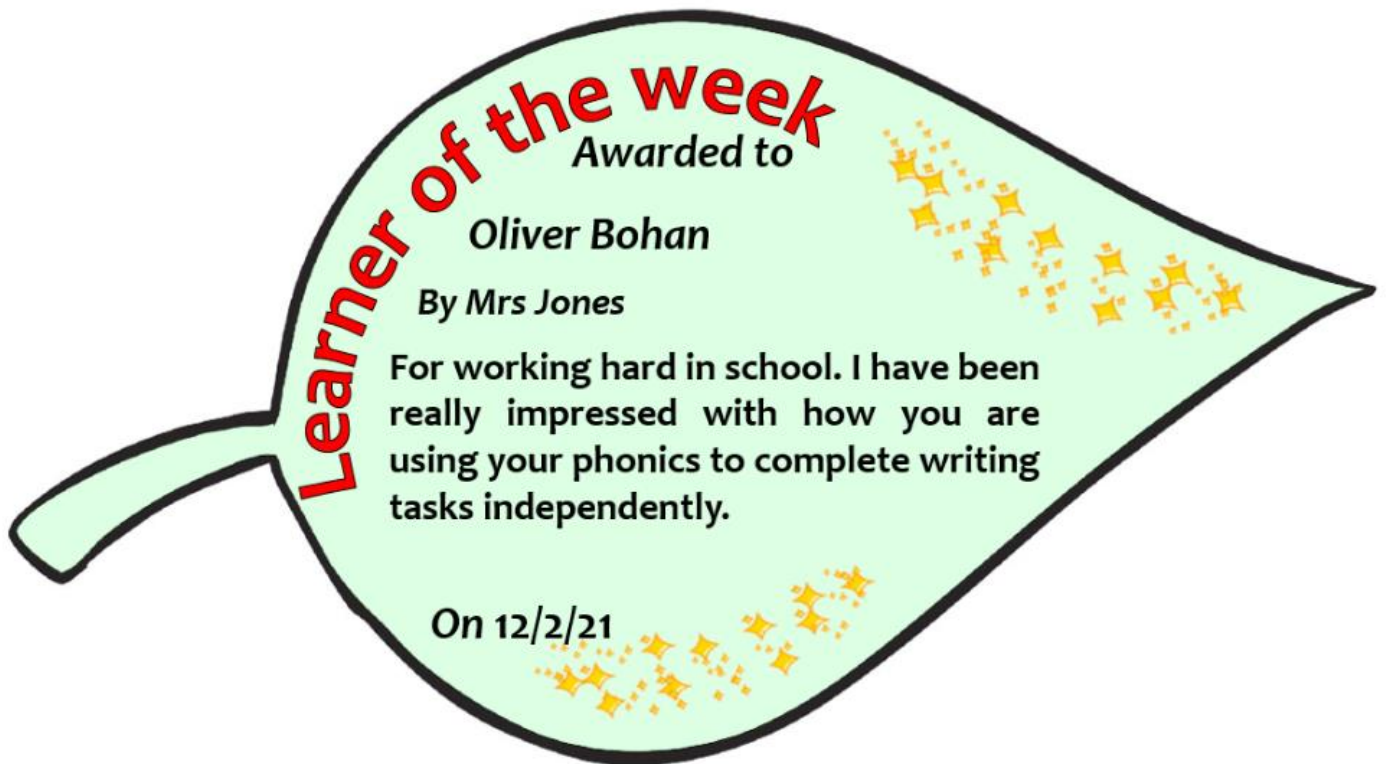
Awarded to  
Madison Butler

By Mrs O'Connor & Miss Holding  
For her positive engagement  
with her learning while at school  
and for always trying her very  
best.

On 12/2/21



## Homewood



**Warrenwood**

**Learner of the Week**  
Awarded to:  
**William**  
By: Mr Woodhouse  
For his fantastic effort in school and  
producing some excellent writing  
about about the Iron Age

On 12/2/2021

**Learner of the Week**  
Awarded to:  
**Jacob**  
By: Mrs Morton  
For his perseverance with his Maths  
work – especially with our tricky work  
using money.

On 12/2/2021

**Harefield**

