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**1st September 2021**

**Dear Essendon families,**

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome back to all our families and a big welcome to all our new families at Essendon C of E Primary School as we start the new academic year and the next steps along our learning journey.

### **Homewood Class Teacher Update**

For this year only, Homewood Class will be having two teachers as part of the teaching team. In the mornings, Homewood Class will be taught in year groups. Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Jones and Year 1 by Mrs Goddard, and then the whole class will come back together in the afternoon to be taught by Mrs Jones. Mrs Jones will be overall KS1 Lead. This means that the year groups that have felt the most impact on their early learning from the Covid lockdowns will be able to learn at their own pace ensuring the foundations of reading, writing and maths are fully embedded at this very important stage.

### **Save the Date**

Each class teacher will be holding a 30 minute information session in their classroom to outline the curriculum and give any messages to parents and carers. These will be at 3:30pm on: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September for Homewood; Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September for Pantherswood; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September for Warrenwood and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September for Harefield.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up.**

Remember arrival time is 8:40am to 8:50am and pick up is 3:15pm for all classes. Entrances and exits are the same as last term, if anyone arrives after 8:50am please come to the main school entrance. All arrivals after 9am will be marked as late and we can have a conversation to support with this.

In the morning a quick message to the adult at the door is fine, a longer chat needs to be booked in with the teacher after school.

### **Covid Government Guidance**

We will be following the Government guidance on Covid and infection control. Covid measures may be stepped up in response to increased risk – please see our risk assessment on the website and look at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Please do not bring your child into school if they are poorly, any illness spreads easily in school and all our children and staff need to keep healthy and well, so please keep your child at home if you think they are unwell.

### **Let me know**

Families can experience lots of ups and downs throughout the summer holidays, if there is anything that you have experienced over the holidays that you feel you would like to share with me to ensure your child is well supported please do e-mail me - [head@essendon.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@essendon.herts.sch.uk)

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone back on Thursday, best wishes. **From Ms Canham**



## Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

### Key Dates: 2021/2022

#### Autumn Term:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – Inset Day

Start of term for pupils - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October – INSET DAY

Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

End of term for pupils: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 1.15 pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Occasional Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 – Occasional Day

#### Spring Term:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Inset Day

Start of term for pupils – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Half Term: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

End of Term – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 1.15 pm

#### Summer Term:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Inset Day

Start of term for pupils - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Half Term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day

Transition Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

End of Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 – 1:15pm