



# Essendon C of E Primary School

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## Dear Essendon families ...

I hope you've had a great week! The children have been brilliant as usual, and there's lots to keep you up to date with...

### Parents' evening

Parents' consultations are scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30pm until 6.30pm, and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30pm until 7.30pm. We are currently discussing how to conduct consultations in a covid-secure way and will present our plan in due course.

### Flu vaccinations

The annual children's flu vaccination is scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 12.30pm until 3pm. These will be administered in classrooms by nurses in full PPE. Remember, no child will be administered a vaccine without their parents' consent, so please contact the office if you have not already done so.

### Nut free lunches

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, and for the safety of all our pupils we ask that all parents ensure their children's packed-lunches do not include products that contain nuts.

### Picking up at the end of the day

We ask that all parents remember to maintain social distancing in the front car park at pick-up time, and leave the premises as quickly as possible once they have collected their children to make room for others. We are hoping that with everyone's co-operation in maintaining appropriate distancing, we can avoid the need to introduce a potentially confusing and frustrating staggered end time.

### After-school club to return from 15<sup>th</sup> September

We are delighted to announce that Multi-Active will be able to begin after-school provision from 15<sup>th</sup> September. More information can be found in the flyer on the next page of this newsletter, or go to [www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk) to book a place. Don't forget, there are also places still available in breakfast club!

### October half-term holiday club

Multi-Active are also going to be running a holiday club at the school this half-term, with lots of fun activities and themed days from 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October, running from 7:30am until 6pm. For more information, or to book a place, visit <https://www.multi-active.co.uk/wrap-around-care#TheBaseatEssendonPrimary>

### Building works update

The heavy works have finished on the underpinning of Homewood classroom, and the builders are now reconstructing the walls and internal flooring. We remain on track for Homewood to be back in the classroom after half-term.

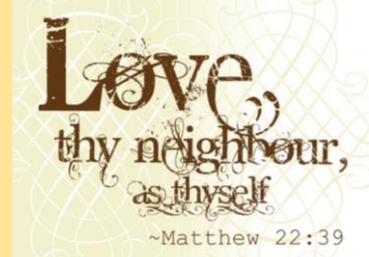
### National Teaching Assistant day – 16<sup>th</sup> September

Next Wednesday is National TA Day, so make sure to thank a TA for their amazing work!

### Individual photos

Individual photos are scheduled for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - don't forget to brush your hair!

## This half term, our value is:



Have a great weekend! With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

## How to Book Guide

Bookings can be made for all of our services such as Wrap Around Care, School Clubs, Holiday Camps and more through our website.

Simply go to [www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk) and select the service you are looking for.

Then select the location of the School and this will direct you onto the school page and a button to book with us online.

Online bookings are done via Active Works and parents will receive their own portal login details to see their bookings

## **Ways you can book**

It is recommended that you book online through [www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk)

We accept childcare vouchers and Tax Free Vouchers. Please choose pay with vouchers option when booking online and enter the code CCVOUCHER2017 at checkout. Ensure we have your reference code by emailing the office at [admin@multi-active.co.uk](mailto:admin@multi-active.co.uk) or by calling our office on Tel:01462 351582 or 07561-416208 (Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm).

Search for Multi-Active Essendon, when using Tax free vouchers and ensure we have your child's TFC reference code.

Please note when you book online we offer a 10% sibling discount. This is applied when you get to the last stage of booking automatically.

The screenshot shows the website for 'The Base at Essendon Primary'. It features the school's logo and a list of services:

- Breakfast Club:** Runs from 7:30-8:30am Mon-Fri, which includes fun games and activities followed by a choice of work or the opportunity to play from September 2020.
- After School Club:** Runs from 3:15-6pm Mon-Fri, which includes a fun programme for children alongside an afternoon snack (starts from November 2020).
- Holiday Club:** Runs every school holidays from 7:30-6pm (starts October Half Term).

Below the services, there is a 'How to book' section:

- For parents who wish to make a continuous booking please contact our office.
- For ad-hoc bookings you can book online or by calling our office on Tel: 01462 351582.

There are four yellow buttons for booking:

- Contact us
- Book Breakfast Club September 2020
- Book Breakfast Club October 2020
- Book October Half Term 2020

The bottom part of the screenshot shows the 'Session Selection' interface with a 'FILTER BY' section. It includes a 'DATE RANGE' dropdown set to 'September 2020', a 'LOCATION' dropdown set to 'Essendon', and a 'SESSION DATES' section with radio buttons for 'Morning 8:30-10:00am', 'Afternoon 1:30-3:00pm', and 'Evening 6:30-8:00pm'. There are also 'BOOK NOW' and 'VIEW ALL' buttons.

## A welcome from our new Chair of Governors

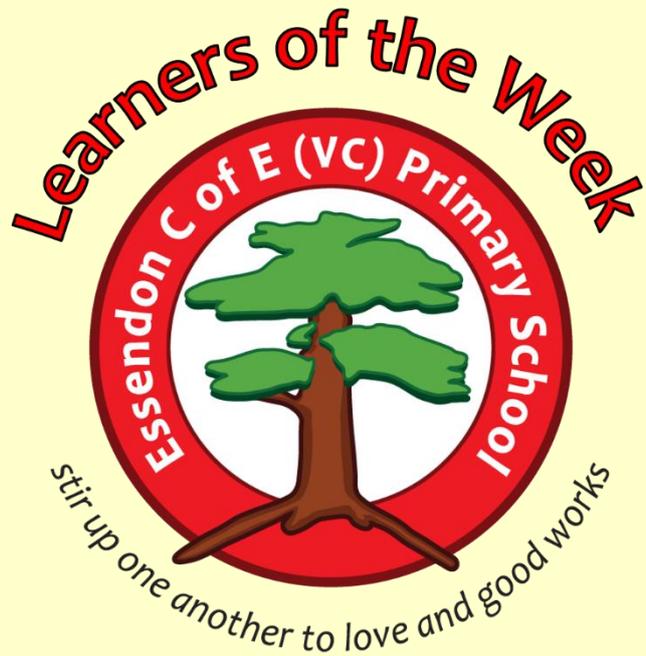
This week the governors held their first Full Governing Body meeting for the new academic year and I feel privileged to have been elected as the new Chair. For those of you who don't know me, I have lived in the village for over 30 years and been an active member of the community and church during this time. I have been a Foundation Governor since 2015.

As chair, I will continue to work with the staff and governors with the common aim of providing a safe and vibrant learning environment, in which children can reach their full potential and have an enjoyable experience in this wonderful school. When times are different, I look forward to meeting you in person!

Kind regards, Pauline Alleyne (Chair of Governors)

## Our way of celebrating our learners of the week is changing!

Our school symbol is the Cedar of Lebanon tree that grows in the churchyard. To reflect this, our star learners each week will be awarded a leaf with their achievements recorded on it. These will be added to a new tree artwork which we have commissioned local art students to create, that will hang in the school foyer. This way everyone entering the school will immediately be able to see the brilliant achievements of our pupils.

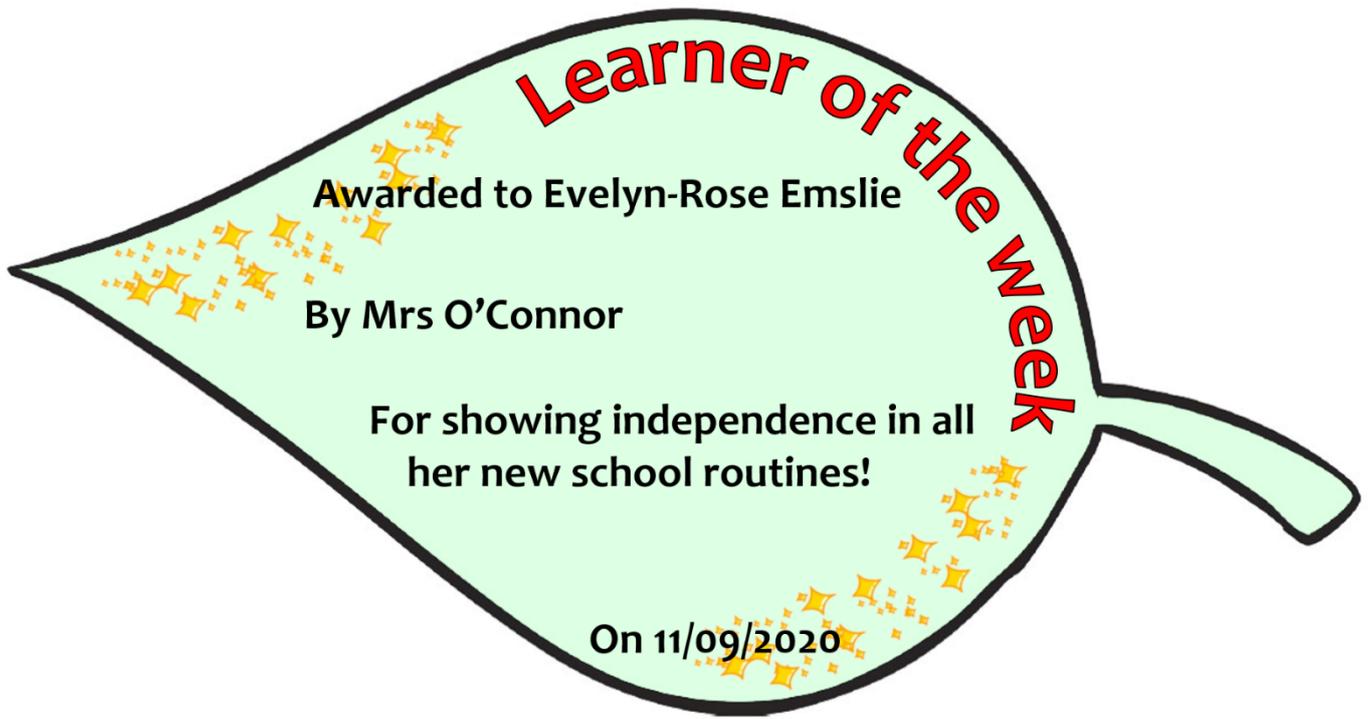


In addition, a copy of our learner of the week leaves will be included in the newsletter so that when your child is awarded one, you can print them at home to cut out and keep!

This week's learners of the week are...

- Pantherswood:** Georgie and Evelyn
- Homewood:** Ralph Moss and Sam Smith
- Warrenwood:** Albert Moran and Tyler Moss
- Harefield:** Billy Saunders and Jack Murphy

Well done to you all; your Essendon Tree leaves are below!



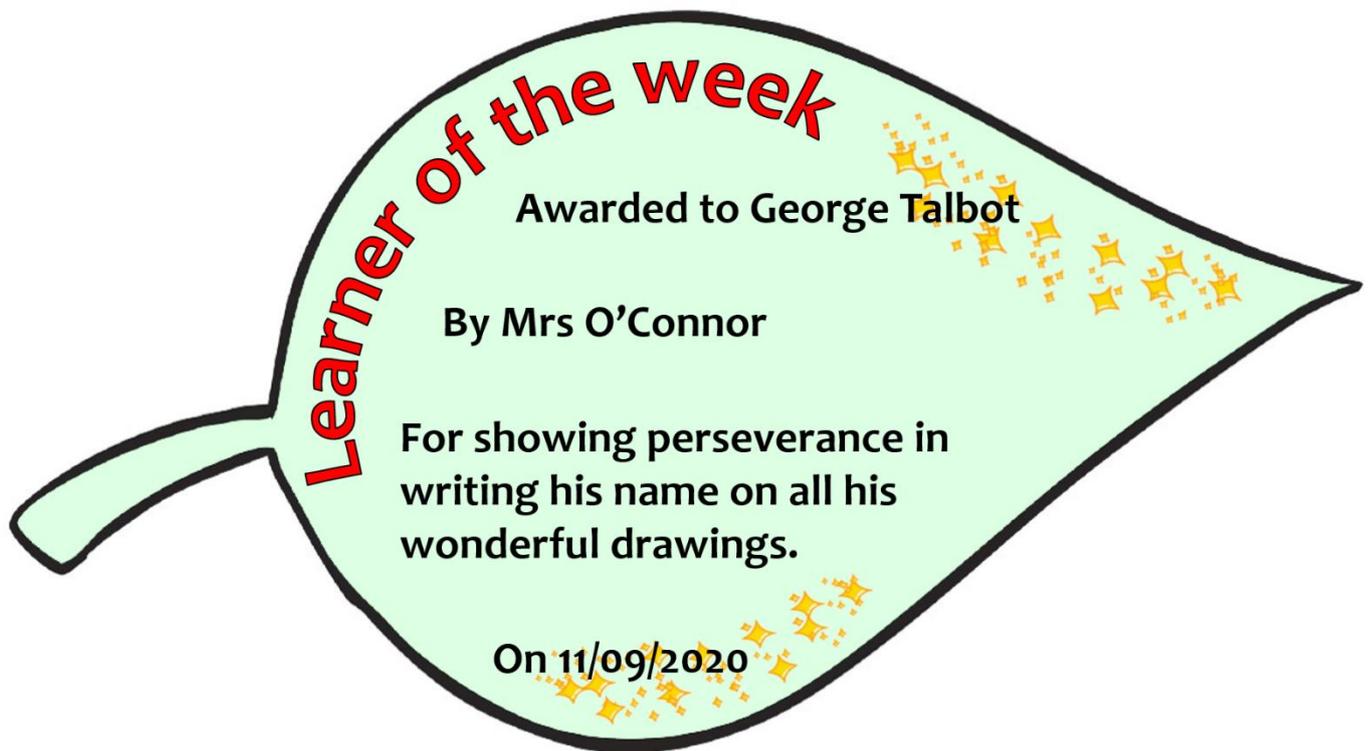
**Learner of the week**

**Awarded to Evelyn-Rose Emslie**

**By Mrs O'Connor**

**For showing independence in all  
her new school routines!**

**On 11/09/2020**



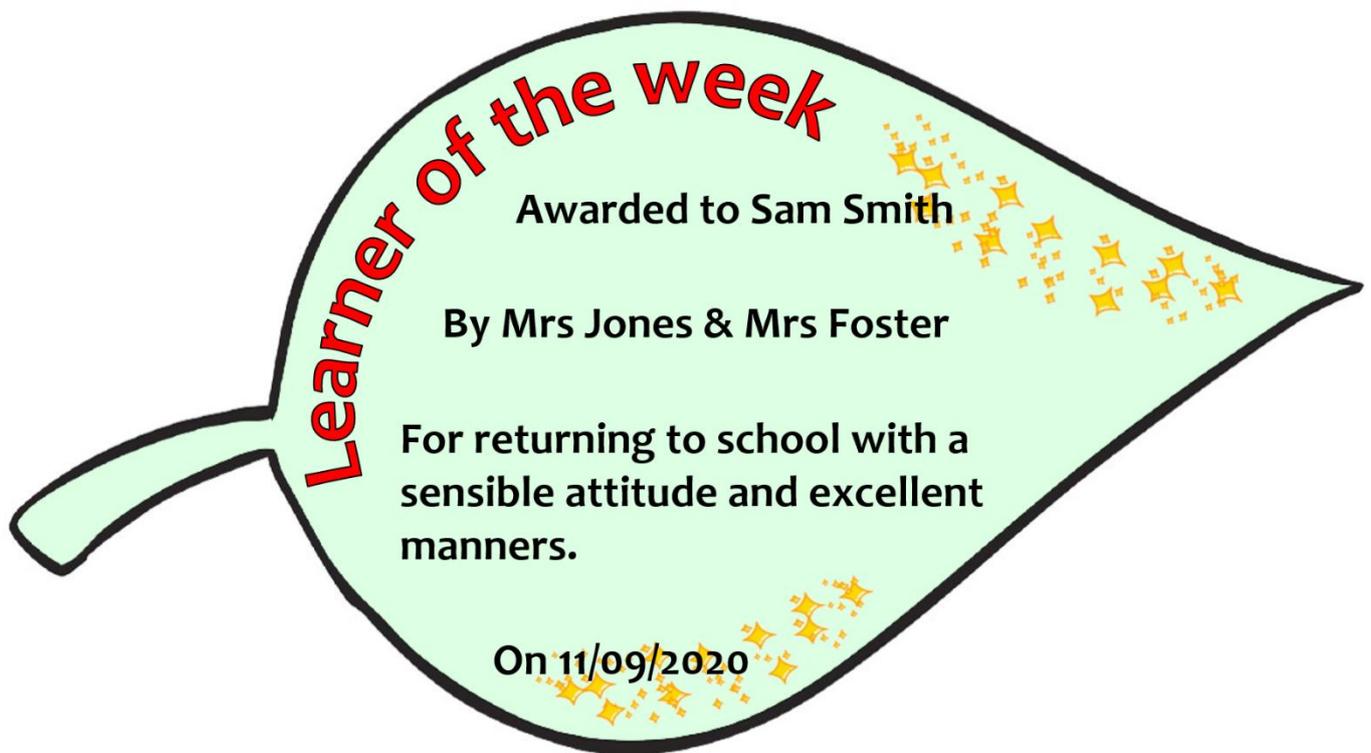
**Learner of the week**

**Awarded to George Talbot**

**By Mrs O'Connor**

**For showing perseverance in  
writing his name on all his  
wonderful drawings.**

**On 11/09/2020**



**Learner of the week**

Awarded to Albert Moran

By Mr Woodhouse and Ms Canham

For showing wonderful  
kindness to his classmates!

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**Learner of the week**

Awarded to Tyler Moss

By Mr Woodhouse and Ms Canham

For excellent work in maths  
since returning to school!

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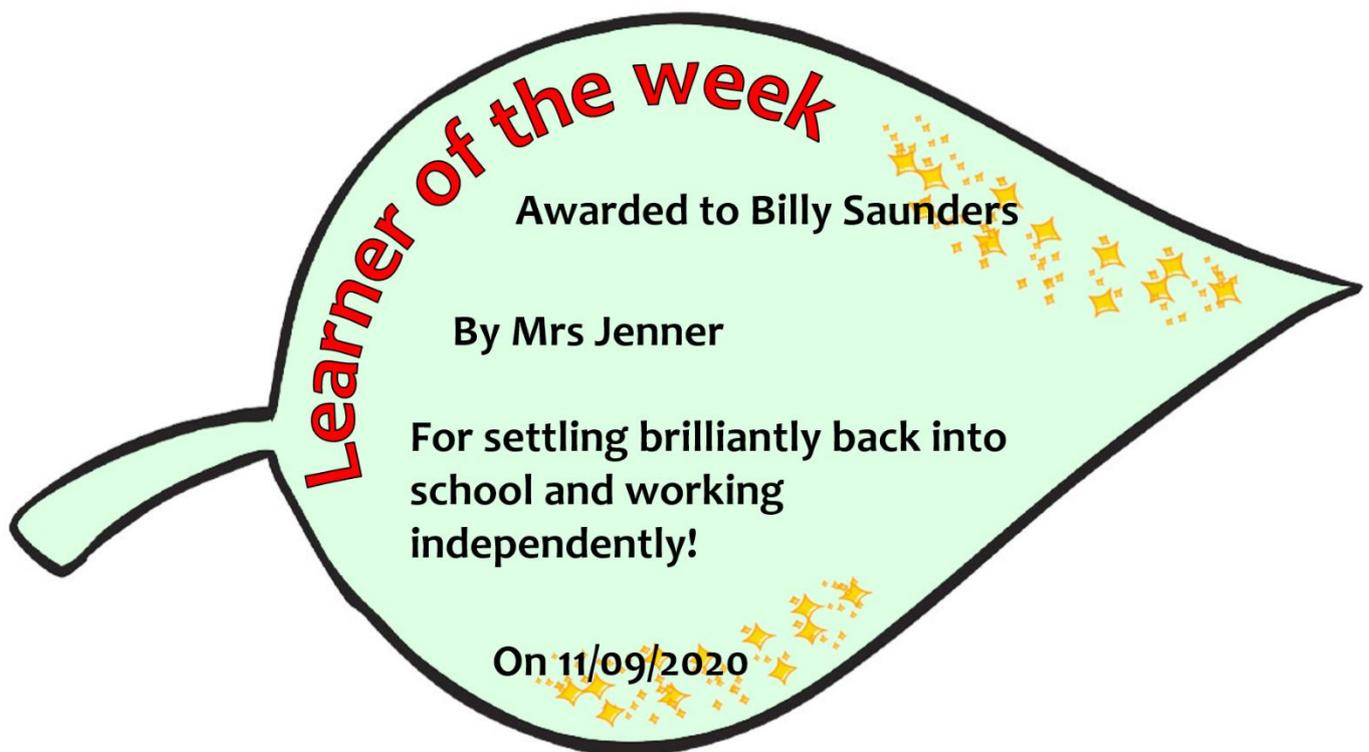
**Learner of the week**

Awarded to Jack Murphy

By Miss Da Costa

For outstanding independent  
poetry writing!

On 11/09/2020



**Learner of the week**

Awarded to Billy Saunders

By Mrs Jenner

For settling brilliantly back into  
school and working  
independently!

On 11/09/2020