



Essendon

C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Dear Essendon families,

Covid

As MultiActiv breakfast and after school club returns and our school community continues to mix outside of school at clubs, activities, play dates and parties please remember that in school we are following all Government Covid guidance:

- Regular staff testing.
- Increased ventilation in classrooms.
- Handwashing/hand sanitising.
- Re-introduction of some social distancing ie no assemblies, no large gatherings indoors.
- We will ask parents not to send their children in with any symptoms, symptoms can be upset tummy, extreme tiredness and the usual Covid symptoms.
- We will ask parents to test children with symptoms on the day and again if symptoms persist.
- We will ask parents to test siblings of children with Covid, maybe once or twice over a series of days.
- We will ask parents to discuss with the school keeping children away from school if their sibling has a positive case.

Thank you for your support.

The Essendon Way

This week I shared our Golden Rules with parents who joined our Class Curriculum Meetings. I have attached a copy to this newsletter and have postcards of the Golden Rules which can be taken home, please ask. Our Golden Rules are for the whole school community, please talk about them at home.

Harvest Festival and the Food Bank

As we have been advised against having large indoor gatherings, our Harvest Festival will be going ahead as a recorded service, which will be circulated to parents. We will be collecting Food

Bank donations in school all next week and Harefield and Warrenwood will be taking these to the church on Thursday afternoon.

Donations can be:

Small jars of Coffee 100g; Tinned potatoes; Instant mashed potato; Rice 500g & 1kg packets; Jars Chilli, Curry or Sweet & sour cooking sauces; Cup a soups; Tinned vegetables peas or carrots; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Ready mixed custard – tinned; Instant custard powder; Rice pudding – tinned; Long-life fruit juice in cartons; Sweet biscuits; Toilet rolls; Washing up liquid; Deodorant / antiperspirant; Shower gel; Shampoo; Toothpaste.

Collective Worship

In this week's Collective Worship we reflected on being proud of what we have achieved. Homewood and Warrenwood shared some of their amazing work with me and we read the story of The Creation and thought about how God was proud of his work.

Book Your Tickets!



We are very proud of Evie B who will be performing in Matilda at Campus West, WGC on 15/16th October – book your tickets now!

Parent Teacher Consultations

This term's parent teacher consultations are planned for after school on Tuesday 19th October and Thursday 21st October.

Snacks

Please remember that KS2 can bring in a healthy snack for breaktime ie fruit, cheese in a cracker, a small sandwich, baby bel – all nut free.

Have a lovely weekend. From Ms Canham

Headteacher's Award: Erin in Harefield

Learner Leaves for Last Week: Ralph - Homewood, Finley – Warrenwood, Albie D - Harefield.

The Essendon Way



Our Golden Rules

- ★ I will show respect to all adults and children through my actions and my words.
- ★ I will be kind.
- ★ I will ask for help and support when I need it.
- ★ I will use my words to problem solve.
- ★ I will respect and look after the school environment and equipment.
- ★ I will try my best in everything I do.
- ★ I will carry out the School Vision:
'Encouraging Everyone's Light To Shine' Matthew 5:16
- ★ I will live the School Values:
*Love Yourself; Love Others; Love God; Love Learning;
Love The World You Live In.*



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Key Dates: 2021/2022

Autumn Term:

Wednesday 1st September 2021 – Inset Day

Start of term for pupils - Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 8th October – INSET DAY

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021

End of term for pupils: Friday 17th December 2021 – 1.15 pm

Monday 20th December 2021 – Occasional Day

Tuesday 21st December 2021 – Occasional Day

Spring Term:

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Inset Day

Start of term for pupils – Thursday 6th January 2022

Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022

End of Term – Friday 1st April 2022 – 1.15 pm

Summer Term:

Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Inset Day

Start of term for pupils - Wednesday 20th April 2022

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Friday 17th June – INSET Day

Transition Day – Thursday 14th July 2022

End of Term – Friday 22nd July 2022 – 1:15pm