



# Essendon

## C of E Primary School

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Dear Essendon families,

Another beautiful and busy week comes to an end here at Essendon School. The pupils are now nicely settled back into their daily routines following the Easter break. There's been lots going on, so without further ado, here's this week's news and events...

### St George's Day Service

Today, we held our St George's Day service. As has become customary, this was once again a video service, but we very much hope to be able to return to services in church soon. The theme of the service was "courage and justice" and each class contributed their work as well as singing the Hymns "Be Bold, Be Strong" and "When a Kinght Won His Spurs". Photos from the service are below, but if you want to watch the whole thing, it will be posted on our facebook page shortly

[www.facebook.com/essendoncofe](https://www.facebook.com/essendoncofe)



Our focus value this term is...



### Out of School Achievements

A huge "well done" to Erin Hanna, who took part in a litter pick that collected over 40 bags of rubbish! A fantastic show of "Loving the world you live in" – congratulations Erin!



### Parent forum

Don't forget we are planning a parent forum on MS Teams next Friday at 2pm. Please contact the office if you would like to participate. We will be talking about our new RHSE and Home Learning policies.

### Book fair

Mr Woodhouse has organised an outdoor Book Fair for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May. Please come along at the end of the day to support this event (weather permitting).

### Awards

A massive "congratulations" to Charlie Jenner, Jess Bohan and Alexandra Ewen-Paul, who have become the first pupils this year to achieve their Silver Award for 100 Team Points! And very well done to Clayton Nolan and Amelia Szendziolorz who earned Headteacher's awards this week!

Have a great weekend!

With love and Best Wishes, Mr Potter

## Covid Rules

It has been a great relief to many to see the rules around Covid gradually relaxing, as we have been allowed to see friends and go shopping since Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Please remember, though, that the rules for school and self-isolation have not changed.

If your child, or anyone else in your household, experiences any of the three main symptoms of **persistent cough, temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher, or loss of taste or smell** you should **begin self-isolation** and **book a Covid test**. Our classes remain in separate bubble groups, and bubble closures are still a possibility if infection finds its way into the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

## 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

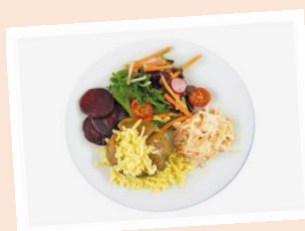
Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day  
Tues 5 Jan: Term Begins  
Mon 15-Fri 19 Feb: Half Term  
Fri 26 Mar: End of Term

### Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day  
Mon 19 Apr: Parents' Evening  
(1<sup>st</sup> half – early evening)  
Weds 21 Apr: Parents' Evening  
(2<sup>nd</sup> half – later evening)  
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

## Sign up for hot and cold school meals!

Since Herts Catering Ltd began providing our school meals in the Autumn term, we have been delighted by the fantastic quality, generous portions and wide variety of options on offer. The pupils have unanimously expressed their enjoyment of the meals.



I would strongly encourage all parents to read through the information available at [www.hcl.co.uk](http://www.hcl.co.uk) and consider taking up these excellent school meals!