



Essendon

C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Newsletter: 2nd October 2020

Dear Essendon families ...

Autumn has definitely arrived! The rain is drumming on the windows, but the children have all been in great spirits. Here's this week's news...

Essendon Church Harvest Service

On Sunday 27th September, the church held its annual Harvest Service. We were delighted to be able to contribute a selection of songs, prayers and poems by video, which the children really enjoyed recording.

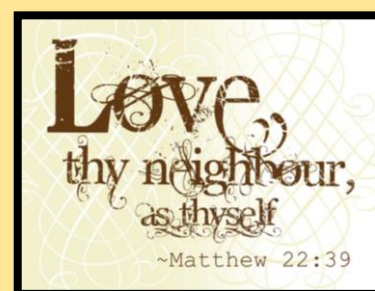
Harvest food bank collection

Next Friday, we will be holding our own Harvest Service in school, and we would be hugely grateful if each pupil could bring a donation for the church foodbank on that day. The donations will be placed in a quarantine area within the school over the weekend to ensure there is no risk of contagion from Covid-19. I'm very sorry that parents will of course not be able to attend this event due to the ongoing social distancing rules; please rest assured, the service will be carried out by each class separately in their own classrooms so there will not be any mixing of bubble groups.

Changes to parent's consultation meetings

We have made the difficult decision to make changes to our arrangements for parents' consultations this year. We will now be carrying out consultations by phone over four nights – Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th, Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th November, between 4pm and 6pm. You should have received a booking form from the School Office, so please return these with your preferred times as soon as possible.

This half term, our value is:



Head teacher's awards!



Congratulations to all pupils who have received a Headteacher's award so far this term! This award recognises brilliant effort and achievement in your behaviour and work, so well done to **Evan W, Albert R, Charlie J, Jack M, Ruben B and Eileen M!**

Team Captain elections

Huge congratulations to the following children who were elected to be their team leaders this year!

Red: Jack (Captain), Conor (Vice Captain)

Yellow: Albert (Captain), Jess (Vice Captain)

Blue: (George (Captain), Alexandra (Vice Captain)

Parent forum: 12th October at 2pm

There are still a few places remaining at our parent forum meeting, which will take place online via MS Teams on Monday 12th October at 2pm. Please let the Tina know if you would like to attend. The main focus will be the new vision and values document, although questions on other subjects are also welcomed. Attendees are asked to please provide their questions to in advance by email. They will receive an invite to the Teams meeting via email nearer the time.

Have a great weekend!

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

Essendon parents



Your school needs

YOU!

... to help revive the School Association!

Would you like to make a real impact on your child's education? Do you have ideas about how we could raise vital funds? Are you able to offer a little free time to a great cause?

If so, please let us know! We are looking for dedicated parents to volunteer for a renewed School Association so we can provide the best resources and educational experiences for our pupils! Thanks!

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 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

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 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 displays the 'The Base at Essendon Primary' page on the Multi-Active website. The page features the 'The BASE' logo and a grid of images showing children in various activities. Text on the page describes the 'Wrap Around Care' service, which runs from 8:30am to 4:30pm on school days, and the 'Breakfast Club' which runs from 7:30am to 8:30am on school days. It also mentions the 'After School Club' which runs from 3:15pm to 6pm on school days. A 'How to book' section provides instructions for parents to book online or by calling the office. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Contact us', 'Book Breakfast Club September 2020', 'Book Breakfast Club October 2020', and 'Book October Half Term 2020'. Below this, a 'Session Selection' section shows a list of sessions with filters for 'Session Type' and 'Location'. The 'Session Type' filter is set to 'Breakfast Club' and the 'Location' filter is set to 'Essendon Primary'. The list shows three sessions: 'Monday 5:30am - 6:30am', 'Tuesday 5:30am - 6:30am', and 'Wednesday 5:30am - 6:30am'. Each session has a 'Book Now' button. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Your account' section with a 'Log in' button and a 'Forgot your password?' link. At the bottom right, there is a 'Have questions?' section with a 'Contact us' button.

Governor View

A big thank you to everybody who was involved in the contribution the school made to our Group Harvest Festival Zoom service last Sunday.

The congregation were treated to a wonderful performance from the pupils. The children had obviously worked hard practicing harvest songs and writing poems. It was lovely to see so many pupils participating and undoubtedly enjoying themselves. The children read clearly and the singing was beautiful. Well done to all the pupils and staff for all their efforts in putting this together. This was a real community event!

Rev Theresa Musiwacho

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Monday 19th October: PE day (all children to wear PE kit to school)

Monday 9th November: Bags to School Day

Monday 16th November: Children's nasal flu vaccinations

Monday 16th November, Wednesday 18th November, Monday 23rd November and Wednesday 25th November (4 – 6 pm each day): Parent's evening telephone consultations

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October: Half term week

Congratulations to this week's star learners!

Pantherswood:

Aidan and Daisy-Mae

Homewood:

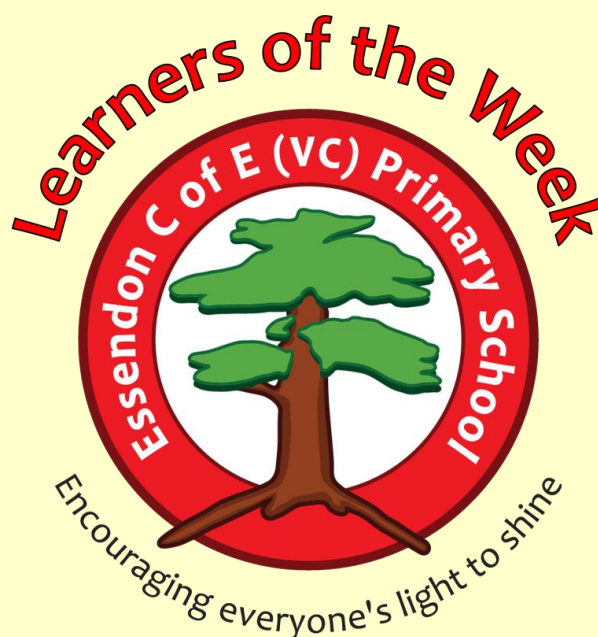
Ralph and Tegan

Warrenwood:

Ishen and Archie

Harefield:

George and Daniel

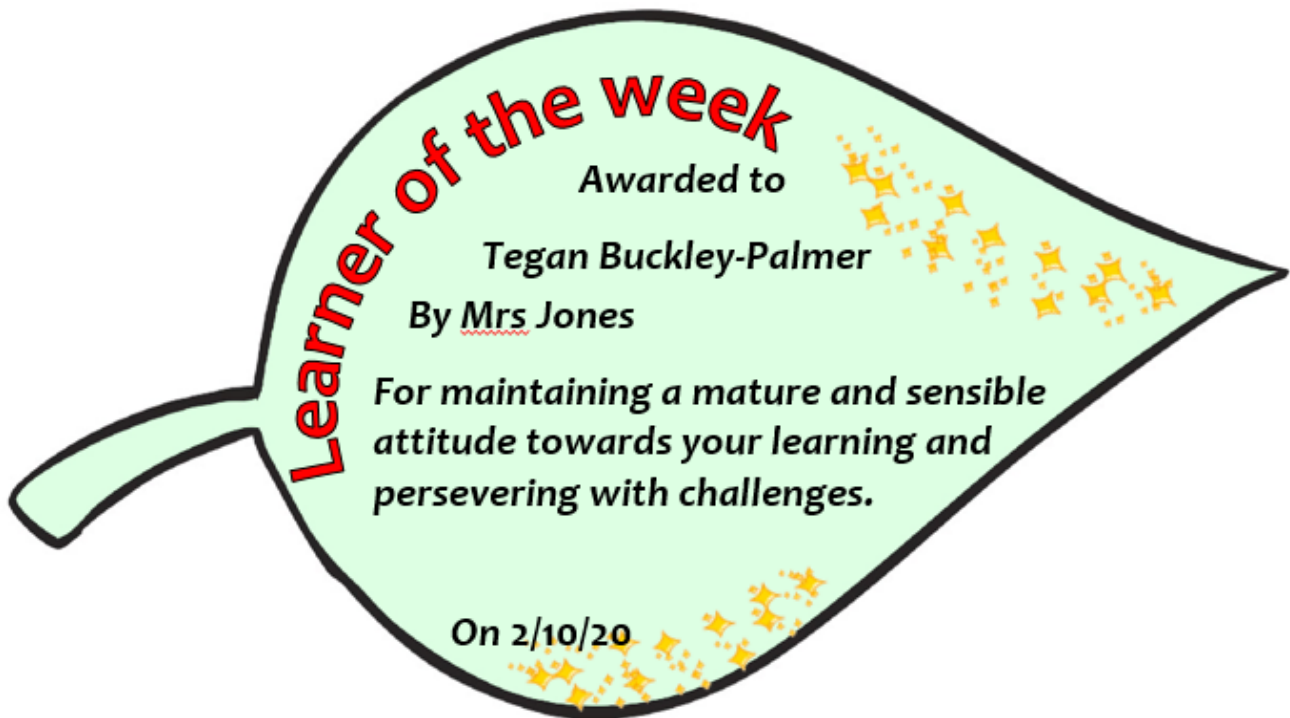


Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep leaves are attached below, and don't forget that your leaves will be kept and put up on the Essendon Tree display at the front of the school once it has been installed.

Pantherswood



Homewood



Learner of the week

Awarded to:

Ishen

By: Mr Woodhouse

For Showing amazing effort in English
with his fantastic ideas and excellent
handwriting. Well done!

On 1/10/2020

Learner of the week

Awarded to Archie

By: Ms Canham

For working hard in every
lesson across the
curriculum and for well
thought out contributions
to class discussion.

On 1.10.20

Harefield

