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Newsletter: 25th September 2020

stir up one another to love and good works

Dear Essendon families ...

It's been a week of two halves, as we began the week in summer sunshine and ended it in cold autumn rain, but the children continue to perform brilliantly and the teachers are very proud of their hard work!



Mrs Fowler's news

We begin with some lovely news – Mrs Fowler has welcomed Max and Rory into her family, born weighing 6lbs 70x

and 7lbs 3oz respectively. Our heartfelt congratulations to the Fowler family from all in the Essendon community!



A huge thanks to all parents for helping us to implement our Covid-secure procedures so successfully. With your support in following the rules, we are helping to stop the spread of this awful disease.

Parent forum: 12th October at 2pm

As you know, the staff and governors have collaborated on what we believe to be a powerful new vision for the future of the school and our curriculum. We hope parents will feel enthused to share our vision and support us in developing the values-led approach to Christian education contained within it. Parents are invited to attend the first meeting of what will hopefully become our regular "Parents' Forum" on 12 October, at which the first item on the agenda will be to gather your feedback on the new vision and values document. The meeting will take place online via MS Teams, and places are limited so please let Mrs Wilkinson know if you would like to attend.

Music and extra-curricular activities after half term

Despite the tighter restrictions announced by the government this week, it remains our intention to bring back music lessons and after-school extra-curricular clubs after half term. These will be conducted in a covid-secure way, in line with our whole-school risk assessments. More details will be forthcoming soon. If your child was receiving music tuition from Simon Hampshire prior to the covid lockdown, he will be contacting you in the coming weeks to discuss your intentions.

Head teacher's award

Huge congratulations to Evan West, who has become the first ever recipient of Mr Potter's Headteacher award for the excellent commitment and pride he has shown in his work this week - well done Evan!

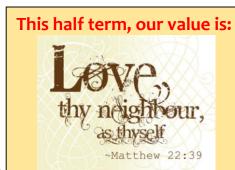
Essendon Church Harvest Service this Sunday

Rev. Theresa would like to invite everyone in the community to attend this Sunday's Harvest Service via Zoom. This week, some of our pupils have recorded short videos which will be included in the service. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82704912532 Meeting ID: 827 0491 2532 Passcode: church

Multi-Active Breakfast and Afterschool Club - The Base

There are still places at Breakfast Club and Afterschool club. Contact details for Multi-Active are overleaf.

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





... 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 <u>www.multi-active.co.uk</u> 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.

Governor View

In a week when the mornings have seemed a little darker and the current climate has felt bleaker, it has been inspiring to see that "encouraging everyone's light to shine" is becoming the new 'Essendon Way'.

It has been comforting to see that behind the scenes, the conversations have been about having a vision to work towards, that is building on the strong foundations and values that are at the core of everything we do. We look forward to hearing parents' views on this important piece of work.

As this school year unfolds it is good to be hopeful about the direction we are heading towards, with a clear curriculum intent and guiding lights to show us the way, one step at a time.

With kind regards, Katie Bedi

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Friday 2nd October: Individual photos

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: Parent's evening

Congratulations to this week's star learners!

Pantherswood:

Aurora and Ollie

Homewood:

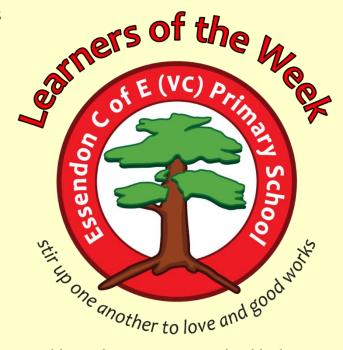
Eileen and Oliver

Warrenwood:

Martin and Amber

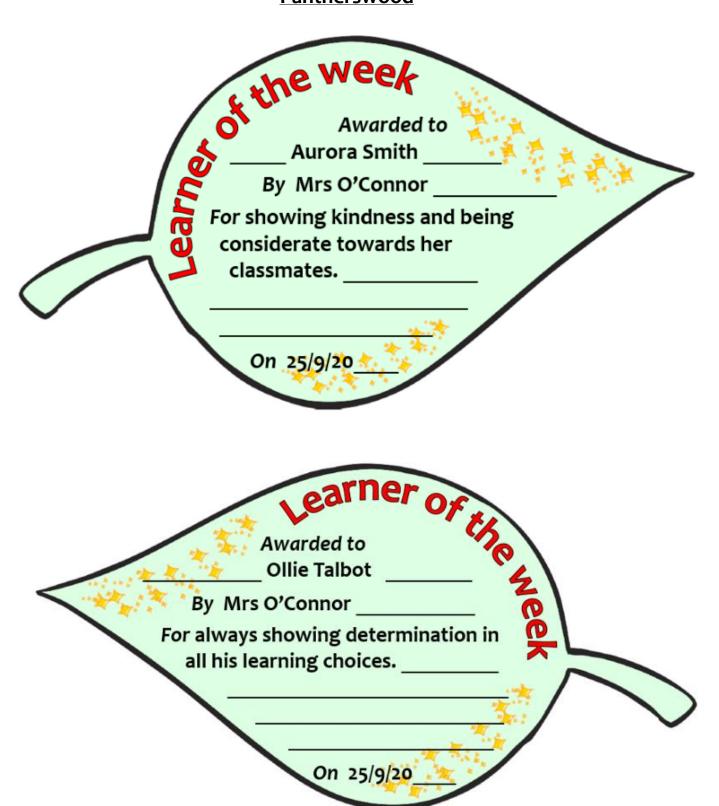
Harefield:

Annalise and Jess

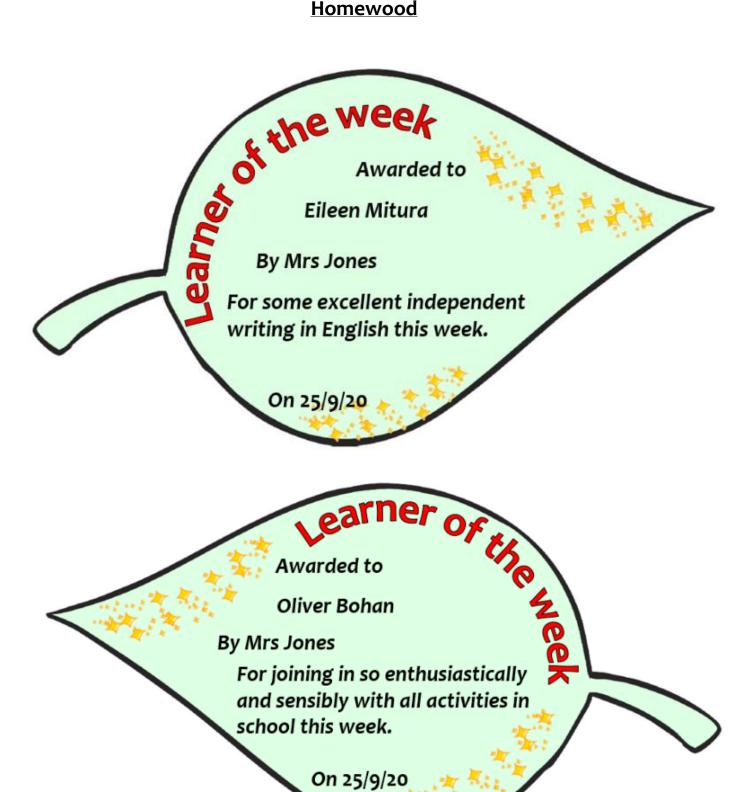


Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep leaves are attached below, and don't forget that your leaves will be kept and put up on the Essendon Tree display at the front of the school once it has been installed.

Pantherswood



Homewood



Warrenwood



of the Week Awarded to:

Amber

By: Mr Woodhouse

For showing excellent effort and independence in her English writing, where she described different characters using adjectives and adverbs. Well done!!

On 25/9/2020

Harefield



Awarded to **Annalise Donoghue** From Mrs Da Costa

For Excellent problem-solving skills, using her rounding knowledge to answer questions

On 25th September 2020

Awarded to
Jessica Bowen
From Mrs Pulham

For always being kind to others in the lossica is a great role model for others and treats everyone with respect.

> On 22nd September 2020