



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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Newsletter 26th June 2020

Dear Essendon families ...

I hope you've had a great week! I have lots of news to cover, so let's dive straight in...

Reopening in September

This week, as you may be aware, we have received guidance from the government that all schools should open as normal from September. This announcement provides us with much-needed clarity and allows us to begin planning for the return of **all pupils in all classes** on 3rd September.

Deputy Head \ Inclusion Manager appointment

I am delighted to be able to announce the addition to our team of Ms Belinda Canham, who will join us as our Deputy Head and Inclusion Manager from September. Ms Canham brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skill in supporting vulnerable pupils from her years of experience working in Hertfordshire schools. We hope you will join us in warmly welcoming Ms Canham into the Essendon family.

Staffing for next year

I'm pleased to be able to announce next year's staffing. You can find full details in the box to the right. You will notice a gap in the Homewood timetable for maternity cover for Mrs Fowler; this position is currently being advertised.

This year's school report

In line with government guidance, we will be providing a modified school report this year. As it would be neither possible nor fair to include details of pupil progress against national standards, the report will provide a more general description of your child's learning and attitude. Reports will be sent home electronically on Friday 10th July.

Registers and collective worship for September

Next year, in order to streamline our timetable, our daily act of Collective Worship (assembly) will be held between 9.05am and 9.20am every day. The start of the day will remain unchanged, and pupils can continue to "drift in" between 8.40 and 8.50am, but registers will close promptly at 9.00am and pupils arriving after this time will be recorded as late.

Parent survey

Don't forget our parent survey is still live on the school website. If you haven't completed it yet, there's still time to do so. We really value your opinions!

Have a brilliant weekend!

With love and best wishes,
Mr Potter

This half term, our value is:



Teaching staff for next year

Pantherswood: Mrs Tracy O'Connor (class teacher, full time); Miss Robyn Gurney (teaching assistant, full time); Miss Katie Holding (teaching assistant, 5 mornings + Weds afternoons); Mrs Yvonne Bines (teaching assistant, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri afternoons)

Homewood: Mrs Vickie Jones (class teacher, Mon – Weds); Maternity Cover Teacher TBA (Thurs & Fri); Mrs Ruth Boswell (teaching assistant, Mon – Thurs); Miss Jo Kelly (Teaching assistant, Fri)

Warrenwood: Mr Andrew Woodhouse (class teacher, Mon – Weds); Ms Belinda Canham (class teacher, Thurs & Fri); Mrs Kellie Morton (teaching assistant, full time)

Harefield: Mrs Claire Pulham (class teacher, Mon & Fri); Miss Hannah Da Costa (class teacher, Tues, Weds & Thurs); Mrs Terri Jenner (teaching assistant, full time)

1-1 and interventions: Mrs Emma Richmond, Miss Jo Kelly, Mrs Alison Scott

PE leader: Mrs Janet Pinfold



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Class email addresses

From September, we will be introducing class email addresses to improve your ability to communicate with the adults in your child's class. The addresses will be:

pantherswood@essendon.herts.sch.uk
homewood@essendon.herts.sch.uk
warrenwood@essendon.herts.sch.uk
harefield@essendon.herts.sch.uk

You should direct all queries and concerns regarding your child's learning to the relevant address. The inbox will be monitored by members of the class team between 8am and 5pm. You should no longer use teacher's named email addresses for this purpose.



Congratulations to all of this week's star learners!

Pantherswood

Georgie for his insightful observations of moths and butterflies.

Alfie for working collaboratively in lots of shared play activities alongside his friends.

Ralph for constructing his amazing sand volcano models.

Homewood

Sonnie for great engagement on SeeSaw.

Sammy and Emilia for working hard at school.

Finley for his thoughtful work on what makes him special.

Warrenwood

Ruben, Joe and Daniel for their excellent efforts with home learning!

Harefield

Kitty and George for settling back into the school routine so well.

Harry for a great interactive poster on Hillforts during our History lesson.

Albert for creating a fantastic Stonehenge model!

Great job everyone!

Vision and Values Morning: Parents Wanted

Would you like to contribute to developing the school's ethos and vision for the future? We are looking for parents to join the staff and governors on the morning of Weds 2nd September to review and refresh the school's values, mission statement and vision.

The morning will run from 9am until 12.30pm (with social distancing measures in place). Places will be limited, so if you are interested in contributing your time to this important process, or would like more information, please contact me at head@essendon.herts.sch.uk.

Meet the teacher event

Due to the lockdown, those of you with children who will be moving into a new class next year have not had an opportunity to meet your child's next teacher. Therefore, we will be holding a "meet the teacher" event at 3.30pm on Weds 9th September. All parents are welcome to come along to a short presentation by their child's new teacher to learn about the curriculum and expectations for the coming year.

Teachers will be repeating their presentations at 4pm, so any parents with children in two classes will be able to attend both presentations.



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Photos from our learning this week!

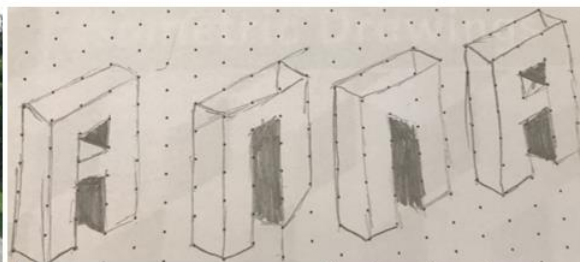




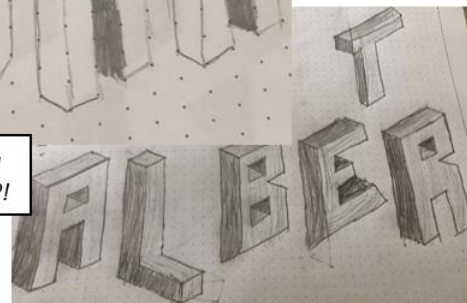
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Isometric artwork, can you guess who these belong to?!



Using compasses to find north, to position our sun dials correctly, in order to tell the time!



Our interactive posters and booklets.

**Find Out Friday
Public Service Day!**



The children made mini canvas to show their appreciation. They also made rainbow hand and foot prints with a thank you note and sent them to local fire, police and ambulance stations. Then, it was time to put out the fire!