



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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Newsletter 10th July 2020

Dear Essendon families ...

I hope you've had a great week! Here are this week's updates...

Building work

If you have gone by the school this week, you will have noticed the flurry of activity with lorries arriving and fencing being erected, as the builders have begun their work. We look forward to watching the works continue to progress in the coming weeks!

Autumn term recovery curriculum

In the autumn term, it will be very important that we transition children safely and mindfully back into school life. Therefore we will be implementing a special curriculum throughout the autumn term focused on pupil wellbeing and mental health, as well as filling in gaps from missed learning from the summer term. We hope that this will help to make the return-to-school process as gentle and smooth as possible for all children. If your child has experienced a bereavement or other adverse effect of the Covid crisis, please do contact me in confidence so that the school can seek to provide appropriate support for them in September.

Classroom arrangements for September

As I informed you in the newsletter two weeks ago, the building work on the Homewood classroom is unfortunately set to continue into the autumn term. This will also affect access to the Pantherswood classroom. Therefore, since working in the school hall has worked very well for the Homewood bubble during the Covid crisis, my staff and I have made the decision that both Pantherswood and Homewood classes will be taught side-by-side in the school hall for the first few weeks of the autumn term, until they are able to return to their own classrooms.

This half term, our value is:



Well done to all of this week's star learners!



Pantherswood

Georgie for his enjoyment and engagement in all of the learning activities.

Evie for consistently challenging her learning with the SeeSaw activities.

Ralph for adventurous tree climbing skills.

Homewood

Ishen, Jayen, Holly & Lily for their tremendous effort and continued engagement with all tasks on Seesaw.

Edward for a brilliant week and working hard at school.

Warrenwood

Charlie and Albie Sell for their excellent efforts in class and great teamwork!

Harefield

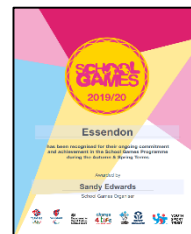
Jack for having positive conversations around transition to secondary school.

Henry for working so well across the whole curriculum.

Annalise for working really hard in Maths and completing all the tasks.

School Games Award

I am so proud to report that we have been recognised for a School Games Award for our commitment and achievement in the school games programme throughout autumn and spring terms. A huge "congratulations" to all the children who participated in organised sporting events this year, and a massive "thank you" also must go to Mrs Pinfold for organising our participation.



With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

Governor Quote

It's great news about the building works required for the subsidence! We finally have workers on site and things seem to be moving smoothly. Hopefully the project will be completed by the end of September so we can limit the impact on the school and children can return safely to the classrooms. Special thanks to our Headteacher/Site Supervisor/Multitasking wizard and all the teaching staff for the incredible work during these out-of-the-ordinary times.

Looking forward to see all parents, staff and children returning safely to school in September and to see our small (but really strong) community coming back together. On behalf of all governors a special 'Thank you' to Peter Hanna for all his hard work and the many working hours he generously allocated to the school.

Jan Bedregeanu



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Catering arrangements for next year

As you know, we are saddened to have to say goodbye to our catering team at the end of this term. This move was forced upon us for purely financial reasons, and was in no way reflective of the excellent job Claire and Sharon have been doing, and we wish them the very best of luck for the future. We must look ahead, however, and we are looking forward to welcoming Herts Catering Ltd (HCL) on board to provide school meals from September.

Owing to the joint factors of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and the unavailability of the school hall due to the building works in the Homewood classroom, we have requested that HCL provide **packed lunches only throughout the first half of the autumn term**, so that all children can eat their lunches in their own class bubble groups. During this period the choice each day will be a ham, cheese or tuna roll/baguette, with fruit, vegetable crudité and tray bake or biscuit. Pupils will be able to make their choices on the day.

Once the hall becomes available again after half term, we are planning to reinstate a full range of hot and cold options. Menus will run on a three-week rotation (an example of this from a previous year can be seen below). Pupils will be able to choose between Red (meat/fish), Green (vegetarian), Yellow (packed lunch) or jacket potato options each day.

Meals for the week will need to be chosen on a Monday morning, and **the price will be £2.65 per meal** (or £2.25 per meal for nursery pupils). Finalised menus will be made available in due course.

For further information, including how to apply for a special allergy menu, visit www.hcl.co.uk. You will find information regarding our wraparound provision in a separate letter being sent home today.

Menu Week One

Week Commencing: 4th November, 25th November, 16th December, 6th January, 27th January, 24th February, 16th March

Pupils' Choice Extra

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausages with Gravy and Creamed Potatoes Beefy Bolognaise with Pasta ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Tuna Roll	Beefy Pasta Bolognaise Cheese and Broccoli Bake ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Chicken Mayo Wrap	Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing or Spanish Omelette ✓ with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Cheese Roll	Chicken Curry with Rice Quorn Hot Dog with Diced Potatoes ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Ham Baguette	Salmon Nibbles or Cheese and Tomato Pizza ✓ with low fat Chips or Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Egg Roll

Menu Week Two

Week Commencing: 11th November, 2nd December, 13th January, 3rd February, 2nd March, 23rd March

Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Korma Fillet with Savoury Rice Cheese Pinwheel with Diced Potatoes ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Tuna Roll	Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Creamy Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Chicken Roll	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing or Veggie Sausages ✓ with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Cheese Baguette	Beef Lasagne with Side Salad Quorn Pattie with Potato Wedges ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Ham Roll	Fish Fillet or Cheese and Tomato Pizza ✓ with low fat Chips or Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Egg Baguette

Menu Week Three

Week Commencing: 18th November, 9th December, 20th January, 10th February, 5th March, 30th March

Freshly baked wholemeal bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Vegetable Bake topped with Crispy Potatoes ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Tuna Roll	Shepherd's Pie Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Chicken Mayo Wrap	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta Vegetable Curry with Rice ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Cheese Roll	Chicken Pie with Creamed Potatoes Italian Pasta Bake ✓ Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Ham Baguette	Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza ✓ with Potato Wedges or Pasta Jacket Potato with various toppings Chilled Option: Egg Roll

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All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy



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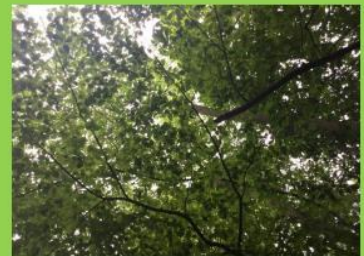
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Photos from our learning this week!



Can you capture the 'Bright and Beautiful'?

The 2020 Countryfile Photographic competition is now open for entries. This year's theme is 'Bright and Beautiful' and you don't have to venture far to capture those bright and beautiful moments. You may want to focus on the beauty of our countryside or a beautiful aspect of a creature that lives within it. Or maybe you're keener on the bright flora emerging from the tiny buds of spring; but wherever you are; the city, the countryside, farmland or valleys we want to see your interpretation of 'Bright and Beautiful' right from your doorstep.



Pantherswood Class captured these three photographs from around the school and are going to enter them into the Countryfile competition called 'Bright and Beautiful'

Ted's Acrostic poem about wind

W ind is cold
I n the winter. It makes
N oises, blowing, swaying trees
and jingles the leaves.
L ad flies a kite when it is windy.



Emilia, Holly & Edward solving problems about fractions and finding quarters.

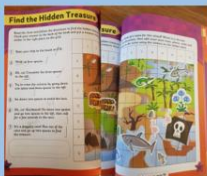
Tegan's great phonics work.



Lily's brilliant maths work.



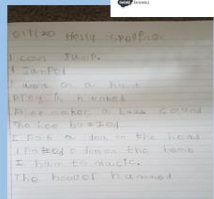
Poppy's work about showing respect to others.



Dimitri's reading comprehension to find the treasure.



Holly's wonderful handwriting and spelling practice.



Lily and Aleks's book reviews

Isben's Spag work

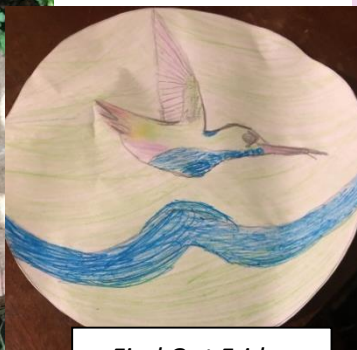
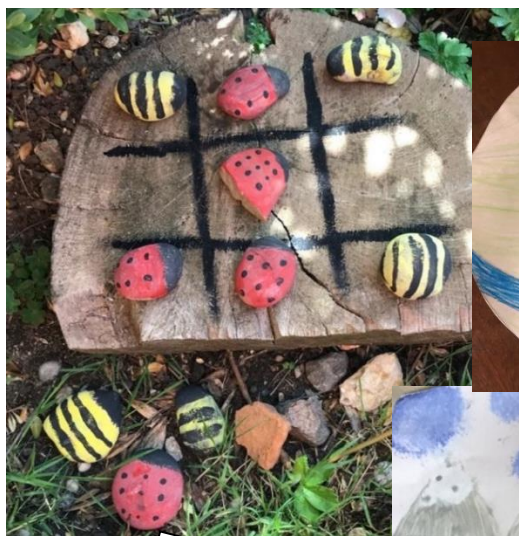




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Find Out Friday

We are all unique



Outdoor learning – creating crowns

