



# Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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**Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

## **Dear Essendon families ...**

What a glorious week! The children here at school have been basking in the sunshine at every opportunity, and I hope you have been doing so too at home – at a safe social distance, of course!

## **Year 6 leavers' plan**

We are delighted this week to be able to announce that we will be holding a full in-person leaver's event at school on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. We're very sorry that we won't be able to invite siblings or extended family, but we hope the pupils and parents will enjoy this very special day. More details can be found in the Year 6 Leaver's Letter on the website.

## **Parent survey**

Thanks to all those who have completed our annual parents survey. I hope you appreciate the convenience of the new online format. If you haven't had the chance to complete it yet, please do so, as we really value your thoughts and input to let us know where we can improve. A link can be found on the website.

## **Building update**

I am very excited to announce that work is now underway on the Homewood classroom! Contractors have been on site making their preparations, and we expect building work to begin in earnest on 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will of course ensure that all works are undertaken safely and in accordance with our Covid-secure working practices. Unfortunately, while we had hoped that works would be completed within the summer holiday period, it is now expected that the works will continue for a short period into the autumn term. My staff team and I are currently discussing the best way to reduce any potential disruption this may cause to the children's return to school in September and we will keep you informed of our plans as the project develops.

## **Double trouble!**

As a father of twins myself, it gives me enormous delight to be able to announce that Mrs Fowler, who will be taking her maternity leave from September, has learned she will be having twins! I'm sure I speak for all Essendon staff and families in sending our sincerest best wishes to Mrs Fowler in light of this happy news.

Have a great weekend,

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

## **This half term, our value is:**



## **Community support**

Essendon residents are continuing to offer support to those feeling isolated and anxious due to the coronavirus outbreak. Please feel free to call them on **07442499601** if you:

- Feel lonely or anxious
- Need practical help e.g. Shopping
- Just for a chat

Kindly note: We are not medically trained. We are fellow villagers so please do not call us if:

- It is a medical emergency - call 999
- Need medical advice - call NHS 111

If you would like to help out with this service, please contact Vicky Craig.

## **Governor view**

Harry has been back in Pantherswood for a few weeks now and I'm so grateful for the work that the staff are putting in to make it as safe and normal as possible. Highlights include playing outside in the woods and eating lunch in the classroom!

We continue to try to home-school Ted who is in Homewood and we are impressed with the work that is set. Although we do struggle to complete everything, the support from the teachers is really constructive. I don't know what the new normal will look like when we eventually do come back, but I know the staff will do their best to make it easy for the children to integrate back into school life.

**Vicky Craig**



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Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week! Your teachers have been really impressed with your work and efforts – keep it up!

## Pantherswood

Ollie for his determination and creativity in constructing his amazing train model.

Liam for his reflection and wonderful drawing from the Good Egg story.

Eden for his perseverance and enjoyment of the Cookie Maths Challenge activity.

## Homewood

Edward for his brilliant return to school and participation in learning.

Quinn for her wonderful shadow puppets and re-telling of Goldilocks.

Holly and Lily for investigating their family coat of arms.

Ted for his reading comprehension on Nelson Mandela.

## Warrenwood

Jess, William and Rose for their wonderful efforts in school and fantastic team work.

Atila for his excellent engagement in home learning including super work on pandas (pictures below)!

## Harefield

George for completing all his work to a great standard.

Henry for working super hard on multiplying decimals!

A huge “well done” to you all!

## Photos from our learning this week!



Outdoor Water Play



Construction Blocks



Construction Models



Tunnel Play



Outdoor Mark Making



Sharing Stories





Attila's panda factfile!



Annalise's recycling project!

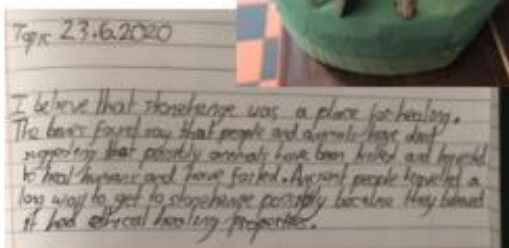


Some complete explanation texts! Yum, yum!



Outside learning – orienteering.

Albert's amazing Stonehenge model!





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## ESSENDON 200 CLUB

Essendon Village Hall Committee have been running our 200 Club for a number of years now. The joining fee is 50p (membership) plus £12 per year to be included in the six regular draws.

Part of the money we collect goes towards supporting the upkeep and running of the Village Hall and the rest is designated to the prize fund. All the details and rules of the 200 Club can be found on our website at <https://essendonvillagehal.wixsite.com/essendonvillagehall/200-club>

We hold six draws within our financial year:

- The first is the Super Draw, which takes place at our AGM after the subs for the year have been counted.
- The prize fund is split between Draws 2-6 (£50, £20 & £10) with the remainder allocated to the Super Draw where one lucky number wins.

If you would like to join, we encourage you to make an initial (First Payment for the first year) of £12.50 via BACS (see website for details) and an annual Standing Order of £12 to be set up for the following and subsequent years.

If you have any questions, you can email the Village Hall Committee at: [essendonvillagehall@hotmail.com](mailto:essendonvillagehall@hotmail.com)

**Thank you for your support!**

**Alexia Papalexandrakou.**