



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works

Newsletter 12th June 2020

Dear Essendon families ...

It's been a pleasure this week to see the pupils who are back at school becoming more familiar with the new ways of working, and increasingly getting back into the swing of things. It's amazing to see how much resilience the children are demonstrating, as they continue to cope with the ever-changing situation and the strange "protective bubble" class groups.

This half term, our value is:



Hopefully, you will have seen my letter of the 10th June, where I wrote to you about the government's announcement regarding the wider opening of schools. Sadly, the government have abandoned their plans to re-introduce additional pupils into schools before the summer holiday. I understand this will be hugely frustrating for many of you, and we at school are equally disappointed. We now await further announcements regarding the government's aspirations for September, and will make sure that you are kept fully informed of changes to our teaching and learning arrangements with as much notice as possible. In the meantime, the staff and I will continue to do everything possible to ensure all of our children, whether at home or at school, continue to receive the best provision possible. To those of you who will now be continuing to support your children's home-learning up until the summer holidays, I salute your fabulous efforts in helping the teachers to deliver the curriculum at home. Your hard work is hugely appreciated. Have a great week.

With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

Healthy minds network

For non-judgemental support and advice on mental health, you can visit <https://www.hertsmindnetwork.org/young-peoples-helpline> or call 01923 256391.

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

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well and happy. Firstly, thank you to everyone who has continued to provide for the school and its pupils during this unsettling time. Thank you also to Mr Potter who from his first day got stuck in and has made some very obvious but also some very subtle and much needed changes to the way school works.

As Pauline mentioned, the Collective Worship videos involving a mixture of staff remind us of all the lovely and caring people working in the school that we miss. I absolutely love the new Newsletter with all the pictures and Stars of the Week. It is a true celebration of everyone's efforts and achievements - a much needed encouragement for pupils and their families at this time! I can't wait to read this week's. I am excited to see what other fantastic changes Mr Potter and the Essendon School Team have in store for us when the COVID 19 situation is finally over.

As an active member of the community and the Village Hall Committee, I would like to draw your attention to the **200 Club** membership mentioned in today's Newsletter. I would also encourage you to approach us if there are things you'd like more of in the village after this is all over. The villagers have shown a great deal of love and compassion towards their neighbours during this period and this shows how powerful the act of genuine love can be.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy weekend. Stay safe, Mrs. Alexia Papalexandrakou.



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Photos from our learning this week!

Last week we showcased the brilliant work that's been going on in Homewood.

This week, check out our photos of what Pantherswood and Harefield classes have been up to since their return to school!



Pantherswood:

Harry for his amazing imagination and love of story-telling.

Oliver for his determination and focus in phonics.

Stella for showing kindness towards her classmates.

Homewood

Ted for great perseverance in maths.

Jayen, Holly and Lily for brilliant engagement in learning.

Archie for making a great start to his castle!

Warrenwood:

Evie for her wonderful Maths work.

Daniel for his amazing Highland games.

Jacob and Mollie for their excellent efforts in school.

Harefield

Albert for giving a strong argument for why the Earth is spherical.

Angelo for great use of causal conjunctions!



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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

Thank you for your support!

Alexia Papalexandrakou.

