



Essendon C of E Primary School

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Dear Essendon families ...

Welcome back to school! We're delighted to have the children back looking happy, excited and raring to go. We hope you are enjoying the return to a little bit of normality – we certainly are!

A brilliant start

A huge thank you to all of the pupils for making the return to school so enjoyable. All of the staff have commented how sensible, calm and well-behaved the pupils have been upon arriving back. Well done to you, our wonderful, supportive families, for preparing your children so thoroughly for their return.

This half term, our value is:

LOVE,
thy neighbour,
as thyself
~Matthew 22:39

A huge thanks to the staff

It's hard to imagine a more trying set of circumstances under which to return to school, what with a pandemic on the one hand, and a large section of the school being reconstructed on the other. As I had no doubt they would, the staff have stepped up magnificently to make sure everything has been made ready for the children's return, in particular where they have been asked to perform additional duties owing to the requirements of keeping bubble groups separated at lunchtimes and breaks. I am truly grateful for their incredible commitment to the school and the pupils.

Building update

The building work continues apace, and today has seen the last concrete poured to underpin the Homewood foundations. We remain confident that the Homewood pupils should be able to return to a newly refurbished classroom after half term.

Meet the Teacher

We are planning to go ahead with our "meet the teacher" event on Wednesday 9th September at 3.30pm. Teachers will deliver their twenty-minute talks at 3.30pm and again at 4pm to accommodate parents with children in more than one class. The event will be socially distanced and we ask that all parents please wear masks and use the sanitiser provided for everyone's safety. Should parents not wish to attend due to the Covid risk, Powerpoint presentations will be available on the website after the event.

New website

By now you may have seen our newly redesigned website (the address remains the same, www.essendon.herts.sch.uk). We hope you like the new look, and welcome your feedback. Some areas remain under construction. Please let us know your thoughts on the design, but also if any areas of the website are not functioning or displaying properly on your device so that we can iron out any bugs. Thanks!

Breakfast club and after-school club

Don't forget, spaces are available in the new breakfast club run by Multi-Active Ltd. Please contact the office if you would be interested in taking up a place. We intend to start after-school club soon, so please let us know if you would be interested in having your child attend.

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

This week's star learners are... EVERYONE!

Well done for an excellent start to the term; we are so happy to have you all back at school. You will all have been feeling nervous and unsure about what to expect, and you have all coped brilliantly with the new circumstances. Well done to you all!



Back to school! Here's a selection of photos from our first two days...

