



**Essendon**  
C of E Primary School

*Encouraging everyone's light to shine*

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**Dear Essendon families ...**

**We have a bumper newsletter for you this week. Enjoy!**

### **Outdoor learning day**

Big thanks to Mrs O'Connor for organising our outdoor learning day this week. The children had great fun getting out in nature and using it as the inspiration to get creative. Some photos of the day are below!



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

*The Essendon Way*

### **Children in Need**

Next Friday is Children in Need day! This year Children in Need will be holding a week of activities called Five to Thrive. Focused on mental health and wellbeing, it is being hosted by Joe Wicks, and we will be participating in all the activities here at school throughout the week. We will not be taking a cash collection, but instead you can donate directly online via the Children in Need Primary Schools Justgiving page, here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BBCiNPprimary>

Note that all pupils will take part in the activities regardless of whether a donation has been made on their behalf.

### **Awards**

Congratulations to Oliver Bohan who has achieved the milestone of 50 Team Points, earning himself a Bronze Award. Well done Oliver!



## Christmas Raffle!

**It's time for this year's fantastic Christmas raffle!**

**There's an incredible selection of prizes worth over £3000 to be won. Your child should have brought tickets home with them today. More tickets are available from the office.**

**Tickets are £1.00 each. Please return your completed ticket stubs and payment to the school office in an envelope with your name on.**

**The last day for entries is Friday 4 December and the draw will be held on Tuesday 8 December.**

**The full list of prizes can be found further down this newsletter. Please help to support this event to raise vital funds for the school and our children!**

**There are also prizes for the top ticket sellers:**

- The top seller child in each class will get: a "Stuff a bear" activity kit, a magazine and Christmas chocolate gift
- The top selling class will get a sweets hamper to share
- The top selling child in the school will get one free term at Stagecoach

**A huge thanks to Giani Bedregeanu for organising the event.**

## Wellies

We are keen to make as much use of our outdoor space as possible, including at lunchtimes and breaktimes. When the children are outside for breaks and lunchtimes, we will be allowing them on the grass as often as possible. For this reason, please can you send your children into school with wellies or outdoor shoes to change into for break times. These will be stored in the black welly bins outside the classrooms. Please ensure they are named.

## Bags to school - Monday

Don't forget, Monday is Bags to School day. Please help us to raise vital funds by supporting this event. Bags should be left in the designated area in the morning and not brought into the school office.

## Homewood classroom

We're delighted that Homewood are finally back in their own classroom. The children have had a great week settling in, and you can see what the classroom looks like for yourself in the photos below:





### Remembrance service

As you will be aware, this Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. We will be holding our annual Remembrance Service at school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> by video, with a sermon from Rev. Theresa and children contributing their work by video in the same way as we did for the Harvest Service. Once again, we are sorry that parents will not be able to attend. Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy this week and donated to this important cause.

### Hot Dinners!

With Homewood no longer occupying the school hall, we are thrilled to once again be able to offer hot dinners at lunchtime!

A warm Essendon welcome to Michelle and Sarah, our cooks. The children have been very pleased with the food so far, with large portions and seconds on offer for those who have room. We have been delighted with the service and quality from Herts Catering and would encourage all parents to take a look at what's on offer at [www.hcl.co.uk](http://www.hcl.co.uk).



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

### Herts County Council consultation on school places

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2022/23 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. In the oversubscription criteria for first, infant, primary, junior and middle schools; the wording and definition of Rule 5 is amended to - Children for whom it is the nearest school or academy. This includes all schools except those which allocate places on the basis of faith (membership or practice) before allocating on the basis of distance/location.
2. To clarify our policy on twins and multiple births by amending the definition to - Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), as the admission authority will admit over the school's published admission number when a single twin/multiple birth child is allocated a place at a school.
3. To reduce the published admission number at Markyate Village School & Nursery (you should only include this point if you are a school located in one of the relevant areas – see attached).
4. To maintain the existing relevant areas for consultation purposes.

**The consultation period runs until 6 December 2020. Please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2022](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2022) for more information and to respond online.**

## RAFFLE PRIZES!



**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**  
**ESSENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**-2020-**

**TICKET SELLING COMPETITION**  
PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS TOP SELLER:  
STUFF A BEAR ACTIVITY FROM  
TEDDY TASTIC, CHOCOLATE GIFT  
FROM AMANDA'S CREATIVE IDEAS &  
A MAGAZINE. TOP SELLING CLASS PRIZE:  
SWEETS HAMPER FROM CANDY  
FLOSS & DREAMS. TOP SELLING CHILD:  
ONE TERM AT STAGECOACH

1. LUXURY XMAS HAMPER (RRP £149) WEST & CO LUXURY & BESPOKE BASKET COMPANY
2. ONE TERM DRAMA CLUB, EARLY STAGES (RRP £185- NEW STUDENTS ONLY) STAGECOACH
3. ONE TERM DRAMA CLUB, MAIN STAGES (RRP £360- NEW STUDENTS ONLY) STAGECOACH
4. JO MALONE GIFT SET (RRP £150) COURTESY OF SUNSEEKER
5. TEEPEE SLEEPOVER FOR TWO (RRP £90) CANVAS AND STARS INDOOR GLAMPING
6. FOURBALL GOLF VOUCHER (RRP £160) ESSENDON COUNTRY CLUB
7. SIGNED BOOK + MUM EMPOWERING SESSION (RRP £109) IVANA POKU, MUMS JOURNEY
8. SILK FLOWERS VOUCHER (£55) FLOWERS BY FLORENCE NANCY
9. 4 HOURS HALL HIRE (RRP £80) ESSENDON VILLAGE HALL
10. LEATHER BAG (RRP £145) RUFUS COUNTRY
11. 8" BIRTHDAY CAKE (RRP £60) TOP CAKES
12. TWO ONLINE SINGING LESSONS (RRP £50) GEMMA ANN BARNES
13. OVEN CLEANING VOUCHER (£50) VICTORIA SERVICES
14. MINI VALET VOUCHER (£40) ACAMADI VALETING SERVICES
15. ONE DAY BOUNCY CASTLE HIRE (RRP £75) C&O BOUNCY CASTLE HIRE
16. HOLISTIC TREATMENT OF YOUR CHOICE (RRP £50) THERAPEACE
17. ONE WEEK ACTIVITY CAMP (RRP £100) MULTI-ACTIVE KIDS
18. SCENTED CANDLE (RRP £35) HOME BY RACHEL
19. 3 YOGA CLASSES (RRP £24) SECRET SPACE
20. SMALL DOG GROOMING AND ACCESSORIES (RRP £40) CUFFLEY DOG GROOMERS
21. 22. 23. 24 FRESHLY BAKED XMAS TREATS (RRP £30) KINGFISHER CAKES
25. GROCERIES VOUCHER - ABEL AND COLE
26. FAMILY TICKETS (RRP £42) ODEON
27. 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION (RRP £36) SCOOP MAGAZINE
28. SIX MONTHS SUBSCRIPTION (RRP £30) THE WEEK JUNIOR SCIENCE + NATURE
29. CELEBRATION BALLOON BOUQUET (RRP £30) CHERYL LOU BALLOONS
30. AFTERNOON TEA FOR 2 (RRP £36) THE LITTLE AMERICAN BUFFET COMPANY
31. 12 DELICIOUS CUPCAKES (RRP £30) TILLY & FLOSS HANDMADE
32. WASH & BLOW DRY (RRP £20) MA HAIR DESIGN
33. SCARF (RRP £20) THE CLOSET, POTTERS BAR
34. TROPIC SKINCARE VOUCHER (£20) MICKI FILOCCO
35. DERMATOLOGICA MINI SET (RRP £25) SERENITY BEAUTY SALON
36. OUTDOOR PLANTS VOUCHER (RRP £30) PETTS PLANTS
37. HANDMADE BOLSTER PILLOW (RRP £45) SARAHENITY
38. GOODIE BAG & VOUCHER (RRP £80) THE MOTHERS TOUCH
39. FRESH FLOWERS XMAS WREATH (RRP £45) SIGNED ROGERS EVENTS
40. 4 BOTTLES OF WINE (RRP £30) THE WOODMAN
41. REIKY & CRYSTAL HEALING SESSION (RRP £40) THE CRYSTAL COVE
42. FAIRY PHOTOSHOOT (RRP £49) PHOTOGRAPHY BY HELEN
43. MANICURE VOUCHER (£20) SHE'S THE 1
44. PERSONALISED GIFT VOUCHER (RRP £20) TIG & ROO
45. 46. 30 MIN DRUMMING LESSON (RRP £40) HERTS MUSIC LESSONS
47. 48. THREE WEEKS OF DANCE (RRP £20) DH DANCE ACADEMY
49. ONE MONTH MARTIAL ARTS (RRP £38) QING LIU MARTIAL ARTS
50. CHOCOLATE BOUQUET (RRP £15) AMANDA'S CREATIVE IDEAS



# After School Clubs



Join our after school clubs at  
Essendon Primary 3:15 - 4:15

Monday - Netball

Tuesday - Archery

Wednesday - Football

Thursday - Gymnastics

Friday - Performing Arts

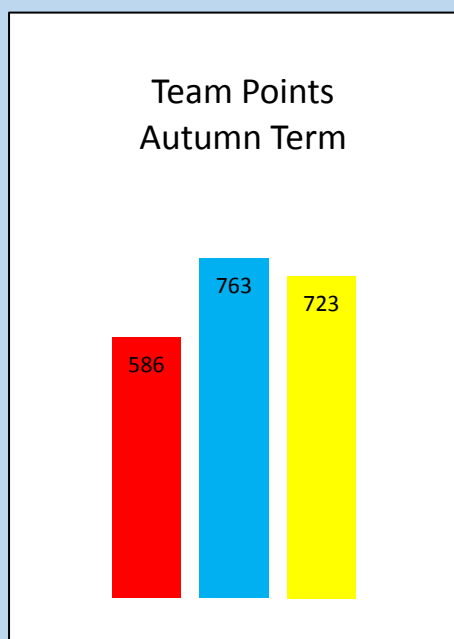
To book blocks of 7 clubs visit  
[www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk) and select  
after school clubs at Essendon  
Primary  
or call on 01462 351582

After School Care club at The Base  
available until 6pm

The  
**BASE**  
Wrap Around Care @ Essendon Primary  
Powered by Multi-Active

## Team point totals so far

Well done to everyone who has earned points for their team this week!



Blue team have regained the lead from Yellow, but Red team can still catch up! If you're in Red team, try extra hard to earn those team points next week.

## Dates for your diary

- **Monday 9th November:** Bags to School Day
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Children's nasal flu vaccinations
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (4 – 6 pm each day):** Parent's evening telephone consultations
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** individual photos
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas dinners and Christmas jumper day
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas service (by video)

## Congratulations to this week's star learners!

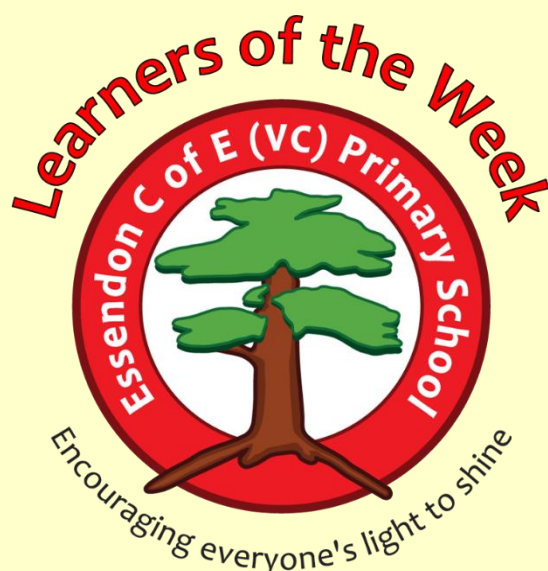
**Pantherswood:**  
Elise and James

**Homewood:**  
Finley and Amelia

**Warrenwood:**  
Jayen, Ted and Archie

**Harefield:**  
Louie and Amelia

Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep leaves are attached below, and don't forget that your leaves will be kept and put up on the Essendon Tree display at the front of the school.



## Term dates 2020-2021

### Autumn Term

Weds 2nd Sep: Inset Day  
Thurs 3 Sep: Term Begins  
Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct: Half Term  
Fri 18 Dec: End of Term

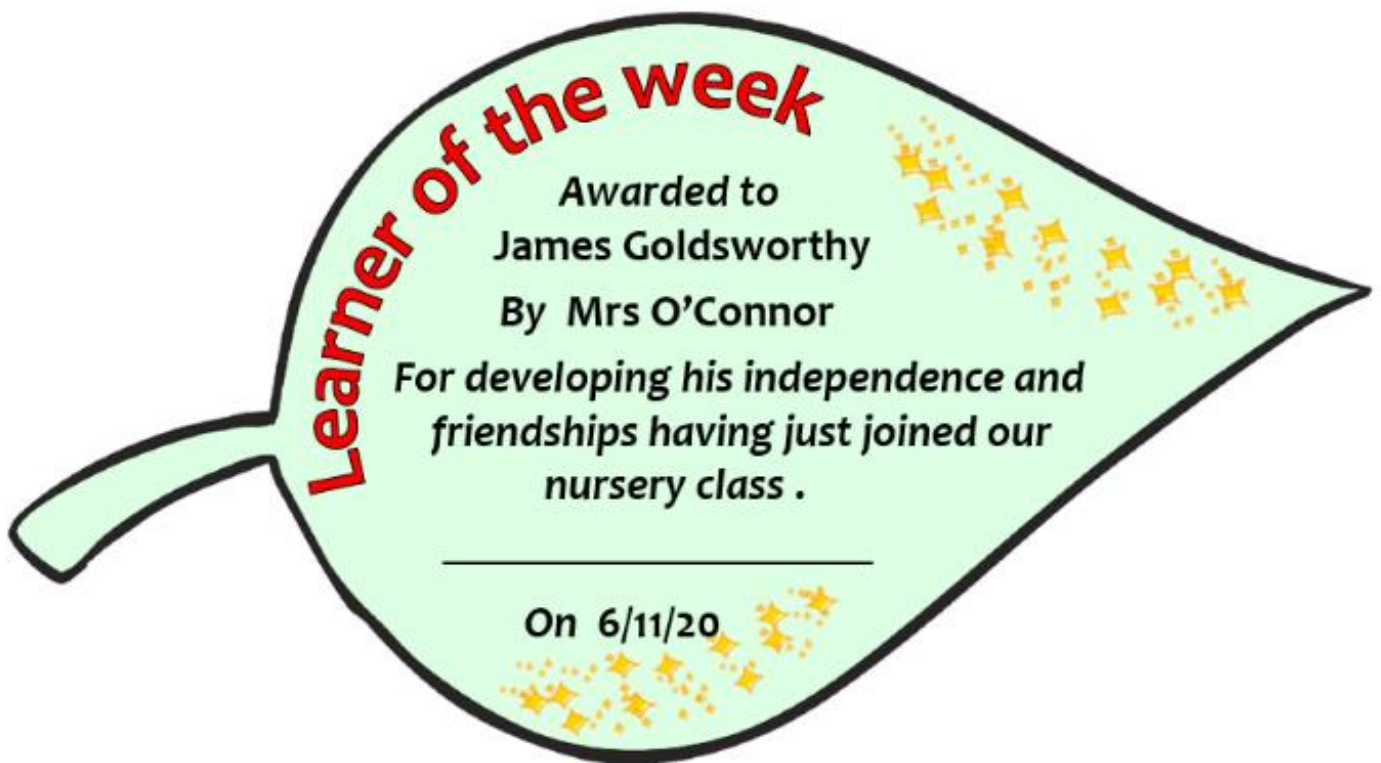
### Spring Term

Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day  
Tues 5 Jan: Term Begins  
Mon 15-Fri 19 Feb: Half Term  
Fri 26 Mar: End of Term

### Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day  
Tues 13 Apr: Term Begins  
Mon 31 May-Fri 4 Jun: Half Term  
Mon 7 Jun: Inset Day  
Tues 20 Jul: End of Term  
Weds 21: Jul Inset Day  
Thurs 22 Jul: Occasional Day

**Pantherswood**





## Homewood





**Warrenwood**

**Learner of the week**

Awarded to:

Jayen

By: Mr Woodhouse

For Showing an amazing growth mindset in Maths. After finding exchanging really tricky you worked through it and got it spot on!

On 4/11/2020

**Learner of the week**

Awarded to:

Ted & Archie

By: Mrs Morton

For Showing fantastic team work during PE. You communicated really well to create your robot routine.

On 4/11/2020

Harefield

