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Friday 1st July 2022

**Our Value this Half Term:
Love the world you live in**

Dear Essendon Families,
What Makes a Home?



I have really enjoyed reading Homewood's poems on the subject 'What makes a home?' for Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Month. Elise, Eden and Alisha came to show me their poems and I was so proud of what they had composed. Have a read of Elise's poem at the end of this newsletter, it shows homes are not all about bricks and mortar.

A quilt is a hug you can keep

We are so proud to have been given this beautiful handmade quilt from Project Linus



Project Linus is a network of volunteer needleworkers throughout the UK whose aim is to provide comfort and cheer to children who are in need of a hug. Mrs Cawthra, our Pastoral Lead, is over the moon with this very special hug which can be shared with all our children.

Wodson Games

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of varied sports on Wednesday. Our athletes received coaching and then competed in cheerleading, badminton, table tennis, athletics and target games. Mrs Pinfold said that once again, all our children were a credit to the school. Medals were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and we had more than our fair share of awards. Evie and Elsie received additional recognition for adopting the values of the School Games, as nominated by the sport coaches. A great Essendon team effort.



Awards:

- Silver - Badminton - Joe and Albie S
- Silver - Table Tennis - Jacob and William
- Silver - athletics - Gracie, Mollie, Albie D, Albert
- Special award - Elsie and Evie - sportsmanship

Harefield Sharing Assembly

Thank you to Harefield for a fantastic Sharing Assembly, we listened to your poems, learnt about your history topic of Britain after 1945 and thoroughly enjoyed your Band Aid performance of Queen's We Will Rock You.

Music lessons with Mr Hampshire

Mr Hampshire teaches individual music lessons in piano, guitar and keyboards at Essendon, if you are interested in finding out more about these lessons please contact the Office.

Thank you Queenswood School

Harefield's lessons with the Science Department from Queenswood Independent School have been a great success this term. Thank you to all the teachers that have come over to Essendon from Queenswood, it has been a wonderful opportunity.

Hatfield House Trip - Warrenwood

Look out for the letter that has gone out via email and in the children's bags for Warrenwood's Hatfield House trip on 15th July.

Family Support Courses

We have sent out a range of really good courses that are on offer to support parents with family issues such as angry or anxious children. Please have a look and book on to the courses that will help you.

Dates for your diary

Fri 8th July 2:30pm Warrenwood Sharing Assembly – parents invited

11th July to 13th July Harefield residential

Fri 15th July – Warrenwood to Hatfield House

Fri 15th July 2:30pm Homewood Sharing Assembly –parents invited

Tues 19th July – 9:00am to 12pm Sports Day – parents invited

Thurs 21st July 2:30pm – End of Year

Thanksgiving Service at the Church – parents invited

Fri 22nd July 11am – Y6 Leavers assembly – Y6 parents invited.

Have a lovely weekend, from Ms Canham

Free - Summer Camps

HAPpy Summer Camps HAPpy camps are back this summer Hertfordshire County Council is once again funding free summer activity camps for children and young people who attend a Hertfordshire school and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. There are around 190 HAPpy camps running across the county this summer, with 45,000 free places available from 25 July – 31 August. At the sessions, which vary in duration from four to seven hours long, eligible children and young people can enjoy free food, free sports and free craft activities this summer. They will also receive advice on nutrition and cooking skills to enhance their health and wellbeing. If your child is eligible and you have not received your code ask your school office for it, or email haf@herts.ac.uk Free places can be booked from Monday 20 June via the Herts Sports Partnership's website:
<https://sportinherts.org.uk/booking>

Team Points are awarded for following The Essendon Way.

Well done to: Leo, Ted, Tyler and Charlotte for 150 Team Points and Jenson and Georgie for 200 Team Points.

Headteacher's Awards are for outstanding effort in class.

Well done to Elise for her poem about 'What makes a house a home?'

What is a home? By Elise in Year 1

What is a home?

A home is where you play and eat together. A home is where you feel comfortable and watch tve. A home is where friends come and play with me. A home is where you feel calm and happy. A home is where it is jolly and nice. A home is where you stay with your family.

by ELise



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Key Dates: 2021/2022

Summer Term 2022:

Tuesday 19th April 2022 – **INSET Day**

Start of term for pupils - Wednesday 20th April 2022

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Half Term – Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Occasional Day – Monday 6th June 2022 – Platinum Jubilee – **School Closed**

Friday 17th June – **INSET Day**

Transition Day – Thursday 14th July 2022

End of Term – Friday 22nd July 2022 – 1:15pm

Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term - 2022

Thursday 1st September 2022 – **INSET Day**

Friday 2nd September 2022 – Start of term for pupils

Friday 21st October – **INSET Day**

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October – Half Term

Tuesday 20th December – End of Term 1:15pm

Spring Term - 2023

Thursday 5th January 2023 – Start of term for all

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 20th February - **INSET Day**

Friday 31st March – End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term - 2023

Monday 17th April 2023 – **INSET Day**

Tuesday 18th April – Start of term for pupils

Monday 1st May – Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June – Half Term

Friday 16th June – **INSET Day**

Thursday 13th July – Transition Day

Friday 21st July - End of Term – 1:15pm