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Friday 22nd March 2024

Our Value This Half Term: Love God

Dear Essendon Families,
Every Day A Fresh Start



In Collective Worship we thought about the resurrection of Jesus and how it signifies a new beginning. Spring is also a time of new beginnings and Mrs Cawthra, Pastoral Lead, has given us a challenge to set ambitions and new goals for ourselves this spring time. What changes do you want to make this Easter? Remember a new beginning may be about putting things right, repairing relationships, saying sorry. God forgives us when we get things wrong and God gives us new chances to try again. What do you want to set as your goal?

Science Week 2024 – D&T Focus

British Science Week is a celebration of STEM subjects these are science, technology, engineering and maths. We had a whole school design and technology focus and the planning, discussion and team work was fantastic.

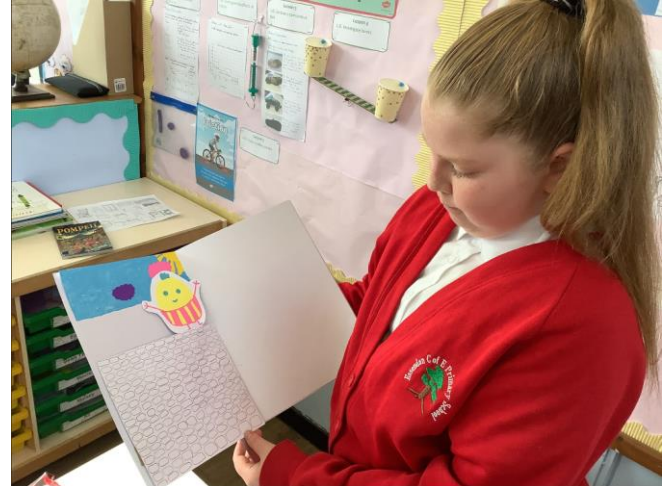
Warrenwood – D&T - Pneumatic Monsters



Homewood – D&T - Pivots, Levers and Linkages



Harefield – D&T - Pop Up Nursery Rhyme Books



Pantherswood – D&T - Drawbridge Pulley System



Published Illustrators

We are over the moon that our Reception children are now published illustrators. They all received a Certificate of Creativity for a wonderful piece of artwork that was selected for publication. Books will arrive after Easter.



Football Tournament



Well done to our football team and their amazing playing in the tournament on Thursday. We got to the semi-finals and came 4th overall, so a massive well done to everyone. Carter was player of the tournament! A big thank you to our coaches Mr Green and Mrs Cawthra and to all the parents who supported.

RE – The Easter Story



As part of their RE topic and in preparation for Holy Week, Homewood discussed the importance of the resurrection of Jesus for Christians. They shared their ideas with each other and talked about the Easter events.

Dates For Your Diary

Tues 26th March, 2:15pm – Easter Service at the Church, all welcome.

Thurs 28th March 1:15pm – End of Term

Thurs 28th March 1:15pm – Friends of Essendon Easter Egg Hunt with parents – donation £5.

See the poster in this newsletter.

Mon 15th April – INSET Day – teachers in school

Tues 16th April – Everyone back to school

Y6 SATs week – It is essential for all Year 6 children to be in school everyday for their assessment week in May. Please record the dates on your calendar so we have full attendance: Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May.

And Finally

As we look forward to the warmer weather please keep checking your child has the correct school uniform. Save cycling shorts for PE days and ensure they are knee length, normal school uniform shorts for non-PE days, socks should be plain white, black or grey and summer uniform is available in all supermarkets.

Have a great weekend, from Ms Canham

The Friends of Essendon invite you to an end of term Easter Egg Trail.



Volunteer Family Mentors - Training course dates 2024

There for parents when they need us most



Our 2024 in-person training sessions will be held at:

St Albans

On: 13th February & 12th March

At: Holiday Inn Express, Colney Fields Shopping Park, London Colney, St Albans, AL2 1AB

Between: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Hatfield

On: 8th May & 5th June

At: Birchwood Centre, Longmead, Hatfield, AL10 0AN

Between: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Bishop's Stortford

On: 25th September & 23rd October

At: Bishop's Stortford Library, The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2EJ

Between: 9.45am to 3.00pm

** On completion of the two training sessions, a further two hours will be required to complete training on the charity log database and GDPR. Date to be agreed with your trainer*

Do you have some spare time to give back to your community? Why not become a volunteer...

As a trained volunteer mentor, you will help support struggling families in your local community by visiting them in their own homes for 2-3 hours a week.

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Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Term Dates: 2023/2024

Autumn Term - 2023

Friday 1st September – **INSET Day** – staff only

Monday 4th September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am doors open, doors close at 8:50am

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term - 1:15pm

Spring Term - 2024

Thursday 4th January – **Occasional Day** – School Closed

Friday 5th January – **INSET Day** – staff only

Monday 8th January – Start of term for pupils

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half Term

Thursday 28th March - End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only

Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

Friday 19th July – End of term - 1:15pm

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – **INSET Days** – staff only