



[www.essendon.herts.sch.uk](http://www.essendon.herts.sch.uk)  
01707 261209  
[admin@essendon.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@essendon.herts.sch.uk)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**Our Value This Half Term: Love Others**

**Dear Essendon Families,**  
**St Joseph's In The Park**



Homewood spent an enjoyable morning at St Joseph's in the Park school woods. Homewood tried out whittling and concentrated very hard, explored the woods by going on a scavenger hunt and worked really well together to build a den. Homewood demonstrated great team work, they worked together well as they communicated and helped each other and it was great to see how their den developed throughout the morning with their creativity.

**Computing in Harefield**



Harefield are learning about big data in computing. Working in teams, the children scanned QR (quick response) codes to find clues. This allowed them to complete a QR based treasure hunt!

**A Visit From The Fire Brigade**



After sitting in the fire engine and finding out about the equipment the firefighters use, Pantherswood and Homewood all had a turn at spraying the hose. It was very powerful but great fun! Back in the classroom, we found out about the firefighters' uniform and some of us were lucky enough to try on the safety helmet.



**Love Others – Collective Worship**

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about Luke:10. Jesus is asked "what is the most important commandment from God?" He replies that the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and the second is to "love your neighbour as yourself". We listened to the parable of the Good Samaritan and thought about how we can show our love for others at school.

### Dates For Your Diary

5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Feel Good Week

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday/Lent

19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Half Term

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2:15pm – Easter Service at the Church, all welcome.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 1:15pm – End of Term and Easter Egg Hunt with parents after school.

### On-Line Safety

Have a look at this term's on-line safety newsletter for parents sent out with this newsletter and saved on our website.

### Measles

Please read the attached letter from Herts County Council about measles and have a look at this link and what action needs to be taken.  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5aa8090ded915d4f563b7357/Measles\\_adults\\_DL\\_Leaflet\\_03\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5aa8090ded915d4f563b7357/Measles_adults_DL_Leaflet_03_.pdf)

### And Finally ...

How is everyone getting on with the Friends of Essendon 2024 challenge? What are you doing to raise £20.24, a sponsored silence, jobs around the house, or selling some of your unwanted toys or books? The deadline is Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, see if you can hit the target!



**Have a great weekend from Ms Canham**

## Your Weekend Times Table Challenge

Name: _____	<b>6 TIMES TABLE</b>	
	<b>QUICK QUIZ</b>	
6x6=___	8x6=___	6x3=___
9x6=___	6x5=___	6x9=___
3x6=___	6x4=___	0x6=___
4x6=___	6x1=___	6x7=___
1x6=___	2x6=___	5x6=___
5x6=___	6x10=___	6x2=___
6x9=___	6x0=___	6x6=___
7x6=___	10x6=___	3x6=___
Date _____	Score _____	

thesimplehomeschooler.com



**FRIENDS OF  
ESSENDON SCHOOL  
CHALLENGES YOU!**

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**

**CHALLENGE  
2024**

**RAISE £20.24 BY  
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY**

**IDEAS COULD INCLUDE:  
SPONSORED-  
RUN/WALK/SWIM/SILENCE  
SELLING OLD TOYS/BOOKS  
CAKE SALE  
ART WORK SALE**

**BEST IDEAS WILL BE  
SHARED BY MS CANHAM  
IN ASSEMBLY!**

**WE'RE CHALLENGING ALL  
CHILDREN TO RAISE  
MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL TO  
KICKSTART THE  
FUNDRAISING FOR 2024!**

**PLEASE HAND ALL FUNDS IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR  
NAME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY**

Made with PosterMyWall.com



## UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN 2-DAY COURSE

TO HELP YOU SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING ANXIETY

### A FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF ANXIETY
- UNDERSTAND PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS AND HOW THEY MAY PRESENT IN CHILDREN
- STRATEGIES TO HELP A CHILD MANAGE THEIR STRESS AND BUILD RESILIENCE

**DATES:** 27th & 28th Feb

**TIME:** 12:30-2:30pm

**VENUE:**  
Panshanger Primary School



To book a place, please use the QR code or go to: <https://forms.office.com/e/mHLehRY4yV>



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service  
in partnership with Public Health

# FREE



# SAFE & WELL visit

incorporating **H**  **ME FIRE SAFETY**

“It won't cost you a penny and it **could save your life**”

- This service is completely free and is available to all Hertfordshire residents.
- The visit includes advice on aspects of health and wellbeing to help keep you safe and well.
- Visits are by agreed appointment only.
- Only uniformed staff will visit you and they will always use an agreed password and show an official ID card.
- We will supply and fit free smoke detectors where necessary.



Book  
online  
or call  
today

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire)  
**0300 123 4046**

Hertfordshire County Council: Providing the opportunity to be healthy and safe.



## 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