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Friday 27th January 2023

Our Value this Half Term: Love Others

Dear Essendon Families,

Strike Action

You might have seen in the news that some teachers in the NEU will be taking strike action. The dates on which this will take place are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The strike is about the level of Government funding for schools as well as teacher terms and conditions. This dispute is with the Government and not with individual schools, this strike action will affect most schools across the country. At Essendon, some of our teachers will be taking strike action and others will be working normally. In making decisions about how this affects Essendon, we have looked at the DfE Guidance, the NEU guidance and consulted with staff.

Please see the email to parents and carers as to which classes will be closing in response to strike action. For each strike date teaching staff in the NEU will be consulted and parents and carers will be informed in good time as to how this may affect classes.

Lunar New Year

Happy Year of the Rabbit to all communities who celebrate the Lunar New Year.



Our Value: Love Others – Being Honest

This week we have been reflecting on God's gift to us of our bodies, minds and words. One way to say thank you to God for these gifts is by using them well; looking after our bodies by being healthy, stretching our minds in learning time and using our words to be not only kind but honest. Telling the truth really helps problem solving, it can be uncomfortable to be honest but being honest really helps successful problem solving, and good problem solving is part of The Essendon Way.

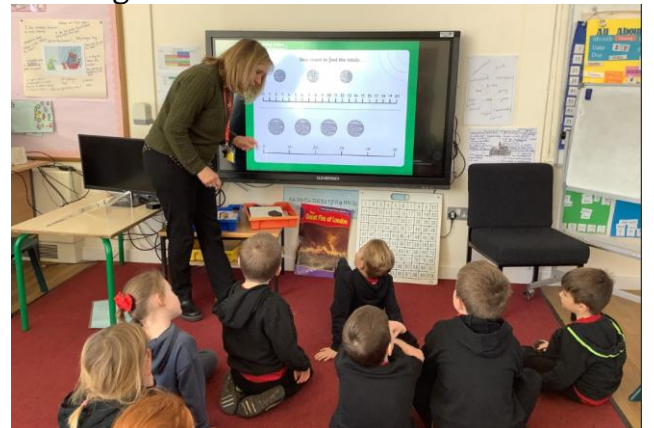
Learning in maths



Maths challenges in Harefield.



Learning times tables in Warrenwood.



Working with money in Homewood. Cash is used less and less and we can see children are unfamiliar with coinage. Find some coins at home, look at them and talk about their value.

Team Points are awarded for following The Essendon Way. 50 Team Points to: Jayen and Albie S and 100 Team Points to Ted, Aleks, Elise and Poppy. And our first 150 Team Points of this year to Ollie T and Gracie.



Would you like to be part of the school's Governing Body?

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and welcome applications from parents who are keen to make a positive contribution to our school. In this voluntary role you will work as part of a team and support the school in maintaining and continually improving upon our high standards of teaching and learning. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to be considered as a Parent Governor please email Pauline Alleyne, Chair of Governors and she can answer any questions: pauline.alleyne@essendon.herts.sch.uk

Dates

6th to 10th Feb – Feel Good Week
Tues 7th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb – Half term
Mon 20th Feb –INSET Day
Tues 14th and Thurs 16th March 3pm to 6pm
Parent Teacher Consultations
Thurs 30th March at 2:15pm Easter Church Service – parents welcome

And finally

Have a great weekend everyone,
from Ms Canham

@MOOD_HEALING_

Childrens Mindfulness Workshop

Thursday
16th Feb
12pm-3pm

Essendon Village Hall

Meditation, mindfulness, gratitude, positivity, arts & crafts

Please message Amy on
07979149427 to book

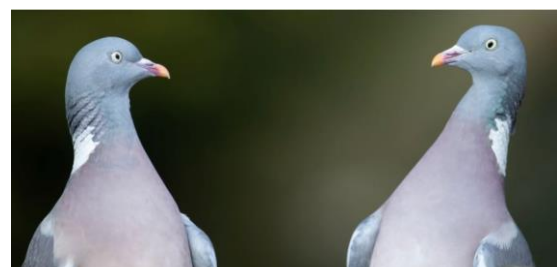
£15 per child, sibling discount and concessions available

DBS Checked



The Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 27 and Sunday 29 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



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Web: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

Email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.30pm Term time

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| <p>Handling anger in your child with Autism/ADHD Parents living in Herts with primary aged children, inclusive of children on assessment pathways and with diagnosis.</p> <p>FIF ADHD E5</p> | <p>Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details</p> <p>6 x 2 hour sessions</p> | <p>Zoom course</p> <p>Monday evenings 6.30-8.30pm</p> <p>February 20th 27th & March 6th 13th 20th 27th</p> |  <p>Families In Focus CIC LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER</p> <p>Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details</p> |
| <p>Handling anger in your child with Autism/ADHD Parents living in Herts with primary aged children, inclusive of children on assessment pathways and with diagnosis.</p> <p>FIF ADHD D6</p> | <p>Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details</p> <p>6 x 2 hour sessions</p> | <p>Zoom course</p> <p>Mondays 'Lunch & Learn' 12-2pm</p> <p>February 20th 27th & March 6th 13th 20th 27th</p> |  <p>Families In Focus CIC LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER</p> <p>Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details</p> |
| <p>Handling anger in your family Parents living in Herts. with primary aged children (neurotypical)</p> <p>FIF L2 D2</p> | <p>Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details</p> <p>6 x 2 hour sessions</p> | <p>Zoom course</p> <p>Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am</p> <p>February 22nd & March 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th</p> |  <p>Families In Focus CIC LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER</p> <p>Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk email with name and date & time of the course requesting booking details</p> |
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Time to Talk Pre-Teens and Teens Face to Face 6 week group

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated in the wake of Covid-19? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Or do you have a FFA/CIN/CP? Join our free 6 week online group for valuable advice and help on how to support and manage their behaviour.

When: Tuesday 21st February to 28th March 2023

Where: Family Lives Office, Hatfield

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

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Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School



Term Dates 2022/2023

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 – Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June – Half Term
Friday 16th June – **INSET Day**
Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Friday 21st July - End of Term – 1:15pm

Term dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term - 2023

Friday 1st September – **INSET Day**
Monday 4th September – Start of term for pupils
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**
Friday 5th January – **INSET Day**
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**
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**