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Our Value this Half Term: The Essendon Way

Dear Essendon Families,

Money, money, money!

All schools are struggling with rising costs at the moment and we are all having to make decisions about what to spend our budgets on. Teaching and learning is our number one spend at Essendon so we need help with the extras. Schools are so lucky to have the support of their parents and their PTAs to raise money for the extras. Essendon's PTA is called the Friends of Essendon and as we start a new school year we need everyone to join in and raise money for our children this year. Please see the message about the AGM at the pub, it will be a good social for a good cause.



Friends of Essendon AGM - everyone welcome for a drink and a natter!

Please join us on Monday 10th October at 8pm at The Woodman, Wild Hill for our Friends of Essendon AGM. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out how we can support the school; all parents are busy but if we all give a little bit of time, as a team it builds into a big impact, with lots of fun on the way!

At the meeting we will be appointing our new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, reporting on last year's activities and money raised and discussing plans for the next year. This is a really exciting opportunity for the school; once we have our new committee in place it will allow us to apply for grants to enhance our children's learning, environment and overall school experience. If you have any questions or are interested in being on the Committee, or the Treasurer or just want to join the team please get in touch with Tippy Todd over WhatsApp (she's in each of the class groups) or by emailing:

friendsofessendonschool@outlook.com.

Or just come along on the evening for a drink and a natter, it would be lovely to meet up.

School Council



Welcome to our School Council meeting with Jacob, William, Adelaide, Poppy, Ralph, Jenson, Aurora, and Mrs Cawthra, Pastoral Lead.

School Captains



School Captains and Vice Captains this year are Noah, Ishen, Albie D, Ted, Joe and Sonnie.

Family Centre Fun

Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service provides activity sessions for families with children from 0-5 years during term time. These include free drop-in sessions such as Active Rhyme Time for 6-18 months, Physical Fun for 18 months plus and new Stay & Play sessions for 0-5s. They also offer sessions for children up to 8 years during school holidays. Families are welcome to come along to have fun and socialise with other parents and carers.

Take a look at the website for details about What's On: <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org>.

Community readers



Thank you to our wonderful community readers who volunteer to listen to readers in Homewood, it is an absolute asset to the school and really helps support our Early Readers. All the staff and children send our very best wishes to Shaune for a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her back in school reading with the children when she's better.

Harvest Service – save the date

Our Harvest Service will be in the church on Thursday 6th Oct at 2:15pm all parents and carers are welcome. We will collect tins and packets for the foodbank as well as unused dog and cat food for the pet foodbank. We will let you know when the collection begins.



Scarlet Fever

Hertfordshire Council would like us to let you know that scarlet fever cases are higher than normal for this time of year. Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection the early

symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. Those with suspected scarlet fever should be excluded from school for 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 6th Oct – Harvest Service at the church, 2:15pm parents welcome. Foodbank collection.
October – Black History Month
Mon 10th October at 8pm at The Woodman, Wild Hill for the relaunch of Friends of Essendon
Wed 12th Oct – School Photos
Tues 18th Oct – Parent Teacher Consultations 3:45pm to 6pm – all classes
Wed 19th Oct – Parent Teacher Consultations – 3:45pm to 6pm – Pantherswood only
Thurs 20th Oct – Parent Teacher Consultations – 3:45pm to 6pm Harefield, Warrenwood and Homewood
Fri 21st Oct – INSET Day – school closed to children
Half Term – Mon 24th Oct to Fri 28th Oct
Fri 11th Nov – Remembrance Assembly 2:30pm parents welcome in school
14th to 18th Nov – Anti-bullying Week
Fri 18th Nov – Children in Need – cake sale and Anti-Bullying assembly, parents welcome
And finally ...
See you all on Monday, and have a lovely weekend, **from Ms Canham**



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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

Term Dates for 2023/2024 are on our website