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Our Value This Half Term: Love Learning

Dear Essendon Families,

What Is Success?



In Collective Worship we talked about Manchester City's record-breaking fourth Premier League title win. We thought about how Pep Guardiola's side are now the first English mens side to win four top flight titles in a row since the football league started in 1888. We asked ourselves how do they do it? We reflected on how success means having a goal in sight, practising, trying, failing, communicating, trying something new but all the time remaining focused. It's all about the Love of Learning – Our Value – learning to be our very best at whatever we decide to do.

Personal Development At Essendon

Sue Harratt, our Schools Effectiveness Advisor, made her termly visit to Essendon this week to see how we teach British Values, PSHE and Personal Development. Sue met our children and she heard all about what it is like to be a Well-Being Ambassador, a School Councillor, a Play Leader and a Lunchtime Club member. She heard about our charity fundraising and our sports Gold Mark. A big thank you to Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Charles for sharing all the fantastic opportunities at Essendon. Sue Harratt commented that Personal Development was a strength at Essendon, well done to everyone at Team Essendon!



New Headteacher Appointed



We are very excited to announce that we have appointed a new Headteacher for September. Pauline Alleyne, Chair of Governors, has written to all parents to share the news. The new Headteacher, Simon Urquhart, has already been in school getting to know staff and he will be joining us for an assembly after half term to start getting to know the children. This is a very positive appointment for our school and we are really looking forward to welcoming Mr Urquhart to the Essendon Team.

Class Photos

Just a reminder that class photos will be taken for all children on Tuesday 4th June. So brushed hair, a clean jumper and a big smile please!!

The photography company have made a change to how they now operate,



they will be using a QR code system. Each child will receive their code on the day of the shoot for them to take home. Parents/Carers can then log on and will be notified when their photos will be ready to view/purchase. All the ordering and delivery will remain the same as previous times. If you have any questions, please contact the Office.

Mini Police

At Essendon, we are pleased to be part of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Mini Police programme aimed at upper KS2 children. For Year 5, this will commence on Thursday 23rd May



with an introduction from the officers leading the sessions. The dates and content of the sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 4th June 2-3pm: Anti-social behaviour
- Thursday 13th June 2-3pm: Road safety
- Thursday 20th June 2-3pm: Bleep test
- Monday 24th June 2-3pm: Drugs and vapes
- Thursday 4th July 2-3 pm: Hate crime and internet safety (date tbc – General Election)
- Thursday 11th July 2-3 pm: Water safety

The children will then create a presentation to share with Warrenwood.

Diary Dates

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May – Half Term

Mon 3rd June – Everyone back to school

Tues 4th June – Class photos

Sun 9th June – School Summer Fayre

Tues 2nd July - Sports Day afternoon – 1:30pm at school, all welcome, bring a blanket or chair

w/c Mon 8th July – Bikeability – Y6

Tues 9th July – Sports Day afternoon (contingency) 1:30pm

Thurs 11th July –Transition Day for all year groups and Y6 to secondary school

Thurs 11th July – Open Classrooms – all welcome, come and see the school

Fri 12th July – End of year reports

Thurs 18th July – 2:15pm Thanksgiving Church Service, end of term celebration and goodbyes.

All parents/carers welcome

Fri 19th July – 11am Y6 Leavers Assembly, Y6 parents welcome. Y6 leave at 12pm.

All other pupils leave at 1:15pm.

Tues 3rd September – Back to school

And Finally

Have a very happy Half Term and we will see everyone back on Monday 3rd June.

Have a lovely break, from Ms Canham



Dear Essendon kids, parents and carers.

A few years ago, I was lucky enough to cook your school meals, you may well remember my delicious macaroni cheese, chicken pie and sausage rolls!! I've missed it since the moment I left and have now set up a little catering business "Made By Miss C". I am passionate about helping busy grown-ups feed their awesome children healthy, tasty and personalised dinners.

After half term I will be offering freshly cooked meals, using locally sourced ingredients. Menus will be available weekly and your meals can and will be personalised to you with allergens and all dietary requirements catered for. I am always here to take on suggestions and ideas so if you want something that I am not currently offering, just shout. If I can make it, then I will!!!

I really can't wait to start cooking for you all again. Weekly updates will be sent out in your Essendon School newsletter and please feel free to throw any questions my way on my Instagram page [made_by_miss_c](#) or through Facebook [Made by Miss C](#)

Have a happy and healthy half term, Miss C



Friends of
Essendon School
Would like to invite
you to the

Essendon School Summer Fayre

Sunday 9th June

1.00-4.00pm

The Yorkie Wrap Co.

Bar ~ Ice Creams

Inflatable slide, bouncy castle, games and more...

More details to follow soon!

All children must be accompanied by an adult



MAY Half Term 2024

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 3pm

Bookings open 12pm

Friday 3rd May 2024

High Five Camps are free holiday camps for families in receipt of benefit free school meals.

At a school near you!

Watford

Greenfields Primary School
Ascot Road Primary School

St Albans

Mandeville Primary School

Hemel Hempstead

Lime Walk Primary School

Included:

Range of Physical Activities

Fun Education

Nutritious Hot Lunch



[Click here for more info](#)





JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER
or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at parkrun.com
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

**Birchwood junior parkrun at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield, Herts AL10 0AN
Sundays at 9am**

Essendon Cricket Club (Colts)

Introduction to cricket for Year 4's to Year 7's.

Open to all boys and girls, of all abilities

When: Wednesday 5th June to 10th July

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Where: Essendon cricket field

If you are interested, please message Nigel on 07960424230 to be added to the WhatsApp group.



Families First – Working together in Early Help



Bringing together Hertfordshire's Early Help services

Making SEND Everyone's Business

SEND Support Events

There will be SEND themed presentations from the following:

- Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer
- Herts Sports Partnership SEND Activities
- SPACE Neurodiversity Support
- DSPLs

Along with information from early help SEND support services

St. Albans / Dacorum

Wed 5 June 12.30-2.30pm

The DSPL Hub, Fleetville Jnr School,
St Albans, AL1 4LW

Broxbourne/East Herts

Tues 25 June 2.00-4.00pm

Broxbourne Borough Council,
Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Stevenage/North Herts

Wed 12 June 10am-12pm

Bowes Lyons Young People's
Centre, Stevenage, SG1 1XY

Watford, Three Rivers & Hertsmere

Fri 5 July 10am-12pm

Three Rivers District Council,
Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL



visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/earlyhelpevent to book your place

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst



Understanding my Autism/ADHD

Do you have a child aged between 7-16 diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, or both?

We're thrilled to launch a range of exciting offers designed to support children and teens just like yours!

These workshops, are available online and in-person. Led by experienced professionals, sessions will provide tailored strategies to help your young person understand their Autism, and or ADHD, in a fun and engaging way!



Referrals from professionals are welcome, or you can easily sign up your child yourself.

Are you ready to empower your child on their journey of self-discovery?



Find out more here:

 thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk



Friends of Essendon School

Unwanted Gift Amnesty



Clear the clutter!

Do you have a gift you won't be using? Or perhaps unopened drinks or sweets that you don't want?

Friends of Essendon school would be thrilled to receive these to use as prizes in the upcoming summer fair!

We're collecting new, unused items:

- ✓ Gifts
- ✓ Toiletry sets
- ✓ Toys or games
- ✓ Bottles or sweets

Reduce ~ Reuse ~ Recycle

Please drop donations into the school office



This term's menu. Help your child by talking about the daily meal choices.

		Pupils Choice Extra Menu				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1		15 APRIL, 7 MAY, 3 JUNE, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 14 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1		Pork Sausages with Gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti MNF	Roast Beef with Gravy	Favourite Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2		Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Mince Slice MNF	Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Pasta or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rico	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 2		22 APRIL, 13 MAY, 10 JUNE, 1 JULY, 22 JULY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 21 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1		Tex Mex Quorn Fajita	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fishcake
MAIN MEAL 2		Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Moroccan Tagine MNF	Plant Balls with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Rice or Tomato Bread	Diced Potatoes or Couscous	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Cheese Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 3		29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 7 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1		Chicken Curry MNF	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Turkey Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy MNF	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2		Homemade Sausage Roll MNF	Rich Tomato Bolognese	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH		Rice or Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Herby Bread or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION		Cheese Spread Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Tuna Roll	Ham Sandwich	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION		Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)

Seasonal vegetables and a variety of salads are served daily. = Vegetarian = Vegan.

We are proud to use the following food brands:



We are accredited by:



Term Dates: 2023/2024

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
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

Term Dates: 2024/2025

Autumn Term – 2024

Monday 2nd September – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 3rd September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half Term
Friday 20th December – End of Term – 1:15pm

Spring Term – 2025

Monday 6th January – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 7th January – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Half Term
Friday 4th April – End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term – 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – Half Term
Monday 16th June – **INSET Day** – staff only
Thursday 10th July - Y6 Secondary Transition Day
Friday 18th July – End of Term – 1:15pm
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July – **INSET Days** – staff only
Wednesday 23rd July – **Occasional Day** – School Closed