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Our Value this Half Term: Love Yourself

Dear Essendon Families,
Team Essendon!

We loved seeing all the entries for the Pudsey's new friend competition, what fantastic creativity. This week we were thinking about what makes a good friend and what makes a good fellow pupil. Can you think what the difference is? We know who our friends are, we know why we like them, we play together, laugh together, sometimes fall out but always want to get back to being friends. What about other pupils in our school? We might not even think about them, they are not our 'best friends' but they are still a really important part of our classes and our school. Getting along with everyone is how great teams are made, and at Essendon we work together to make this happen. Go Team Essendon!

Pudsey's New Friend



Thank you to everyone who entered the design a friend for Pudsey competition. We had so many entries and Pudsey is definitely a very lucky bear because he has the most amazing friends. They are all kind, funny and have the most amazing names! And the best thing is they all know how to encourage their friend's light to shine. It was so hard to decide on the winners, but Mrs Cawthra has chosen and our winners are: Penny, Joshua, Tory, Adelaide, Oliver, Savannah and Amaaira. Well done everyone.

Creativity And Colours In Warrenwood



Warrenwood created shades and tints using just a primary colour and black and white. They then named each of their shades and tints.



A Quieter Santa Visit

<https://roystonrotary.com/santa.htm>

Royston Rotary Club are running a scheme to make personalised Santa videos for children. This could be perfect for children that find it overwhelming visiting Santa in person. This video can be watched as many times as liked between now and Christmas Eve and costs £10 per family. Funds raised will support The Angels Support Group in Hitchin for families of children with autistic spectrum condition and/or ADHD.

Friends Of Essendon – The FOES

The FOES Christmas raffle gets bigger and better every year and this year is no exception! With some exciting prizes up for grabs including a 3-course meal at Lussmans, 18 holes at Essendon Golf Club and tickets for Knebworth House, Willows Farm and The Snow Centre



there's something for everyone.

A book of 5 tickets will be coming home with each child so please get selling to

friends and family. Stubbs and money should be returned to Miss Moore in the School Office and she has plenty of extra tickets if you are keen to sell more. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fayre in the Hall at 4pm on 15th December. Good luck!

Dates For Your Diary

Tues 12th December, 2pm – Pantherswood and Homewood Nativity

Wed 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December, 3:15pm - Christmas Fayre in the Hall

Tuesday 19th December, 2:15pm – Christmas Carol Service, all welcome at the Church.

And finally ..

Thank you to all our parents for coming to the Parent Teacher Consultations this week. We are so proud to share all the work your children have been doing this term, all the learning and the progress everyone is making. Parents are a big part of Team Essendon so keep up the great work at home, listen to your child read, practise their times tables and find ways to encourage writing in everyday life, maybe a letter to Santa this weekend!

Have a very happy weekend from Ms Canham

Your Weekend Times Table Challenge

4 x 8 =	2 x 8 =	1 x 8 =
6 x 8 =	4 x 8 =	3 x 8 =
1 x 8 =	9 x 8 =	10 x 8 =
9 x 8 =	7 x 8 =	8 x 8 =
2 x 8 =	10 x 8 =	5 x 8 =
7 x 8 =	5 x 8 =	7 x 8 =
3 x 8 =	1 x 8 =	6 x 8 =
8 x 8 =	6 x 8 =	4 x 8 =
5 x 8 =	3 x 8 =	9 x 8 =
10 x 8 =	8 x 8 =	2 x 8 =

**B Discover Bucks
Museum**
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

Family Christmas Day

Saturday 2 December 2023

11am - 4pm

Step back in time this December with our Christmas Family Day! Try your hand at historical Christmas crafts, play traditional seasonal games, visit our Christmas Craft Fair and don't forget to keep an eye out for a very special Christmas visitor straight from the North Pole!

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Your ticket includes the Family Christmas Day, Christmas Trail, Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, I Grew Up 80s exhibition & Craft Fair.

Adult: £5.50, Child £3.50,
Under 3's Free

Family tickets available
discoverbucksmuseum.org



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