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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Our Value this Half Term: The Essendon Way

Dear Essendon Families,

**Saying Thank You** 



In Collective Worship we reflected on saying thank you to each other and to our families. Choose someone to say thank you to this week, it's a great feeling!

**Design and Technology** 



Making pumpkin soup in Pantherswood



Designing and making puppets in Warrenwood



Sewing stuffed toys in Harefield



Planning healthy meals in Homewood



A big thank you to our Governors for coming in to observe our Design & Technology lessons. Governors had a great time helping groups and observing the teaching and learning.

#### **Friends Of Essendon Fundraising**

Put these dates in your diary and book your tickets for the quiz night!



**Quiz and wine tasting** - Wednesday 15th November, 8pm, at school.

**Christmas Fair** - Friday 15th December, 3.15-5pm at school. Donations of prizes for the Christmas Raffle are welcome, please bring to the Office.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Half Term – Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October – All back to school Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Assembly 2:30pm parents welcome in school 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying Week Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need – cake sale and non-uniform £1.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Parent Teacher Meetings all classes Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Parent Teacher Meetings – Homewood Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent Teacher Meetings - Harefield, Warrenwood and Pantherswood

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm – Pantherswood and Homewood Nativity Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 3:15pm - Christmas Fayre in the Hall

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

### A Message From The Church Foodbank

Thank you for all the generous contributions to the foodbank at the Harvest Festival.

Remember, there is an emergency meal in the Church porch at all times. Thursdays between 2 and 3pm is extra food distribution day, if you need more help come and talk in confidence.

And finally .. A huge thank you from me to all the amazing staff at Essendon C of E Primary School. We have a great team, going above and beyond everyday, working hard to support all our children, thank you all so much.



Have a very happy half term and we will see everyone back in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8:40am from Ms Canham

### Half Term Times Table Challenge?

Keep practising your times tables over the half term and then ask someone to test you by reading out these questions. Practise every day – knowing your times tables makes maths much more fun.

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# FREE Half Term Family Workshops



# **Autumn Explorers**

Help your child (aged 5-10) develop Literacy, Maths and other skills through making crafts with natural materials.

Waltham Cross Tue 24th Oct 10am-12pm

Stevenage Thu 26th Oct 10am-12pm



# **Story Sacks**

Discover how to use 'found' materials to create a story sack/box with your child (aged 4-8).

Waltham Cross Tue 24th Oct 1.30-3.30pm

Stevenage Thu 26th Oct 1.30-3.30pm

Book your place: ## step2skills.org.uk ( 01992 556194

















## ADHD IN GIRLS WORKSHOP

with Pippa Simou, speciliast in ADHD in women & girls



TO HELP YOU SUPPORT GIRLS WITH ADHD



## A FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

 Explore why girls experience ADHD differently DATES: Weds 22nd November 2023

Identify hidden symptoms of ADHD

TIME: 09:30-11:30am

Support strategies to help girls with ADHD to flourish

VENUE: Online

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to: https://forms.office.com/e/ptYeAY73un



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## 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