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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Our Value this Half Term: Love Yourself**

**Dear Essendon Families,  
Remembrance Assembly**



November is the time of the year when many people wear a red poppy in memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us during wars and conflict. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks the signing of the Armistice, on 11th November 1918, to signal the end of World War One. In support of Armistice Day, on Friday 10th November, the whole school remembered the millions of people who lost their lives in conflict and still do everyday. We fell silent for one minute to remember all those that have died in conflicts around the world and prayed for peace and understanding for the future.

**Odd Socks Day – Anti - Bullying Week**



On Monday 13th November to start our whole school anti-bullying week, children may wear odd socks to school to celebrate difference and being proud of who we are. We will be learning about bullying, how to notice it and prevent it.

**Poppy Art in Homewood**



Homewood watched a video which taught them how to draw poppies as part of their learning about Remembrance Day. What fantastic pictures, well done Homewood.

**Children In Need and Competition**



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is non-uniform day and cake sale. Please wear weekend clothes and bring in a £1 donation and also bring in some cakes and traybakes for our end of Friday cake sale. Let's raise as much as we can for Children In Need. Don't forget the competition to design a friend for Pudsey, detailing the qualities that a good friend needs, this could be a collage, a drawing or painting, use your imagination! Closing date Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

### Skipping Competition

It is our annual skipping competition which we enter every year against the other local schools. If you are in KS2 you have to see how many skips you can do in one minute and for KS1 it is how many skips you can do in 30 seconds. At lunchtime, use the skipping ropes to practice and when you would like to enter we are ready to time your skips, good luck!

### Friends Of Essendon

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

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

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 and Christmas Lunch

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.

### And finally ..

A massive Essendon thank you to Andrew Cooper, Governor, for donating funds for these fantastic folding dining tables. We are so grateful for the gift and these tables are perfect for our school lunches. Thankyou.



Have a very happy weekend from Ms Canham

## Weekend Times Table Challenge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 TIMES TABLE

#### QUICK QUIZ

$6 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$8 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$6 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$9 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$

$9 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$

$5 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$0 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 8 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 1 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$

$1 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$2 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 5 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 10 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 2 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 0 = \underline{\quad}$

$4 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$

$7 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$10 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

$3 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_

# Design a friend for Pudsey!



Pudsey Bear is such a familiar face that we see each year but who are his friends?

We imagine that he has a wonderful bunch of kind, supportive, unique friends but we never see them.

We would love for you to design one of his friends this week and to share with us about what makes them a unique friend to him.

They could be another bear, another animal or even a person - it is your choice.

When designing your friend please let us know their name, their personality and why they are such a great friend to Pudsey. You could draw, craft, paint or even make his friend, it is completely up to you - let your imaginations go wild.

We have some wonderful prizes for the best entries. Please bring your entry in on Friday 17th of November which is Children In Need.





## 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