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Friday 3rd November 2023

Our Value this Half Term: Love Yourself

Dear Essendon Families,

Our Value: Love Yourself

This week we are thinking about our new value for this half term and one of our five Loves – Love Yourself. God has created each one of us,



he has made us all different. We look different, we think differently, we have different families, different likes and dislikes, different interests and ideas. This half term we are learning to be proud of ourselves. Have a think about what

talents and characteristics God has given you, what are your strengths and what are your challenges?

Maths in Homewood



In maths, Homewood have been using hoops to make part whole models for adding. They have explored how to partition a number in different ways but remembering the whole number always stays the same. Jenson and Rafael found different ways to make eight.

Kindness Club

Kindness Club is held every Thursday lunchtime and is a wonderful part of our weekly lunchtime timetable. This term one of our most successful activities has been the design of the 'Essendon Rocks'. The club members designed beautiful rocks which were hidden around the school grounds each day. Each rock had a motivational message and picture on it to make the person who finds it feel special. This activity has gone from strength to strength and we now have a beautiful area within our school grounds which is known as 'The Talking Tree' and is where the rocks when found are stored to then be re-hidden!



Kindness Club was an idea from Quinn and it is now in its second year. It is open to everyone within the school but it is limited to eight places each term. This allows for a personalised and exciting club to take place which involves a variety of different games and activities but most importantly a time to share and identify kindness within our school.

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

Fri 10th Nov – Remembrance Assembly 2:30pm
 parents welcome in school
 13th to 17th Nov – Anti-bullying Week
 Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need – cake sale and
 non-uniform £1.
 Tuesday 21st November – Parent Teacher
 Meetings all classes
 Wednesday 22nd November Parent Teacher
 Meetings – Homewood
 Thursday 23rd November – Parent Teacher
 Meetings - Harefield, Warrenwood and
 Pantherswood
 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 ..

Remember if you are in Harefield or
 Warrenwood Class you can bring in a healthy
 snack for morning playtime this could be
 something like fruit, cheese or breadsticks.
 Pupils in Pantherswood and Homewood receive
 a free piece of fruit everyday.



Have a very happy weekend from Ms Canham

Times Table Quiz For The Weekend

Name: _____		
MIXED TIMES TABLE QUICK QUIZ 2		
4x3= ___	5x8= ___	3x3= ___
7x8= ___	6x7= ___	9x12= ___
6x9= ___	7x4= ___	6x6= ___
2x11= ___	8x3= ___	3x7= ___
10x5= ___	8x9= ___	7x5= ___
1x7= ___	7x0= ___	4x9= ___
8x12= ___	10x10= ___	7x7= ___
6x3= ___	2x9= ___	6x8= ___
Date _____	Score _____	

Learning About Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light



ROUND 1
18TH NOVEMBER 2023

ROUND 4
13TH JANUARY 2024

MUDDY MONSTERS AT WELWYN!



OFF ROAD CYCLE RACING FUN
NO RACING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

AGE CATEGORIES

Under 8's - Born in 2016 or later

Under 10's - Born 2014 or 2015

Under 12's - Born 2012 or 2013

Under 14's - Born 2010 or 2011

Age at 1st September 2023

Children can compete on any kind of bike with two working brakes. Helmets are required and gloves recommended.

Details about all the rounds of Muddy Monsters can be found on the British Cycling website.



Gosling Velodrome, Gosling Sports Park,
Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XE



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TALKING FAMILIES



Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm Online Course: ID 623
1st, 8th, 15th, 29th February & 7th, 14th March 2024

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Course: ID 622
8th, 15th, 29th February & 7th, 14th 21st March 2024
Waterside Family Centre, Rowans, WGC. AL7 1NZ

**6, weekly sessions for
parents and carers of children
aged 0-12 sharing tips on:**

- **Manage challenging behaviour with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future**

**Our online support sessions are
delivered weekly via Zoom.**

**Groups are open to parents, carers,
grandparents and guardians living,
or with a child in school, in
Hertfordshire.**

**'Every parent should do this course!
It has taught me so much about how to
deal with family life.'**

**Booking essential
Please quote the course ID
To check eligibility and book a place,
contact Supporting Links on:**

07512 709556

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participants by Hertfordshire County
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TALKING DADS



Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 627
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th 31st January, & 7th Feb 2024

Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 628
6th, 13th, 27th February & 5th, 12th, 19th March 2024

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of all ages, sharing information on:

- **Increasing confidence in your parenting.**
- **Developing a healthy dad/child relationship now and for the future.**
- **Improved listening and communication skills.**
- **Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.**
- **How to enforce boundaries.**
- **Being the dad you want to be.**

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

"The course has given me the confidence to know that I can break out of the cycle and make things different for my child."

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TALKING TEENS



Thursdays 7.45-9.15pm Online Course: ID 624
4th, 11th, 18th 25th January & 1st, 8th February 2024

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm Online Course: ID 625
7th, 14th, 28th February & 6th, 13th 20th March 2024

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19, covering:

- **The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.**
- **The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.**
- **Maintaining your relationship with good communication.**
- **Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.**
- **How to negotiate during a conflict situation.**

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"Our home is no longer a battlefield. I am less stressed and my teenager speaks to me more. Thank you!"

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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