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Friday 1st March 2024

Our Value This Half Term: Love God

Dear Essendon Families,

Our Value – Love God

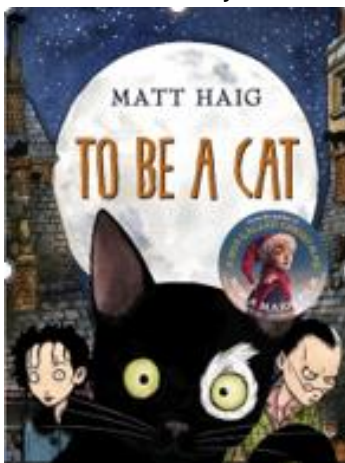
Did you know that God has a unique plan for you? Lent is the time when Jesus went into the desert to think about God's plan for him. It was an amazing plan for Jesus, a real challenge. God has plans and a destiny for everyone of us because we are all special. Do you know what makes you special? Do you know what gifts God has given you to make you special at Essendon? In Collective Worship we have been thinking about what makes us special. Everyone has a light to shine, what is yours?

Book Review



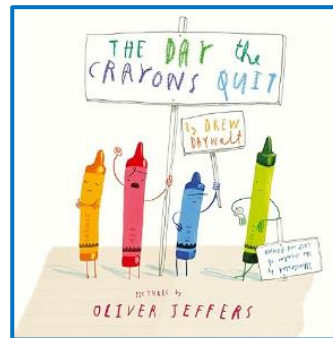
Maisie, from Homewood Class, wrote a fantastic book review on her new book To Be A Cat by Matt Haig. Maisie told me that she found the book very interesting as it's all about a boy

who turns into a cat. Her favourite part was when he turned back into a boy. Maisie would recommend this book and she would lend it to a friend because **'it is an amazing book and other people need to read it!'** Have you got a book you would like to recommend?



World Book Day 2024

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and our theme for dressing up this year will be colour, inspired by the fantastic book 'The Day the



Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. Your child is therefore invited to come into school dressed in a colour. No costumes necessary and no football strips thank you but choose a colour and wear it to school on Thursday.

World Book Day Book Trade

We will be trading books at lunch time on World Book Day, if you have a book you would like to trade bring it in ready for book swap.

World Book Day Competition

Where do you read? To celebrate a love of reading, we are running a photo competition from Wednesday 28th February to Wednesday 6th March. Your child is invited to think of the most unusual or imaginative place they read, and have a photograph taken reading there! Entries can be emailed to harefield@essendon.herts.sch.uk and will be put into a special PowerPoint for Friday 8th March's whole school assembly. £5 book tokens will be awarded for the best entry in each class. Good luck and let your imagination run wild!

Storytime

Keep reading at home, story times are a great time to spend together. Have a look at the Book Trust and see what books are available for your child. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Join the Library - it's free

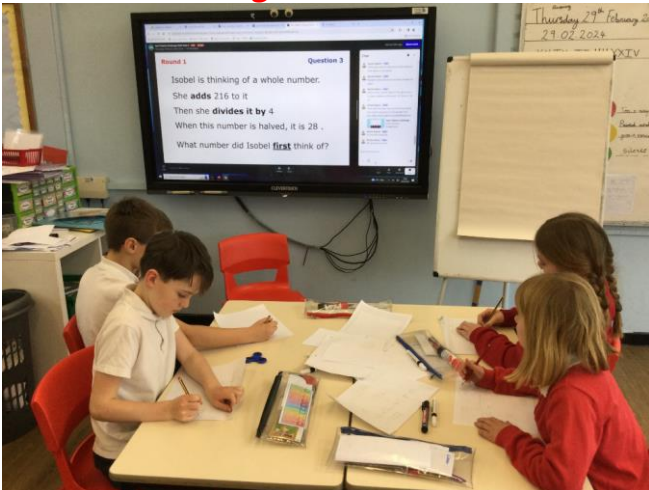
Joining the library is free and borrowing books is free, follow the link for more information. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>

Den Building



Pantherswood have had great fun in the woods building dens with coloured yarn. If you find their den you can play in it but please leave it how you find it so others can join in the fun!

HfL Maths Challenge



Well done to the Year 5 team who participated in this year's HfL maths challenge. They showed excellent team work and perseverance with some very tricky questions!

Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 7th March World Book Day

Tues 19th March Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thurs 21st March Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tue 26th March, 2:15pm – Easter Service at the Church, all welcome.

Thurs 28th March 1:15pm – End of Term and Easter Egg Hunt with parents after school.

Staffing News

Stef Todd, our fantastic SENCo will be leaving us at the end of this term and moving to a fulltime SENCo role at a larger local school. Taking over our SEN provision will be Helen Stickley who is a current Hertfordshire Primary School SENCo and she will start with us after Easter. Stef and Helen are liaising this term to ensure our SEN provision has a comprehensive handover.

And Finally ...



A huge Essendon thank you to the Morton Family for building and installing this amazing mud kitchen in Pantherswood's outside area. It has been so popular with the children in EYFS and it is so very much appreciated by the whole of Team Essendon. Learning through play and especially muddy, wet play is what we like best!

Have a great weekend, from Ms Canham

Name: _____

9 TIMES TABLE

QUICK QUIZ

9x6=___ 9x9=___ 9x3=___

9x8=___ 5x9=___ 7x9=___

3x9=___ 9x4=___ 0x9=___

4x9=___ 9x1=___ 8x9=___

1x9=___ 2x9=___ 5x9=___

5x9=___ 9x10=___ 9x2=___

9x9=___ 9x0=___ 8x9=___

9x7=___ 10x9=___ 3x9=___

Date _____

Score _____



This week's times table challenge! How quickly can you complete it?



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