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Friday 3rd May 2024

Our Value This Half Term: Love Learning

Dear Essendon Families, **Digging Deeper**

What is your child's favourite topic or subject at school? Together, can you find out more? The



library is a great place to start finding out more about what they are interested in. We have regular reading time in school and you can have regular reading time at

home, but dig deeper by encouraging your child to visit our school reference library, or join the Welwyn or Hatfield library and borrow books for free. We can find a world of knowledge in books, books that will grow and stretch our brains helping us become experts. Remember everyone needs patience and calm time when they are digging deeper into reading, so encourage your child to slow down, sit down, be quiet and enjoy all that books have to offer.

Music Lessons For All



Harefield Class are enjoying their ukulele lessons with Mr Hampshire our Specialist Music Teacher. Mr Hampshire teaches 1:1 lessons as well as whole class so call the Office if you want your child to have instrumental lessons.

Investigating Sound In Science



Warrenwood were testing how sound travelled through different materials.



Warrenwood then investigated how each material reduced sound – what would make the best material for an ear defender?

Cookery Club – Delicious!



After School Club made healthy tacos this week.

Parenting Support



Calling all parents and carers of children aged 6-10 years old who live in Welwyn/Hatfield. There are a range of new locally funded support programmes now available for all parents and Nessie is excited to be part of this offer. Nessie provides support to promote a positive relationship between a parent and their child. Nessie works collaboratively with families, using expert knowledge and the parent's understanding of their child to ensure challenging or concerning behaviours are understood and supported. If you would like support with behaviours at home please contact Nessie via the website:

<https://nessieined.com/parenting-programmes>

Diary Dates

Monday 13th to Thursday

16th May - Y6 SATs

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May
– Half Term

Tues 4th June – Individual photos

Sun 9th June – School Summer Fayre

Tues 2nd July - Sports Day afternoon – 1:30pm at school, all welcome, bring a blanket or chair

w/c Mon 8th July – Bikeability – Y6

Tues 9th July – Sports Day afternoon (contingency) 1:30pm

Thurs 11th July – Transition Day for all year groups and Y6 to secondary school

Thurs 11th July – Open Classrooms – all welcome, come and see the school

Fri 12th July – End of year reports

Thurs 18th July – 2:15pm Thanksgiving Church Service, end of term celebration and goodbyes. All parents/carers welcome

Fri 19th July – 11am Y6 Leavers Assembly, Y6 parents welcome. Y6 leave at 12pm.

All other pupils leave at 1:15pm.

Tues 3rd September – Back to school



SEND Support



We have news of two new initiatives for neurodivergent Children and Young people. **The Toolbox** from Mindler is a dedicated webpage specifically focussing on ADHD and

Autism support for children and young people. The Toolbox offers inspirational content, self-help tools, interactive livestreams, anonymous text chat service (to ask any questions young people may have about neurodiversity) and lots of other resources and information. It also serves as a guide, signposting users to alternative services and accessible interventions within Hertfordshire. The Toolbox will be hosting a Livestream on 29th May where the team play popular video games and answer all questions related to neurodiversity.

Have a look at thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk. **Understanding my Autism/ADHD** offers a range of workshops aimed at children and young people in Hertfordshire aged 7-16 years with a diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, or both. These workshops provide children and young people with resources and strategies to enhance their understanding of Autism and/or ADHD. For more information on the **Understanding my Autism/ADHD** intervention you can visit thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk. Courses run for between 6-12 weeks, with both online and face-to-face options available.

And finally ...

Remember it is Bank Holiday Monday on Monday so we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 7th May at 8:40am.

Have a great long weekend, from Ms Canham



Essendon Cricket Club (Colts)

Introduction to cricket for Year 4's to Year 7's.

Open to all boys and girls, of all abilities

When: Wednesday 5th June to 10th July

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Where: Essendon cricket field

If you are interested, please message Nigel on 07960424230 to be added to the WhatsApp group.



Families First – Working together in Early Help



Bringing together Hertfordshire's Early Help services

Making SEND Everyone's Business

SEND Support Events

There will be SEND themed presentations from the following:

- Hertfordshire's SEND Local Offer
- Herts Sports Partnership SEND Activities
- SPACE Neurodiversity Support
- DSPLs

Along with information from early help SEND support services

St. Albans / Dacorum

Wed 5 June 12.30-2.30pm

The DSPL Hub, Fleetville Jnr School,
St Albans, AL1 4LW

Stevenage/North Herts

Wed 12 June 10am-12pm

Bowes Lyons Young People's
Centre, Stevenage, SG1 1XY

Broxbourne/East Herts

Tues 25 June 2.00-4.00pm

Broxbourne Borough Council,
Cheshunt, EN8 9XQ

Watford, Three Rivers & Hertsmere

Fri 5 July 10am-12pm

Three Rivers District Council,
Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL



visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/earlyhelpevent to book your place

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst



**FREE Healthy Lifestyle support
for families in Hertfordshire**



**Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes
start on 29th April 2024**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
POTTERS BAR Cranborne Primary School EN6 2BA 17:00 - 19:00	WALTHAM CROSS Hurst Drive Primary School EN8 8DH 17:45 - 19:30	WATFORD Leavesden Green Community Hub WD25 0BW 17:30 - 19:30	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School AL10 0PS 17:00 - 19:00
BISHOP'S STORTFORD CANCELLED	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobeletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JT 17:30 - 19:30	STEVENAGE The Oval Community Centre SG1 5RA 17:30 - 19:30	BOREHAMWOOD Meryfield Primary School WD6 4PA 17:30 - 19:30



Sign up today!

BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk

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Telephone/Zoom Surgery

Tues 21/05/2024 09:30 - 11:30

* A chance to discuss your concerns with one of our School Family Workers

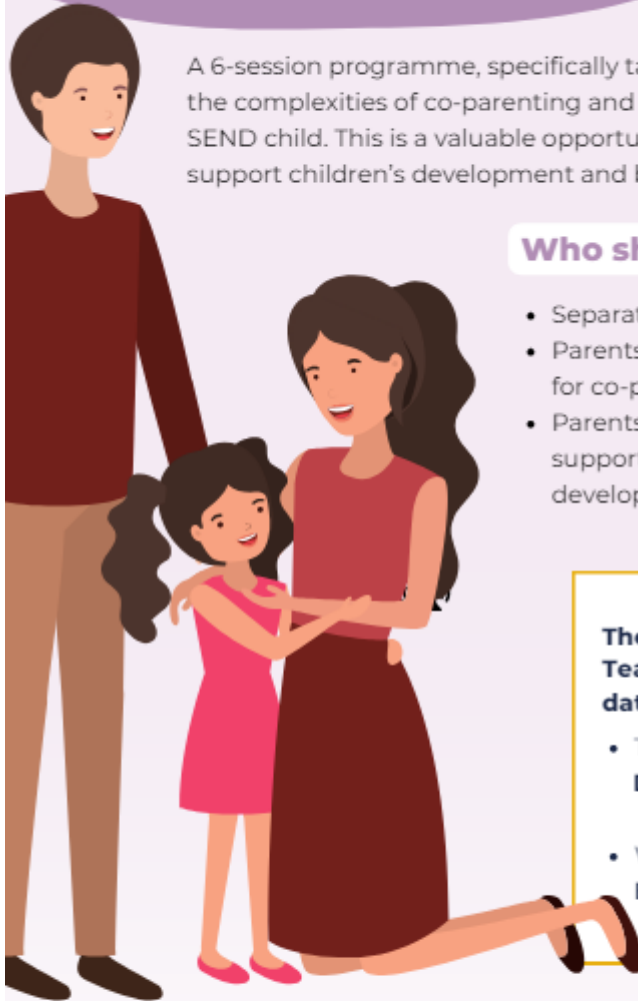
* 15 minute time-slot allocated

Please go to this link to book:
<https://forms.office.com/e/tWporkWj9>

or click on the QR code on this page



Parenting SEN children when separated online programme



A 6-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

Who should attend?

- Separated parents raising children with SEND.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and strategies for co-parenting SEN children more consistently.
- Parents wanting to create a positive and supportive environment for their child's development.



These courses will be delivered by MS Teams over 6 sessions, on the following dates:

- Tuesday 4, 11, 18, 25 June & 2, 9 July
Daytime: 9.30 – 11.30
- Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26 June & 3, 10 July
Evening: 7pm – 9pm

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699

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Friends of
Essendon School
Would like to invite
you to the

Essendon School Summer Fayre

Sunday 9th June

1.00-4.00pm

The Yorkie Wrap Co.

Bar ~ Ice Creams

Inflatable slide, bouncy castle, games and more...

More details to follow soon!

All children must be accompanied by an adult



Understanding my Autism/ADHD

Do you have a child aged between 7-16 diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, or both?

We're thrilled to launch a range of exciting offers designed to support children and teens just like yours!



These workshops, are available online and in-person. Led by experienced professionals, sessions will provide tailored strategies to help your young person understand their Autism, and or ADHD, in a fun and engaging way!

Referrals from professionals are welcome, or you can easily sign up your child yourself.

Are you ready to empower your child on their journey of self-discovery?



Find out more here:



🌐 thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk



This term's menu. Help your child by talking about the daily meal choices.

Summer/Autumn 2024

Pupils Choice Extra Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	15 APRIL, 7 MAY, 3 JUNE, 24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 14 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages with Gravy	Herb Crusted Chicken with Spaghetti	Roast Beef with Gravy	Favourite Quorn Hot Dog	Battered Fish Fillet
MAIN MEAL 2	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry	Mince Slice	Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH	Pasta or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rico	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Roll	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 2	22 APRIL, 13 MAY, 10 JUNE, 1 JULY, 22 JULY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 30 SEPTEMBER, 21 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1	Tex Mex Quorn Fajita	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Salmon Fishcake
MAIN MEAL 2	Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Moroccan Tagine	Plant Balls with Gravy	Roasted Summer Veg Pasta	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH	Rice or Tomato Bread	Diced Potatoes or Couscous	Roast Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
COLD OPTION	Cheese Baguette	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Roll	Cheese Spread Sandwich	Egg Roll
EXTRA OPTION	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)	Jacket Potato (Various Toppings)
WEEK 3	29 APRIL, 20 MAY, 17 JUNE, 8 JULY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 7 OCTOBER				
MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Turkey Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Homemade Sausage Roll	Rich Tomato Bolognese	Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
SIDE DISH	Rice or Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Herby Bread or Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips or Tricolour Pasta
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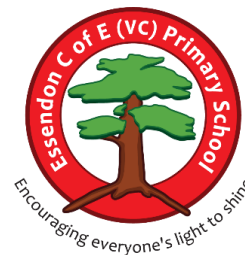
We are accredited by:

Essendon C of E Primary School

Term Dates: 2023/2024

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
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



Term Dates: 2024/2025

Autumn Term – 2024

Monday 2nd September – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 3rd September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half Term
Friday 20th December – End of Term – 1:15pm

Spring Term – 2025

Monday 6th January – **INSET Day** – staff only
Tuesday 7th January – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Half Term
Friday 4th April – End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term – 2025

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Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – Half Term
Monday 16th June – **INSET Day** – staff only
Thursday 10th July - Y6 Secondary Transition Day
Friday 18th July – End of Term – 1:15pm
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July – **INSET Days** – staff only
Wednesday 23rd July – **Occasional Day** – School Closed