

Eastlands Primary School

December 2018

EPS Attendance

Target **96.5%**

R— 92.6%

Y1— 99.4%

Y2— 96.7%

Y3— 95.9%

Y4— 95.9%

Y5— 98.6%

Y6— 93.2%

Overall attendance for the whole school for November was averaging at **96.1%**.

This is below our target.

Please help us to increase this % by ensuring your child attendance is good or better.

Is your child's class

“On time at 5 to 9” ?

School opens at **8.45am** when children can go to their classrooms and get ready for the start of the school day. Please make sure that your child is in their class, ready to work by **8.55am** at the latest.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your contribution to the Christmas Child Appeal—we donated 50 shoeboxes full of gifts to make Christmas special for some children.

Christmas performances dates and times have been confirmed in recent communications. Please be sure to bring a ticket even for babies so we can ensure Health & Safety regulations are met. Please note: you will not be admitted without your ticket.

Term dates. -

4-6.12.18—Book fayre
5.12.18-Whole School Panto Trip
12.12.18 -Christmas dinner
14.12.18—Christmas Jumper Day
21.12.18—Training Day—school closed to pupils. School closed for Christmas
07.01.19—Training Day, school closed to pupils. Tues 8th Jan—School reopens

Happy Birthday to all our children who celebrate their birthdays in December:

Rec: Isabella, Isaac, Grace
1: Ellis

2: Jai

3: Noah, Krishiv, Isla

4: Dylan, Sophie, Ivy, Aarya

5: Bailey, Shania, Sophie

6: Madeline

First aid practices —

At school designated staff have a basic level first aid training certificate.

Our practice is to send a 'bump slip' if your child has a head bump or injury during the day. A small or minor injury will be recorded in the communication books.

We always strive to make the best judgement for your child as we are not trained medically.

It is important to remember that children;

- ⇒ do not always report an injury and
- ⇒ It is not possible for staff to see every incident on the playground or in class.



Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

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Lansdowne Place, Rugby CV21 3RY Tel: 01788 57328

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Community

Please find on page 5 details of a multisport club running at Harris School in Christmas break

PSA

The PSA team continue to work hard on behalf of our school.



We hope you enjoyed the Christmas fayre. I would like to thank this very new team for all their incredible hard work and would urge other parents to support the work of the PSA in any way they can.

Uniform reminder

We feel that it is important for our pupils to wear school colours as this promotes a positive image of our school and reinforces collective responsibility. This can be purchased from Webb Ellis, Rugby or at www.tesco.com/ues

Please ensure that each item of clothing is marked with your child's name.

Boys	Girls
Winter: Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo) Grey long trousers White polo shirt (plain or with the school logo) or shirt Black sensible school shoes Grey socks School book bag/backpack with logo	Winter: Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo) Grey skirt, pinafore dress or long trousers White polo shirt (plain or with the school logo) or blouse Black sensible school shoes White/grey socks or grey tights School book bag/backpack with logo
Summer: Grey shorts	Summer: Maroon and white gingham dress
Footwear: Children need to have an additional set of footwear to wear outside at play times.	

PE Kit

In addition, for P.E. your child will need the following items which can be stored in a named bag.

Reception and Key Stage 1	White T shirt, Black shorts, Black plimsolls.
Key Stage 2	White T shirt, Black shorts, Black plimsolls or trainers with non-marking soles

Jewellery of any kind should not be worn. The exception to this would be a watch which must be removed for PE. If ears are pierced, then studs only should be worn as any other type of earring poses a serious health and safety issue.

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Keeping children physically and mentally healthy

About MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub)

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is a partnership between Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police, National Health Service (NHS) and other key partner agencies working together to safeguard children, young people and adults.

Working in partnership



**These are the agencies that work with
Eastlands Primary School to keep our
children healthy and safe**



NHS deliver government initiatives such as:

- ⇒ Height and weight checks - Reception & Year 6
- ⇒ Health & development questionnaires - Reception & Year 6
- ⇒ Flu immunisations - Reception—Year 5
- ⇒ Year 6 wellbeing survey
- ⇒ Secondary school immunisations
- ⇒ Health Care Plans
- ⇒ Support individual families at parents' request

Police support the school in:

- ⇒ Road safety
- ⇒ Railway safety
- ⇒ Support individual families at parents' request

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Value of the Month- Ambition



Ambition-noun

a strong desire to do or achieve something.

"her ambition was to become a pilot"

Nursery-

When discussing Remembrance day, Nursery were ambitious about their future, some of the children were inspired saying they would like to be soldiers when they're older!



Year 2

" Year 2 children have been ambitious and set themselves the challenge of being able to write in neat, joined handwriting. using our new handwriting scheme. Many children's progress has been fantastic!"

The children in Year 3 have been showing the ambition, determination and desire to achieve well in all subjects. For example, in science children have used their knowledge of sound from the lessons to design ear defenders in pairs. The children wanted to use the most effective material to block out the sound. They really enjoyed the practical aspect of the lesson which enabled them to use their new knowledge and understanding in a real life context.



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Year 5

Ambition

Ambition means that you want to do something and you are very determined to do that thing. Here's a couple of examples: Major was very ambitious because he really wanted to get the play finished and perfected before the deadline. Another example, when Georgina auditioned she put her whole heart into it and got the part of Eira one of the main characters.

The definition in the dictionary says: "Something you really want to do" "My ambition is to be a film star." "A strong wish to be successful" "Jean is driven by ambition."

My idea of the meaning Ambition is to be very unsure at first but then becoming confident and make it a goal.

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School Governor Profile

It has been a year since I, Paul Albon, last wrote in the newsletter. Lots has changed with me personally since then, my twins have turned 3 and I'm beginning to plan for the start of their schooling and my return to some sort of paid work! There have been lots of changes within the school too. Staff have come and gone, new processes and ideas have been tried and the school overall has made some great progress from my point of view, and hopefully yours.

As a former secondary science teacher I've been really impressed with the Empiribox scheme the school has bought into. Science is a specialist subject and teaching it to young children can be difficult. Children need to know technical language and understand challenging, often abstract, ideas. To see how enthused the teaching staff are with it in helping them overcome these obstacles is great. The governing body had a demonstration of Empiribox and most importantly it was great fun! If the children can have fun and be learning at the same time, it's the perfect combination.

It's initiatives like this that I'm really happy to support as a governor. There is a cost involved but it is clearly paying dividends with staff and pupils happy. We have to help the school make tough decisions as governors, sometimes ones none of us want to make. All schools and public bodies are under incredible financial pressure. So it is really important that where money is spent it is done wisely and I think this is a great example of the school doing this. Importantly though not only is it an investment of money but of teaching time too.

I'm pleased the school leaders have the foresight to see that school isn't just about English and Maths. They see that Science and the Arts have a big role in shaping a young person. Having an early foundation is vital for the ever changing world our young people will be entering when they're 18. They might not have flying cars and be traveling to Mars but it will definitely be different from today!

Mr Paul Albon (governor)

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Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre
Multi Sport Holiday Clubs



Christmas Holiday Multisport Club

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th January

9am - 4pm £12

Early drop off from 8am £3

Late pickup until 6pm £3

Combined discount available £17

Open to ages 5 - 12 years

*Please also ask about our Bikeability courses, also running in every school holiday;
Cycling Proficiency for the modern age!*



To book your place or for more info:

Email: sportscentre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

Phone: 01788 818925

or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Road, Rugby. CV22 6BB

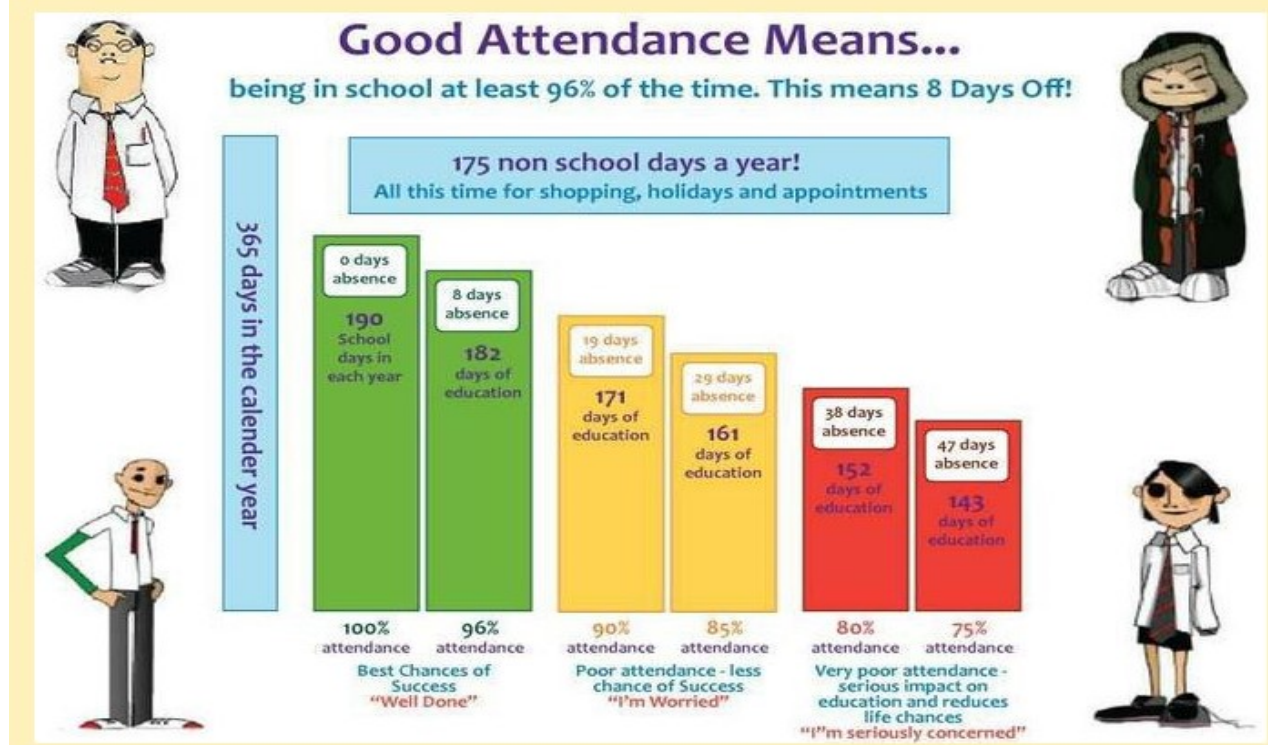
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Bad weather—We are now into the time of year when bad weather can impact on school. If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website, on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosure and by text message as soon as possible.

Our school attendance target is:-

96.5%

ATTENDANCE TARGET



Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

KS1 <http://www.northpole.com/>



Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

KS2 – <http://www.merry-christmas.com/games>



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority