



# Eastlands Primary School

March 2017

EPS Attendance  
Target **96.5%**

R— 97.3%

Y1— 96.3%

Y2—97.7%

Y3—98.4%

Y4— 97.7%

Y5—98.1%

Y6— 95.6%

Overall attendance  
for the whole  
school for  
February was av-  
eraging at 97.3%.

**This is above  
our target.**

Please help us to  
maintain this high  
% 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 chil-  
dren 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.

## Communication in school -

If you wish to discuss your child's need or raise a concern it is best to speak in the first instance to the class teacher or teaching assistant.

If you wish to talk to a member of the senior leadership team please arrange an appointment with:-

Miss Haynes if you have a child in Nursery or Reception

Mrs Goff about Year 1 & 2 children

Mrs Warrington or Mrs Meek about children in Year 3-6

If you wish to talk further contact the office to arrange an appointment with myself.

## Term dates. -

2nd March Parent On-line safety workshop—now cancelled due to lack of demand.

4th March—Nursery open morning

8th March—Class Photographs

24th March—Red Nose Day.

Funky head gear and bring a £1.00

April—parent consultations meet-  
ings.

1st May—Public holiday—**School**

**closed** 26th May—Teacher

Training day—**School closed**

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

Rec: Karl, Demira

1: Marley, Olly

2: Sophie, Jaimee-Lee, Jorjah-  
Louise, Archie H

3: Maja, Aaron, Jacob, Emily

4: Adam, Melissa

5: Lola, Sasha, Joshua G,  
Tyler, Lauren, Sophie

6: Pete, Daniel P, Scarlett

## School site

The main school pedestrian gate is unlocked all day for access but we do request all parents and visitors close the gate for additional security.

The back 'field' gate will open at 8.40 in the morning and 3.15 in the afternoon. Again can I request that all users close the gate for additional security.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility**

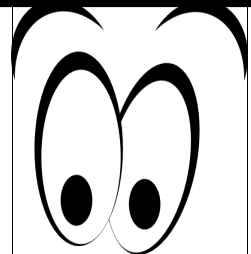
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Lansdowne Place, Rugby CV21 3RY Tel: 01788 57328

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## LOOK OUT FOR:

- ⇒ **Science week** - Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March will be Eastland's Science week. The theme for the week is **CHANGE**.
- ⇒ If we have parents who work in the field of science please talk to Miss Towers with any ideas you may have. Thank you.



## **E-safety**

This is a useful website for parents to explore.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-issue-5-online-edition>

Any social networking site has potential for good and bad – it's the privacy settings and behaviour of the individual which are more important.



Parents need to monitor all social media and more importantly talk to their children about safe use.



Internet Matters covers all and [mucial.ly](https://mucial.ly) is the latest of a long line of popular apps.

There is a video here which promote safe use and highlight how children can keep themselves safe when they are interacting.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/>



## **Parking at Eastlands**

For Eastlands to be chosen for increased School Parking Patrols please vote for us on the RTE Police website:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/3258/Team-Priorities>

## **Rugby Town East Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Community forum meeting to be held 14th March 6.30pm-8pm at Rogers Hall, Deerings Road.

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## Class Photographs

Class photos will be taken on **Wednesday 8th March**.

The format for the photos will be a little different from previous years in that the groups will be photographed 'full length'.

Therefore it would be lovely if all pupils could not only have their best smile ready for the photos, but also be in full smart uniform and ensure their black indoor shoes/pumps are in school - thank you.



## School vision in action

One of our aims in our new school vision is to give opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills our children will need for later on in life. At Eastlands, we are working hard to demonstrate this by improving our displays around school in order to reflect the knowledge and skills children have learnt. This could be in Read Write Inc lessons, Inspire Maths, our Accelerated reader programme or through our Learning Challenge Curriculum. Children also develop knowledge and skills through our wide range of extra-curricular activities such as eco

## Community—Fencing lessons



We have had a great response to the fencing lessons. Rob Parson lead a taster session on Monday 13th February. This half term he will be leading a 5 week course starting Monday 27th February.

Fencing is a great sport for fitness but also requires tactics and thought. All equipment is provided and lessons are taught by a qualified coach in a fun and relaxed manner.'

For more information please contact [rob.parsons@biltonmail.com](mailto:rob.parsons@biltonmail.com)

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## **Profile of new Governor:**

**Kevin Pickering**

I'm happy to have recently joined the governing body at Eastlands Primary School as a parent governor. My daughter Gracie joined Eastlands Nursery in September 2016 and settled in well so felt it was a natural decision to become a parent governor.

I am a local lad but lived outside of Rugby for the last few years but recently returned to finally resettle and set a base for Gracie and our youngest Connor who is 2 to grow up and blossom and picked our location for the strong reputation.

I'm a Police constable employed by Warwickshire Police and now entering my 13<sup>th</sup> year of service, I hope I can bring some of my life experiences from this into the school as during my career have worked with many differing schools for varying issues

I have met the head teacher and a number of the governing body and it is apparent they all have our children's interest at the forefront and I hope to continue to ensure this remains the case.

## **Profile of new Governor:**

**Stuart Dodds**

From the first time I visited Eastlands Primary School, up until the present day, I have been impressed with the school and its setup; I am therefore very pleased to have been given this opportunity to join the governing body as a parent governor.

My two children are currently enjoying their education at Eastlands, with my daughter in year 5 and my son in year 3. I strongly believe Eastlands will provide them with many more opportunities and a good stepping stone from primary education up to secondary education.

I have lived in the Rugby area all of my life, moving to the Hillmorton area some 12-years ago; one of the deciding factors when moving to our current house was proximity to good schooling.

Having begun my career via a Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship, I have predominately worked in the world of power generation with roles in project planning, project management and more recently project quality. This has enabled me to develop skillsets such as financial control, commercial management and process compliance, which I believe can be transferred over to support the role of parent governor.

Eastlands Primary School is where our children have started their education and where they take many of their first steps in developing personalities and friendships.

In order to continue making the school a success, I believe it is imperative that the staff and its pupils' parents continue to communicate effectively and are supportive in all aspects of pupil / school development.

As a parent governor I would like to think that I can help support the ongoing development of the school, and therefore our children. My keen focus is to support Eastlands continuing drive to become an outstanding school whilst ensuring the best for our children.

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Changes to Nursery opening Hours from September 2017



## **Are you a busy, working parent?**

Eastlands Nursery are extending their opening hours offering before and after school club provision in addition to our morning, lunch club and afternoon Nursery sessions.

## **Use your 30 hours free childcare!**

From September 2017, an extra 15 hours of free childcare are available to parents meeting criteria.

**Check if you're eligible here** <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/30-hour-free-entitlement>

## **Do you want the best for your child?**

Eastlands is a teacher led Nursery preparing your child to be ready for school through outstanding learning opportunities and high expectations socially and educationally.

## **For more details please call**

01788 575328 or visit

[www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk)



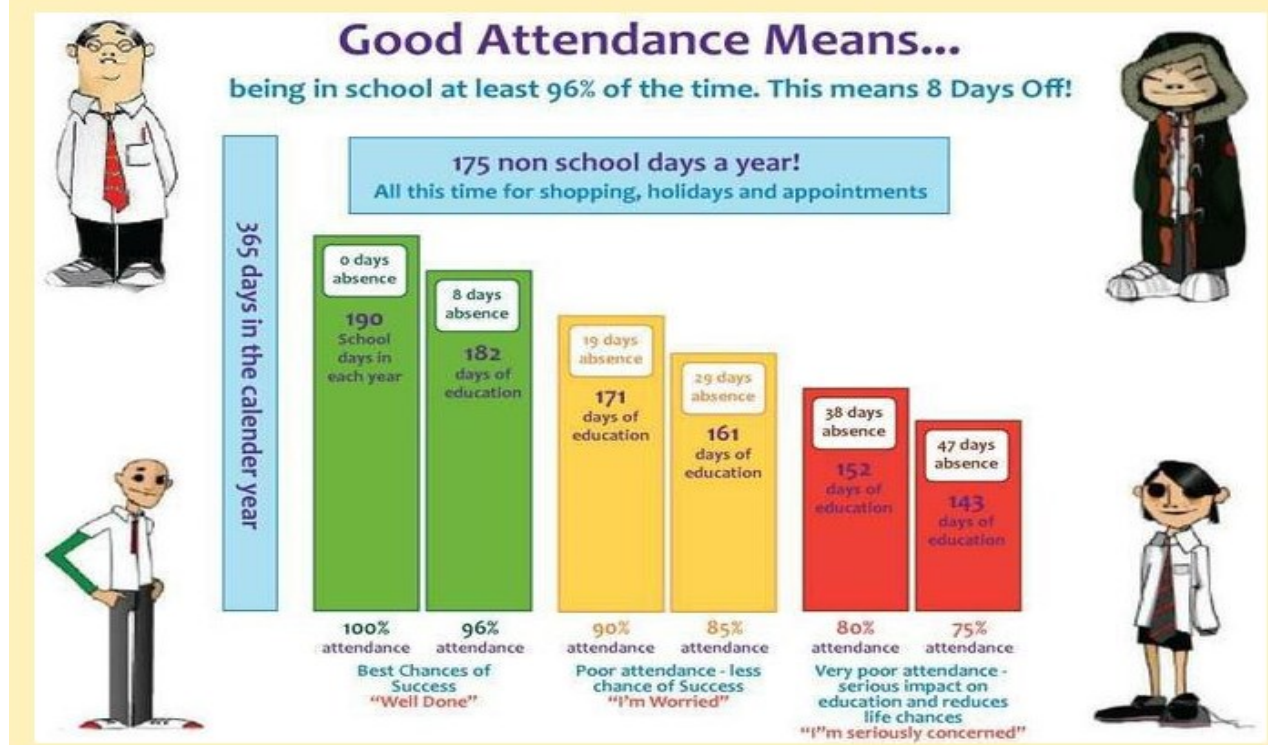
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Bad weather— If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website and by text message as soon as possible.

Our school attendance target is:-

96.5%

## ATTENDANCE TARGET



### Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

[Science games](http://www.primarygames.com/science.php)

<http://www.primarygames.com/science.php>

Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

### Science Games

FEATURED GAME



PLAY NOW

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that 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.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as '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.

**Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 47,552 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2014/15. This is a decrease of 13,122 on the previous year. This is a positive outcome as it means that 6,561 extra days of education were achieved when compared with the previous academic year.**

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

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

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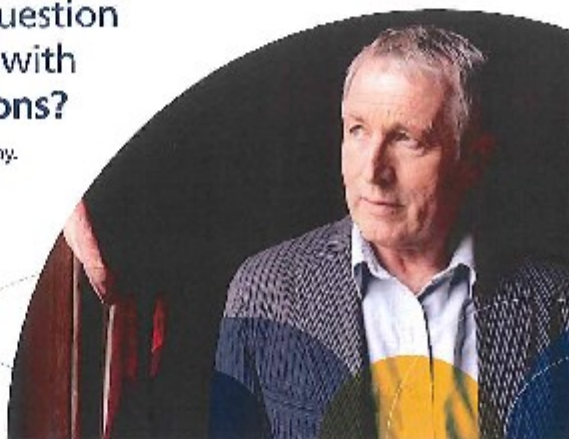


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On the panel: **JONATHAN DIMBLEBY (chair)**  
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