

# Eastlands Primary School

May 2017

## EPS Attendance

Target **96.5%**

Attendance in April:

R— 96.85%

Y1— 95.83%

Y2—97.63%

Y3—96.45%

Y4— 96.33%

Y5—97.67%

Y6— 96.56%

Overall attendance for the whole school for April was averaging at 96.86%.

**This is meeting 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 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.

## New website design

I hope you like our new website. The new design is more compatible with a wider range of devices. Over the coming term staff will be trained in website development and maintenance so please bear with us whilst we work hard to add information and activate links.

## Leave of Absence Guidance

Revised guidance for leave of absence is attached on the final page.

## Term dates. -

Year 6 SATS week - 8th May.

Please ensure children are in school each day.

School closed—26th May

Training day

Half term— week beginning 29th May

PSA summer fayre—30th June

Sport Day to be held in June

New Reception parents evening—19th June

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

**Rec:** Leah, Samuel

**1:** Sienna, Daniel

**2:** Tharosh, India, Oliver, Abigail, Omsri, Leah

**3:** Ezme, Sienna, Roalds

**4:** Rocco, Krisha, Daniils, Harry

**5:** Talia

**6:** Olivia, Matilda, Tremaine, Tristen,



**School Vision in Action** One of our school vision aims is to encourage children to take ownership of and responsibility for their learning, so they have the confidence and curiosity to ask questions and respond to quality feedback. At Eastlands, a few of the ways we do this are providing opportunities for peer and self-assessment. The children evaluate their own work with ideas of how to further improve, children may mark each other's work and as a whole class share each other's learning. A marking system is in place which encourages children to read and answer questions about previous learning so they are responding to feedback on a regular basis. Children are regularly encouraged to ask questions in lessons to develop their creative thought and imaginative thinking. We are looking at introducing learner forums at Eastlands where children will discuss their learning weekly as a whole class, ask questions, say what they enjoyed, what they did not enjoy as much and what they would like more of in future lessons.

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## Staffing

Mrs Hague has reduced her work commitments from full time to morning only and will be come a lunchtime supervisor.



Look out for our newsletter from the JRSO Junior Road Safety Officers over the next week. The JRSO are working closely with Warwickshire Police and Road safety. They will be out talking to parents and visitors about safe parking.

## School Twitter Feed

Our school Twitter account is used as a commentary on events and activities held in school. I hope you find it useful. Please note Twitter is used for sharing information from school only.

## School dinners

New School dinner menu starts on Monday 15th May, the new menu will be available on the school website soon and paper copies will also be sent home. More information on school dinners can be found here <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolmealsprimary>

Please could we remind all parents who pay for their child's school meals that payment must be received in advance - thank you.

## Community

PSA Fundraising.

Our next Bag2School collection is on Wednesday 24th May. Your child will bring a bag home before this date which can be filled with any unwanted clothes etc. Please bring any filled bags to the school gate on the 24th May by 8.55am. For more information on the Bag2School scheme visit <http://uk.bag2school.com/> . Thank you.



## Change Makers Programme in school starts Monday 8th May

Please see next page for this term 'Change Makers' programme.

Change makers is a nine week programme of activities which explore healthy eating and healthy living. This programme ran last term and was very well received. Parents and children enjoyed the programme.

Children in one family can attend with an adult. There are some spaces if you would like to join us.

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Join us to discover how small changes can make a big difference to your family's health

A FREE nine week programme for families with children aged 4-12 years old

Tips and tricks on healthy lifestyle choices

Fun active games for all the family

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**Starts Monday 8 May 2017**

**from 3.45pm - 5.15pm**

*"I was nervous to attend but found the staff very patient and friendly. It has been informative and the kids looked forward to it every week. I will miss the adult chat and family friendly environment that has been non-judgemental. It's been great fun"*



To register your interest, please email [fitterfutures@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:fitterfutures@rugby.gov.uk), phone (01788) 533721 or complete the application form overleaf



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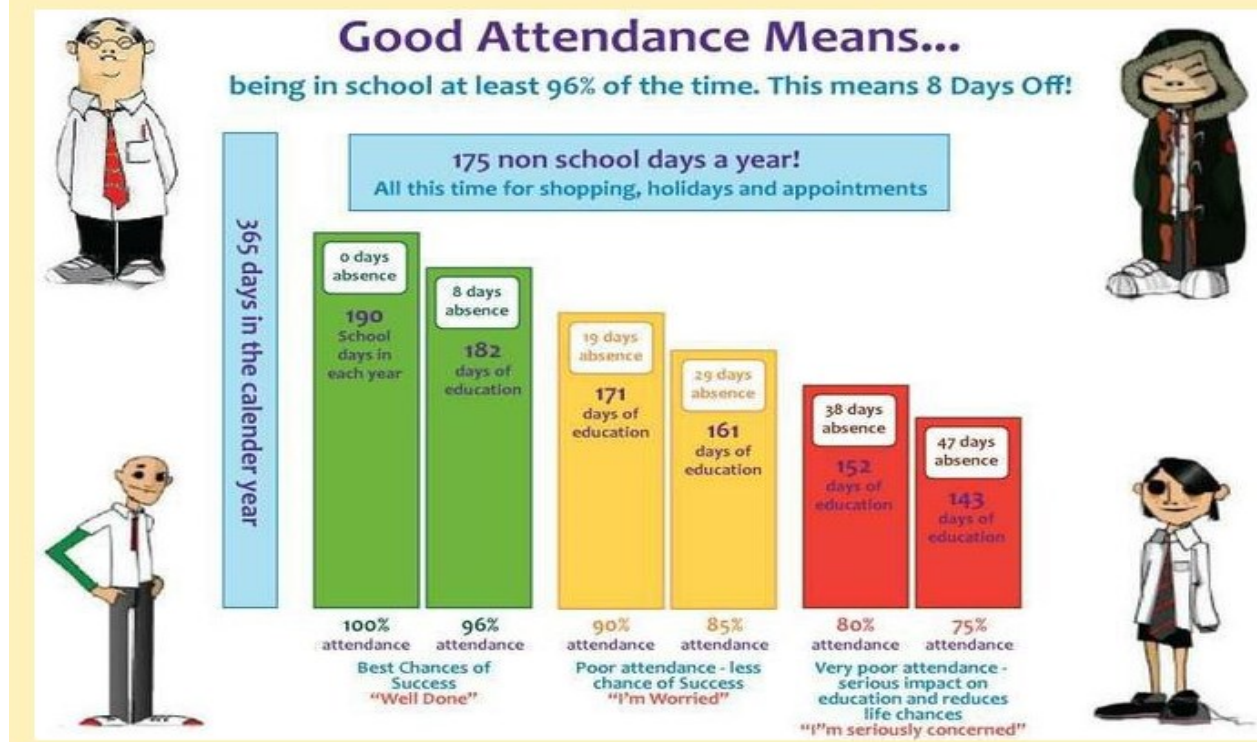
Bad weather—We are now into the time of year when bad weather can impact on school. If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed

Our school attendance target is:-

96.5%



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## Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

Ks1 [story time](#)



Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

Ks2 - [storyteller](#)



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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-17

### - 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 are 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.

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**