

Eastlands Primary School

June 2017

EPS Attendance

Target **96.5%**

Attendance in May:

R— 94.4%

Y1— 99%

Y2—97.7%

Y3—98%

Y4— 96.9%

Y5—96.7%

Y6— 98.1%

Overall attendance for the whole school for May was averaging 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 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.

A reminder of school times:-

8.40—back school gate opens

8.45—school doors open

8.55 register is taken. The register is now electronic so it is completed and sent to the office promptly .

Your child is late at 8.55 and you will need to bring your child to the front office to be marked present and order lunch.



Term dates. -

Year 6 residential to Skern—9th– 12th June

Year 1 Phonics screening test 12th June

Sports week—week beginning 19th June

New Reception parents evening—19th June

PSA summer fayre—30th June

Year 6 transition—11th July

Reports to parents—14th July

Celebration assembly 17th July.

Parents open evening—17th July

Year 6 Leavers Ball—19th July

Happy Birthday to all our children who celebrate their birthdays in June

Rec: Julia, Elliott, Dylan, Harriett, Zac

1: Freya, Astrid

2: Connor, Demi, Joy, Aariz, Imogen

3: Mason, Ethan, Sophie

4: Jasper, Rehan, Rafi, Erin

6: Corey

School Vision.

One of our school aims is to build a school community with positive relationships based upon clear values, respect and support. At Eastlands we continually develop positive relationships, encouraging positive relationships between the children and between staff and children. Having a defined set of school rules, a new school vision and a behaviour system in place enables children to know what is expected of them and good behaviour choices are acknowledged through rewards such as star of the week and stamps. In every classroom, positive relationships have been established between the children and the staff and this is evident through happy children who show respect, who are eager to learn and enjoy coming to school each day.

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Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching the end of this academic year. Many thanks to all our parents for your support over the year. Children and staff have worked very hard and Year 6 are now looking forward to their residential at Skern. I hope they have a great time.

Staffing

At Eastlands we have an excellent dedicated staff team. I would like to thank all the teachers, teaching assistants, admin team, lunchtime staff, caretaking & cleaning team, before and after school staff and kitchen staff for their commitment to Eastlands and our pupils this year. I would, in particular, like to thank Miss Forrester who has worked in Year 2. Her incredible hard work has enabled Year 2 Tigers to make up ground lost when their teacher was suddenly absent in the spring term. Miss Forrester is moving onto a new post in September and I would like to take this opportunity to wish her success and happiness in the future.

Pupils

There are some changes that can be shared for the coming year.

The Year 2 year group will be regrouped at the end of this term to address the changing needs of the cohort. As the larger Year 2 cohort is moving through school we have decided to alter the various performances that take place during the year so there will be more room on the stage for growing children.

Soon we will have made decisions on the teachers for each year group for 2017/18. The children will meet their new teachers on Tuesday 11th July as part of Transition Day. This is also the day most Year 6 will visit their new secondary school.

Health & safety

During the course of the school year we have practised our emergency procedures. These have included:-

- 1) Fire practices (evacuation from the school building onto the playground)
- 2) 'Invacuation' (from the school playground into the school building) and
- 3) Lock down procedure to respond to a local area emergency e.g. toxic smoke from a local factory.

Rehearsing emergency procedures means we are better prepared to respond.

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School budgets

You will have seen or read about school funding in news recently. Notable points include:-

- ⇒ A National Funding Formula (NFF) which means funds for all schools are spread out more evenly regardless of where you are based in the country. This means that some schools will see a reduction in funding and other will benefit.
- ⇒ Schools budgets are rigorously monitored to ensure public funds are spent responsibly and efficiently. The government has assured that funding is at an all-time high. It is worth noting that the number of pupils in school have also grown significantly over recently years.
- ⇒ Pressure on school budgets has increased e.g. National insurance and pension contribution are going up and pay rises agreed for all teacher and support staff means we will be spending more on costs for existing staff. In addition, bills, for such things such as utilities, good and services are also going up just like at home. The funding schools receive however, is not going up at the same rate.
- ⇒ There is an imposed tax as of April 2017 know as the 'Apprenticeship Levy' that amounts to 0.5% which amounts to several thousands of pounds. This will stretch our budget further.
- ⇒ Overall, this results in a budget reduction which has to be managed. You are likely to see the impact of this through the reduction of teaching assistants at Eastlands in the first instance.
- ⇒ If you would like to further inform yourself of the school funding and its impact over the coming years please visit:
 - ◆ www.fairfundingforallschools.org
 - ◆ www.fairpupilmfunding.co.uk
 - ◆ www.schoolcuts.org.uk
 - ◆ www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40088691
- ◆ If you would like to take any action you could:
 - * Write to our local MP requesting he write to the Chancellor Philip Hammond.
 - * Sign online petitions
 - * Spread awareness by talking to other parents.

I hope the sites above will help inform you of the funding plans and the impact they will continue to have in future years at Eastlands.

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School Dinners

We employ Warwickshire County Caterers to cook our school meals. This team will be attending the Nursery and Reception new intake evenings to show the high quality meals we provide in school. Our school meals are very good value at just £2.20 from September 2017.

On the next page I have attached a leaflet to show how the foods are sourced. You may find this leaflet helpful if you are considering school meals for you child.

Online safety reminder—Children under 13 should not have Facebook accounts. We will speak to parents if we are aware of primary age children having this or any other account they are too young for. We may speak to the social media site directly.

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.org**

learn about it
talk about it
deal with it

Internet Matters covers a wide range of topics for parents including safe internet settings.

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

Channel 4 'Sharenting' Thank you to all our children who were involved in the Channel 4 News programme. I believe the programme will be aired as part of a news programme in early June. If I hear any more details I will let you know.

Community

Thank You!

To Daniel's dad and Joel's dad (Reception parents) for all their help with the work on the pond and tadpoles.

Marys meals Thank you for all your donation to Marys meals Donations (April Newsletter). Collections for this charity are still being gathered at school until the end of term.

Talent contest

We are planning an end of term Talent contest.

Wednesday 28th pm for EYFs & KS1 & Year 3, Thursday 29th pm for Year 4-6.

The children need to practice their talent and let their teacher they would like to enter. Other children will be watching them perform in the hall on Wednesday or Thursday.

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TOP 5 FOODIE FACTS



1. We are specialists in school catering serving over 110,000 meals every week.
2. All our menus meet the School Food Standards and at least 75% are freshly prepared by our 650+ fully trained, professional kitchen teams.
3. We are certified with the ISO 9001 Quality Management System, our commitment to continuous improvement.
4. Our staff undertake allergen awareness training and we provide menu advice and support for customers with food allergens and intolerances.
5. We work with NHS dietetics teams across Warwickshire to support customers with special dietary needs.



MEAT

We source organic beef from Lower Hurst Farm in Derbyshire and serve farm assured and RSPCA freedom foods accredited pork on our menus. All our farm assured red tractor chicken is British and our tasty award winning pork sausages are produced for us by West Midlands supplier, The UK Foodhall.

For more information about our meals, speak to the catering team at your school or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals



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Warwickshire County Caterers

Where our ingredients come from



FISH

Our menus are free from endangered fish. Certified sustainable seafood is labelled MSC on our menus.



FAIRTRADE

The sugar and drinking chocolate we use is fair trade.



DAIRY

We serve organic Yeo Valley yoghurts and organic semi skimmed milk from Shropshire on our menus everyday.

BAKED GOODS

Bread is freshly baked on site everyday. All our cakes and biscuits are homemade, we don't use any packet mixes.



FRESH

Fruits and vegetables are mostly sourced from the UK and our local region, to minimise fuel emissions from long haul transportation and support UK producers.



PACKAGING

The packaging we use for our deli bags and packed lunches is all compostable.



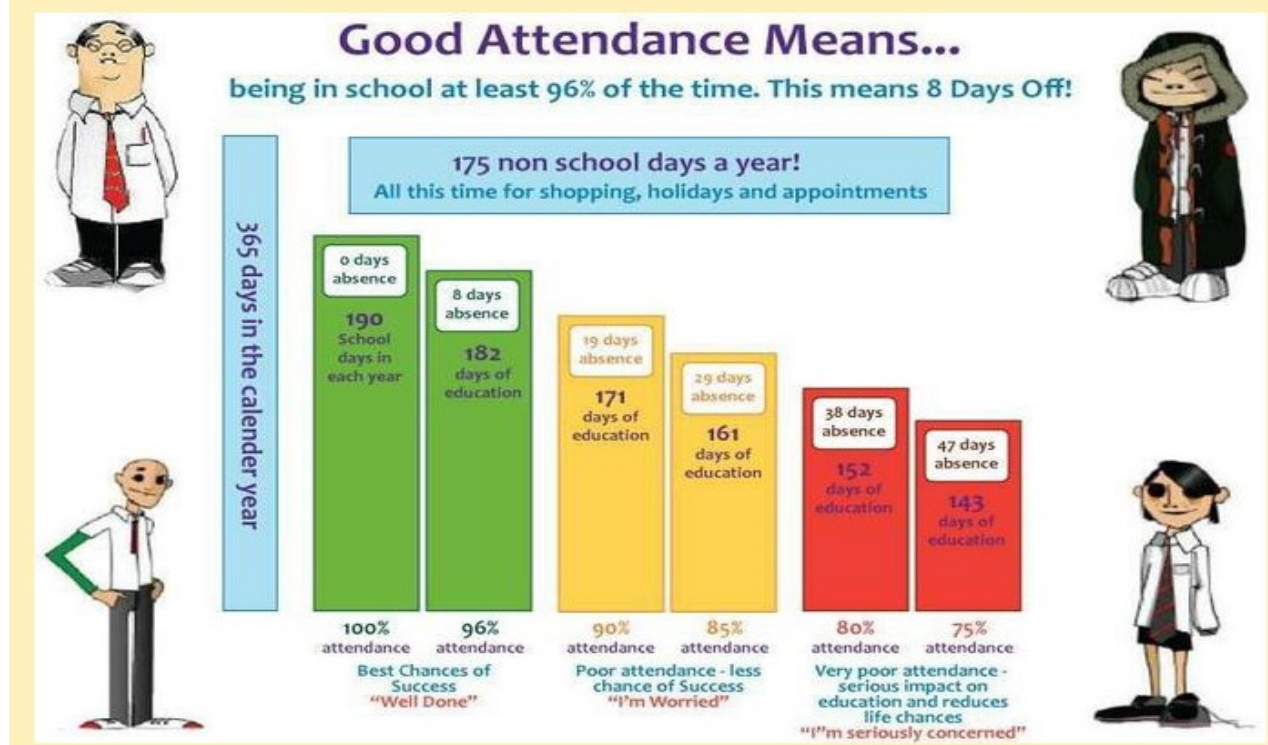
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If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website and by text message as soon as possible.

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ATTENDANCE TARGET



Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

[KS1 – Nursery Rhymes](#)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs>



Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

Ks2 - [Topmarks - English](#)

EverySchool.co.uk - English-key-stage-2



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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