

Eastlands Primary School

September 2017

EPS Attendance
Target **96.5%**

Academic year '16-'17:

R— 95.7%

Y1— 96.69%

Y2—96.34%

Y3—97.61%

Y4— 95.85%

Y5—96.7%

Y6— 97.34%

Overall attendance for the whole school for the last academic year was **96.52%**.

This is reaching our target.

Please help us to maintain and 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

Dear Parents,

I hope you and all the children enjoyed and restful break. I would like to welcome everyone to the start of a new academic year. A very warm welcome to families new to school.

School site

The main school pedestrian gate is unlocked all day for access. The back 'field' gate is open at 8.40 in the morning and 3.15 in the afternoon. We do request all parents and visitors close the gate for additional security. Many thanks for your continued support.

Term dates. -

5.9.17—School opens to pupils.

25.9.17—RWInc— parents evening

3.10.17—Individual photos

22.12.17—training day— school closed to pupils

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

Year 1: Harley, Freddie, Michael

Year 2: Aiden,

Year 3: George, Tamia-Leigh, Florence, Heidi, Sahasra

Year 4: Nicole, Vanesa, Amelia, Sophie

Year 5: Callum

Year 6: Hannah, Krishna

New members of staff joining us this September are:-

Mrs Vanessa Whittle - Reception maternity cover teacher.

Mrs Alison Hope - Year 5

Improving Communication

In order to deal with any queries or concerns you may have I would suggest:-

1. First point of contact is your child's **class teacher**.
2. If you have further concerns you can always ask to speak to
Miss Haynes who leads Early Years
Mrs Goff who leads Year 1 & 2.
Miss Walker who leads Year 3 & 4 or
Mrs Warrington who is our Deputy Head Teacher.

Twitter – Please be aware we use Twitter as a means of communication to share school messages. If you have any queries you will need to ask at the school admin office.

School website is updated regularly and may answer some of your questions .



Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

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Curriculum Information

Read, Write, Inc. Phonics

We use the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme in school. This is a complete literacy programme which teaches reading and writing to younger children and provides additional support for older children who need to make rapid progress to meet National Standards. Parents, new to school, are invited in for an information session about Read Write Inc. on **Monday 25th September at 5pm**. This will provide you with a range of information about the programme and enable you to support your child's learning at home.



We are now a 'Maths Mastery' School. This is a programme of maths teaching that will be build on year by year as your child progresses through school. This year we are focussing on Early Years and Year 1 maths. All staff received training on this during the Ttaining days and will continue to receive training during the year.

At school we follow the



Science:- We have purchased a new science scheme for Year 3-6 and staff have been receiving training on this. Further training will take place over the year.

Educational Visits for 2017.18

We work hard to ensure that your children are provided with a wide range of first hand experiences to motivate and excite them about their learning challenge curriculum. There will be opportunities this year and information is available on the school website.

Please ensure you are aware of the process for paying amid providing consent for educational visits.

Reading support in school

We are looking for volunteers to hear readers, so pop a note in your child's Home School Communication book if you are interested.

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School Uniform

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.

School Admissions for September 2017

The online application process for children starting Primary School in September 2018 is now open. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2018.

Further details are available at: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryschool>

The online application process for children starting Secondary School in September 2018 is also open. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2017. Further details are available at: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryschool>

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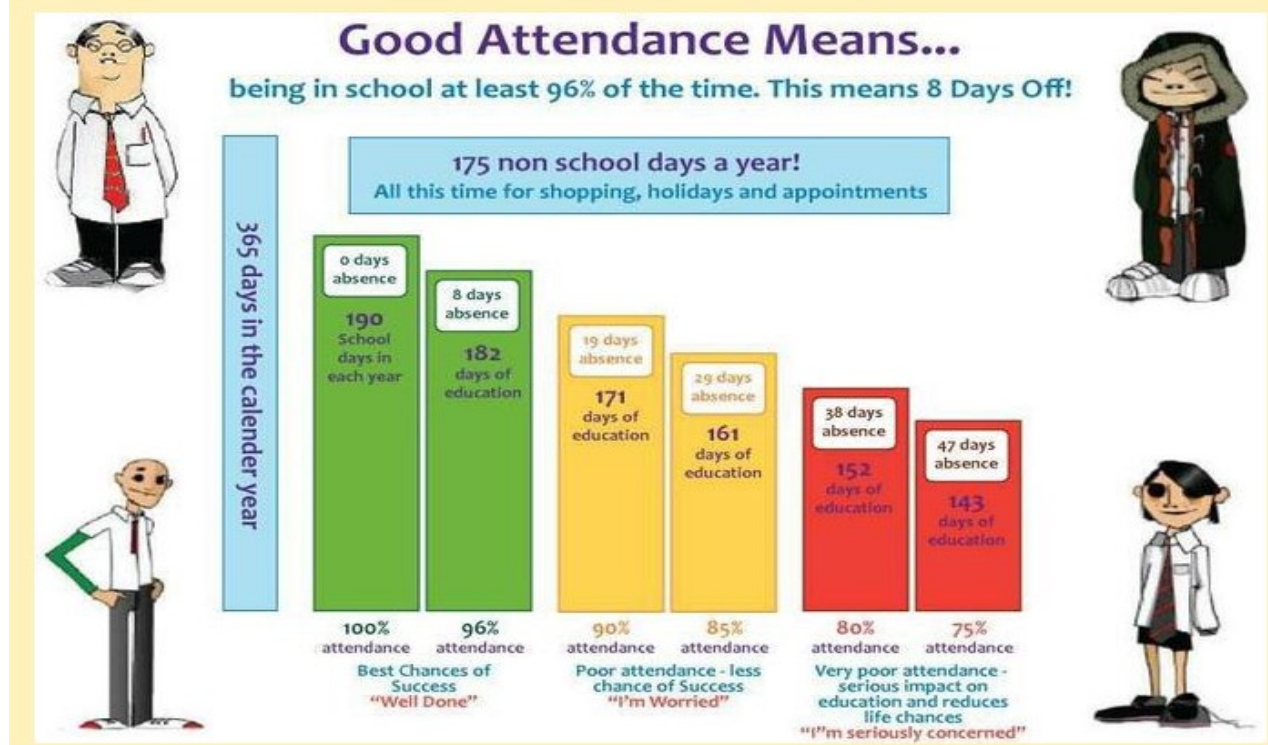
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If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website and by text message as soon as possible.

Our school attendance target is:-

96.5%

ATTENDANCE TARGET



Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

<http://www.lego.com/en-gb/games>



Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

KS2 – [Aaron Shepherd](http://www.aaronsherd.com)

<http://www.aaronsherd.com/stories/index.html>

Parents E-safety tips

Visit <http://www.childnet.com/> and visit parents and carers section

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2017-2018

- 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.