

Eastlands Primary School

December 2017

EPS Attendance
Target **96.5%**

R— 95.3%

Y1— 93.9%

Y2—95.2%

Y3—97.9%

Y4— 95.9%

Y5—93.8%

Y6— 94.3%

Overall attendance
for the whole
school for
November was
averaging at
95.5%.

**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 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.

Dear Parents,

We have some changes in January. Miss Walker is leaving to take up a SEN-Co post in another school. Mr Lees will be the Year 3 teacher from January to July. Mrs Birnie will be a part time job share in Year 2. Mrs Birnie will teach Thursday pm and all day Friday. Mrs Goff will remain the class teacher Monday—Thursday am.

Mrs Threadgold has decided to resign from her post as caretaker. She will remain at school as a cleaner.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Haynes and her partner whose daughter Lily Marie was born on 19th November. We wish them well.

Term dates. -

1.12.17—Whole School Panto
Trip
8.12.17—Christmas Fayre
15.12.17—Christmas Jumper Day
13. 12. 17 - Christmas dinner
22.12.17—Training Day—school
closed to pupils and for Christmas.
8.1.18—Spring term begins

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

Rec: Ellis

1: Jai

2: Noah, Krishiv, Isla

3: Dylan, Aiden, Sophie, Ivy, Aarya

4: Bailey, Shania, Sophie

6: Delilah, Jack, Evangeline

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.

Of course we would always call you if the injury was of a more serious nature or to seek your advice in matters.



Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

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Lansdowne Place, Rugby CV21 3RY Tel: 01788 57328

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Community

Children In Need raised £224.94

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Please find on page 3 & 4 details of a multisport club running at Harris School in Christmas break and a Bikeability Club running in February half term



PSA

The PSA team continue to work hard on behalf of our school.
The recent Bag2School collection in November raised £124
We hope to see many of you at the Christmas fayre shortly.



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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HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:



Bikeability Training – February Half term 2018

LEVEL 2 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN YEARS 5 & 6:

This training prepares students for cycling on the public highway for short journeys such as from home to school and will be run from Harris C of E Academy's Sports Centre in Rugby.

Course Dates (over 2 days. Both days must be attended):
Tue 20 February & Thu 22 February from 9.15am to 12.30pm
Cost: £20 per person payable in advance.

LEVEL 1 TRAINING PUPILS IN YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6:

This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris CofE Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby. Children do need to be able to ride a bike before coming on the course.

Course: Mon 19 February 2018 from 9.30am to 11.45am
Cost: £12 per person payable in advance.

Early booking is essential as places are limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle.

For an additional charge, wrap around care in the Sports Centre holiday club may also be booked between 8.00am and 6.00pm. For more information, or to book a place, please call Debbie on 01788 812549 extension 304 or email:

ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

or message us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/harrisacademyschoolsport/>

Follow us on Twitter @Harris_SSP



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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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Sponsored Read:



Thank you so much to the children and parents who supported our recent sponsored reading/listening event. The sponsorship money has been collected, counted and Usbourne have added on their 60%, bringing the final total to an AMAZING £2272.69!!!! This is a phenomenal effort from the Eastlands community! Each class will have the opportunity to contribute suggestions to the order of new books to support their Learning Challenge Curriculum topics. We will also be purchasing new reading material for the school library and prizes for children who win on the weekly raffle. Once again, thank you for your support with this event, and for keeping your children's love of reading alive!

Governor Profile

My name is Paul Albon and I'm the school governor responsible for children with Special Educational Needs, Pupil Premium and Finance. I've been a governor at Eastlands for around 18 months when I moved to the area. As is always the case the term has gone very fast and I am trying to fit all of my visits to school in before Christmas.

The governing body are keen to make sure that parents are aware of the work we are doing to help Mrs Edwards and her team provide the best learning environment for your children. We are going to use the newsletter to give updates on what we have been doing as individual governors in and around school each term.

I had a very constructive meeting with Mrs Devine, the business manager, regarding the school finances. This is always a difficult job as school budgets are under such a massive strain and have been for a number of years. Eastlands is in a much better position than many other schools both locally and nationally and that is down to the hard work of everyone in the school. We are currently in very challenging times when it comes to school finances and we are doing all we can to limit the impact of this on pupils.

Myself and some of the other governors attended a joint training session with St Andrews Benn school a few weeks ago. We try to do as many training sessions as our home and work life allows, this was my second session this term and I'll look to do more this year. It's great to do it with another local school too, especially as a relatively new governor, as it allows me to see other best practices.

Being a governor is quite an isolated role so this can be the only interaction I get with other governors!

Mr Paul Albon (governor)

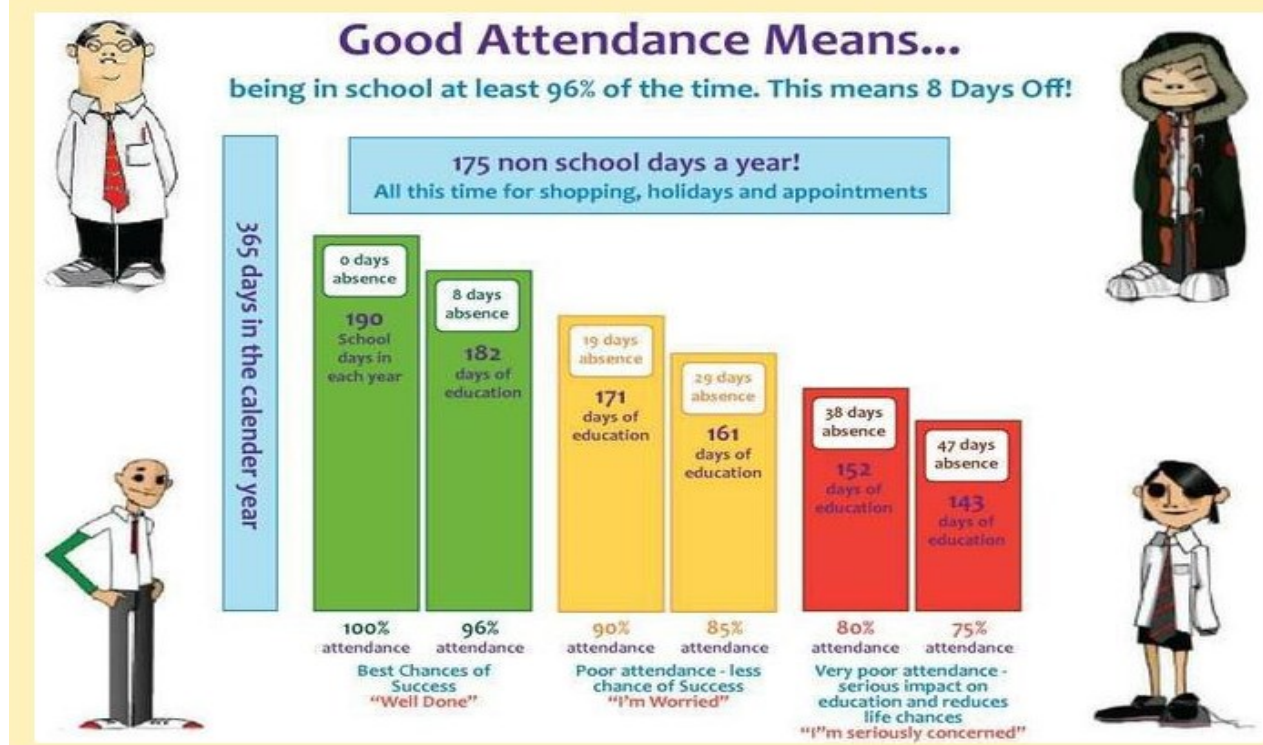
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Bad weather—We are now into the time of year when bad weather can impact on school. If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website and by text message as soon as possible.

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