

# Eastlands Primary School

February 2019

## EPS Attendance

Target **96.5%**

R— 97.1%

Y1— 96.5%

Y2— 97.9%

Y3— 97.7%

Y4— 95.8%

Y5— 98.1%

Y6— 91.9%

Overall attendance for the whole school for **January** was averaging at **96.4%**.

**This is below our target.**

Please help us to raise 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 the latest.

## Young Voices event

Pupils from EPS school were amongst nearly 7,000 children who performed at the Young Voices 2019 concert at the Genting Arena on Friday 25th January.



All the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and were amazing. They performed along with Tony Hadley, Sharlene Hector, Beau Dermott. Please take a look at [www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk)

## Term dates. -

11th February— Termly Learning Conferences (TLC's) - Years R,1,2,3

14th February—Termly Learning Conferences (TLC's) Years 4E, 4R,5,6. Please book your appointment.

18th February—Half term break

6th March—Class Photographs

7th March - World Book day—Story time event in school —6.00—7.00.

12th April —School closes for Easter.

29th April school reopens for summer term.

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

Rec: Emil

1: Oscar, Polina, Portia

2: Nissanth

3: Darcey, Tobias, Zain, Charlotte, C'Jai, Minnie

4: Lacey, William

5: Finlay, Hector

6: Max, Daniel

Public Health Guides—

[Understanding your Child](#). Please explore these useful links to Understanding your Child (0-18 Years olds), Understanding Your Baby (newborn), Understanding your pregnancy.

[Free online guide for parents](#)—resource pack

Guides designed by the 'Solihull Approach' programme, which is proven to strengthen parent-child relationships.

Thank you to staff and visitors who volunteered their own time to run clubs in the autumn term.



Roving reporters, Number Ninjas, Eco club are running again this term.

There will be some booster clubs running also.

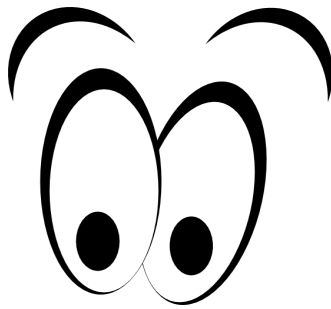
We encourage all selected children to attend as these sessions are intended to support learning in reading, writing and maths.

**Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility**

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## LOOK OUT FOR:

- ⇒ EYFs stargazing session - Tuesday 12th February 5.00—6.00. Refreshments to be sold.
- ⇒ Story time event to mark World Book day—Pyjamas and teddies essential for all. Thursday 7th March 6.00– 7.00
- ⇒ Safer Internet Day —February 5th.

## Idling Engines

Please switch your engines off when waiting for your children. High level of pollution can lead to asthma attacks.

Thank you for your immediate support in this matter.



## Top tips to manage your asthma in high pollution

# Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service

Your school nurse led service is friendly, confidential and free for all school aged children (aged 5 – 19 years\*) and their families. We can offer you and your child support on a wide range of health related issues such as:



**Child Development**  
e.g. bedwetting, sleep, diet  
**Relationships**  
**Physical Health**  
**Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Choices**  
**Emotional & Mental Health**  
**Bullying**  
**Managing Medicines**  
**Childhood Immunisations**  
**Smoking**  
**Alcohol & Drugs**  
**Sexual Health**

If your child has a learning need, disability or long term health condition (e.g. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, allergies) we can help you get the right care and support.

**Friendly**

**Helpful**

**Safe**

\*up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

For more information about this service please contact the team on:  
03300 245 204 or  
warwickshireSH&WBSservice@compass-uk.org

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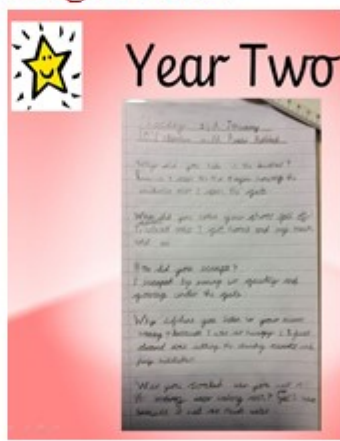
## Value of the Month -Perseverance



### Perseverance-noun

*Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success*

### Nursery



**Harley is Sparkly writer this week due to persevering to improve his handwriting and presentation. Very well done Harley!**

David persevered when he spent a long time completing his jigsaw. He carefully tried different pieces until he found the right ones and he didn't give up until he had finished.

### Reception

Reception have had 'Persevering Parrot' as our learning theme. We have been asking ourselves can we learn like parrot? Children have been sharing their work and achievements with the rest of the class when they felt they had persevered. We have learnt, with the help of Mojo, that persevering and not giving up when something is challenging helps our brains grow stronger.





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**WASPS**

**LAND-ROVER**  
ABOVE & BEYOND

## COACH CLASS

**FEBRUARY RUGBY CAMPS**

FROM ONLY **£60** PER PERSON

For more information or to book please visit [www.wasps.co.uk/coachclass](http://www.wasps.co.uk/coachclass)

**PREMIERSHIP RUGBY ACADEMY**



**Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre**  
**Multi Sport Holiday Clubs**

Summer Holidays | Autumn Half Term | Christmas Holidays | Spring Half Term | Easter Holidays | Summer Half Term

**Holiday Club 9am - 4pm**  
 every weekday (excluding bank holidays)  
 Early drop off from 8am  
 Late pickup until 6pm  
 Discount available for early & late together  
 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: [sports.centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:sports.centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk)  
 Phone: 01788 818925  
 or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Road, Rugby. CV22 6BB

**Harris CofE Academy**  
 School Sports Partnership

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## HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents: Bikeability – February Half Term Holiday Courses

### 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):

Wednesday 20th February 2019 & Thursday 21st February 2019 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: Tuesday 19th February 2019 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:

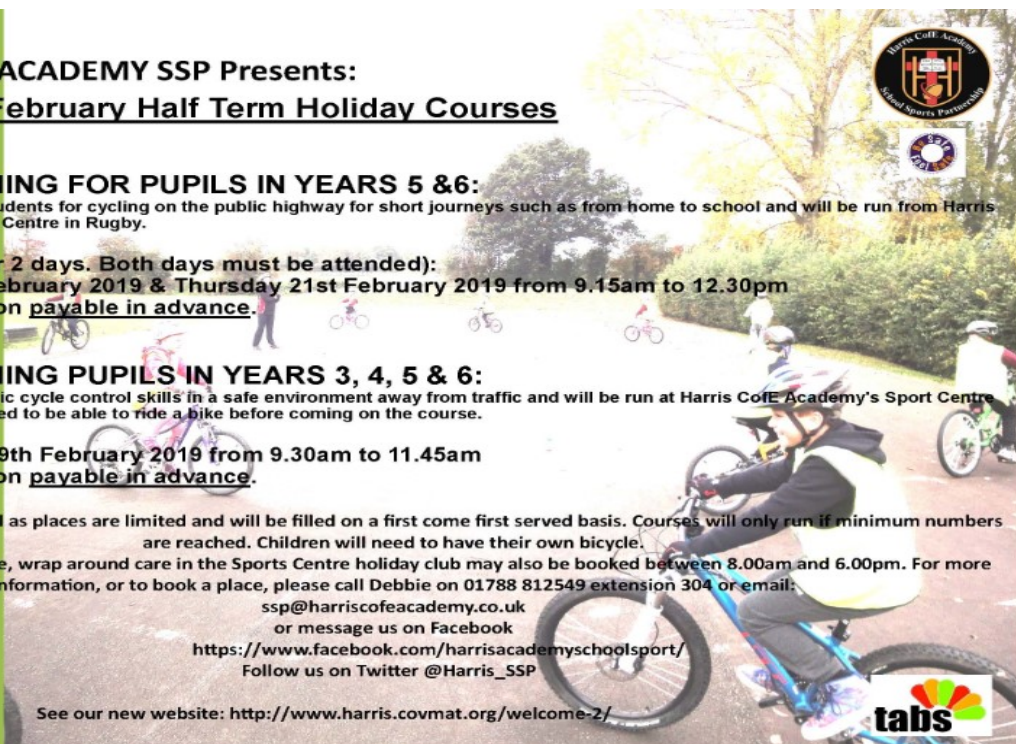
[ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk)

or message us on Facebook

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

Follow us on Twitter @Harris\_SSP

See our new website: <http://www.harris.covmat.org/welcome-2/>



## HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:

### EARLY YEARS Cycle Training in February Half Term Holiday

### LEVEL 1 TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUPILS IN YEAR 2 (AGED 6 TO 7)

Following demand from parents, we are pleased to now offer this course to children in year 2. This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run indoors at Harris CofE Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby.

IMPORTANT: Children must be able to ride a pedal bike independently before coming on this course.

Course: Tuesday 19th February 2019 from 1.15pm to 3.30pm

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.

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**COMING THIS EASTER! Ready Set Ride Balance Bike sessions for children aged 2 to 4! More information to follow.**

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

Follow us on Twitter @Harris\_SSP

<http://www.harris.covmat.org/welcome-2/>



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## School Governor profile

I was pleased to become a co-opted member of the Governing Body of Eastlands in January 2018. I have two grown-up sons and my wife and I live in Dunchurch. My background is in education, having worked in Warwickshire Secondary schools for over forty years, starting as an English and Drama teacher before completing my teaching career as an Assistant Headteacher in 2008. After leaving frontline education, I joined the Institute of Education at Warwick University where I spent several happy years training and supporting the teachers of the future, until taking full retirement in 2016. I enjoy watching sport, gardening, volunteering at the Percival Guildhouse Adult Learning Centre and taking Adult Education courses myself.

I am happy to still be involved in the world of education and feel privileged to be a governor at such a caring and successful school. Last year I enjoyed finding out about the amazing work of the Early Years Foundation Stage department, particularly focusing on how very young children are taught in Nursery and Reception. I also helped Ms Shipp and Mrs. Hopper with the after-school Eco Club every Wednesday in the Spring Term. The weeds in the raised borders had no chance once the enthusiastic young gardeners started digging!

In the remaining two terms of this academic year, I am looking forward to visiting again to monitor how the school is improving in terms of pupil performance and progress and also Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare. It is a pleasure to work with such skilled and dedicated staff.

## Bad Weather

Although this part of the school year is called the Spring Term, at this point we are still definitely in the grip of winter weather which brings the obvious challenges of ice and snow. Road conditions can sometimes be very poor, causing dangerous situations for both drivers and pedestrians. It is worth reminding parents and guardians that, in the worst conditions, the school may have to be closed. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly and it is made by the head teacher who applies common sense in assessing the various risks involved.

The aim is always to keep the school open whenever it is safe to do so. As the welfare of children is paramount, the head teacher will consider several important factors such as whether the children can get to and from school safely, that the site is safe and that there are enough staff to supervise the pupils. Usually, the majority of staff would be travelling much further to school than the pupils.

Once the decision to close has been made, the school will immediately notify parents/guardians, the Local Authority and the Department of Education. Parents/ guardians will be informed by text message, school website and Rugby FM radio who broadcast regular updates on school closures. If we do suffer a period of heavy snowfall, please be aware that a school emergency closure might be necessary. Thank you.

Andy Roughton

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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, on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosure](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosure) and by text message as soon as possible.

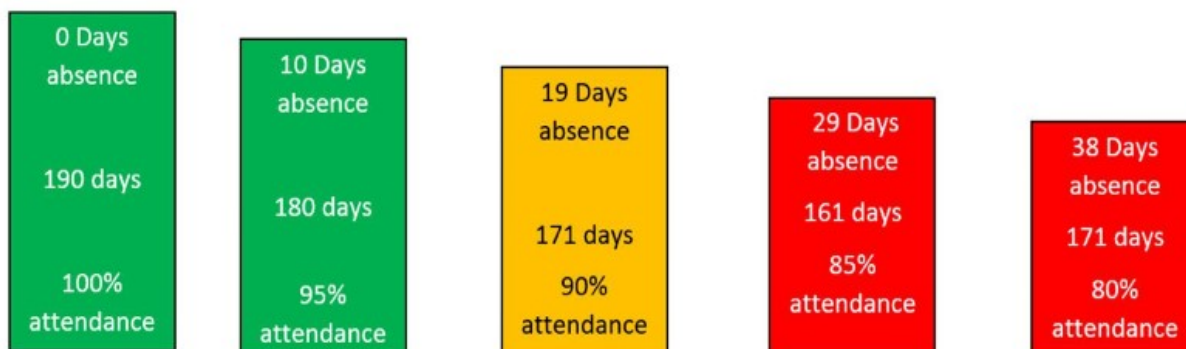
Our school attendance target is:- **96.5%**

## Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time (180 – 190 days a year)

There are **365 days** in a year and **190 days** in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



Good Attendance ← Poor Attendance ← Very Poor Attendance

Best Chance of Success ← Serious Impact on Education

### Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

Ks1 [Phonics games](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

[http://  
www.familylearning.org.uk/  
phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)

Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

KS2 – [Crick](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html)

[http://www.crickweb.co.uk/  
ks2literacy.html](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html)





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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 Warwickshire Attendance Service, part 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**

**Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 29,703 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 6,256 on the previous year.**