

# Eastlands Primary School

October 2019

## EPS Attendance

Target **96.5%**

R— 98.7%

Y1— 97.6%

Y2—98.6%

Y3—98.4%

Y4— 97.9%

Y5—97.5%

Y6— 97.8%

Overall attendance for the whole school for September was averaging at

**98%.**



**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.

Dear Parents,

A reminder of school times:-

8.40—back school gate opens      8.45—school doors open

Registers: 8.55 register is taken. The register is electronic so it is completed and sent to the office promptly. At 8.55 your child is late and you will need to bring your child to the front office to be marked present and order lunch.



## Term dates -

08.10.19— Bag2School collection

10.10.19—Accelerated Readers workshop—after school

18.10.19—Wear it Pink

Termly Learning Conferences:-

26.11.19— Year 4-6

27.11.19— Year 1-3

20.12.19—Training day—school closed to pupils

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

Rec: Scarlett, William, Laragh, Ralph, David

2: Riley, Finn, Evie, Jaxon

3 : Laasya, Daniel, Robert, Alaina

4: Jayan, Esme, Diya

5: Robert, Lola, Tyler, Rafe, Teni, Sam, Lily-Mae, Jack, Daniel

6: Chloe, Federico

## School Data & SATS — 2019

EYFS — Good Level of Development was the highest it has been for the last 3 years. 75% of pupils achieving well in all areas. This is higher than National Average, (NA) Warwickshire Average (WA), and our local consortium of schools average (CA).

Year 1— Phonics remain consistently high over the last 3 years. Again higher than NA, WA, and CA.

Year 2— Key stage 1 results remain similar to last year with improvement in reading and maths and high outcomes in science. Writing has remained consistent over the last 2 years.

Year 6.—Generally attainment was lower this year but progress remains a strength. As children move through year groups in our school they make good progress. Many thanks to parents for all your support over the year to achieve these strong results.

## Community—Harvest Festival 2019

Once again school council have chosen to support to Rugby Foodbank. The schools and churches of Rugby donate through Harvest assemblies and services. A list of suggested items is on the next page. If you feel you would like to donate please bring a contribution in by Thursday 24th October latest. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM  
OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN  
PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

## SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

UHT milk/dried milk  
Tinned vegetables  
Coffee/Hot Chocolate  
Jam/Marmalade  
Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Potatoes/Tomatoes  
Tinned Meat/Fish  
Pasta/Rice (500g)  
Long Life Fruit juice

*Don't forget...*

*You can help transform  
more lives with a financial  
donation too.*

### PSA

Virtual Book fair, Books for Bugs ran by the PSA.

The book fair earned the school 13 free books to the value of £32.50.

[www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk)

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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 **36,101** half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 6,398 on the previous year.