

# Eastlands Primary School

November 2020

## EPS Attendance

Target **96.5%**

(Note: figures do not include absence due to COVID related isolation)

R— 98.2%

Y1— 98.3%

Y2—97.7%

Y3—99.3%

Y4— 98.3%

Y5—99.2%

Y6— 97.1%

Overall attendance for the whole school for October was averaging at **98.3%**.

**This is above 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.

Dear Parents,

The first half term has flown by. All children have children settled in really well. Please see below for some important dates for the coming

## Term dates.

16.11.20—Anti—bullying week

21.12.20—Christmas Break—school closed for 2 weeks

11.12.20—Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

04.01.21—training day—school closed to pupils

05.01.21—pupils return to school

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

Rec: Heidi, Leo, Amelie

2: Subhan, Haziq

3: Alex, Hannah, Kacper, Jack

4: Clara, Lucas, Daniel W

6: Maja



## Termly Learning Conferences

To be held over the phone this term. TLC information letter plus TLC and assessment leaflets available on letters page, school website.



| TLC dates         |           | Afternoons   |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Tuesday 10th Nov  | Nursery   | 12.30 – 3.30 |
| Monday 9th Nov    | Reception | 1.00 – 5.30  |
| Thursday 12th Nov | Reception | 1.00 – 5.30  |

| TLC dates          | Mornings                  | Afternoons               |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday 23rd Nov    | Year 1 & 2 – 8.00 – 12.00 | Year 3 & 4 – 1.30 – 5.30 |
| Tuesday 24th Nov   | Year 5 & 6– 8.00 – 12.00  | Year 1 & 2– 1.30 – 5.30  |
| Wednesday 25th Nov | Year 3 & 4– 8.00 – 12.00  | Year 5 & 6– 1.30 – 5.30  |

## Christmas Performances—

This year, in light of the COVID situation we are rethinking how to celebrate Christmas.

There was Christmas card design project, check the school you tube channel in coming weeks for festive fun.



**Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility**

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## **In case of Emergency—**

**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.



## **Remembrance Day**

We will be selling poppies over the month of November in school if you wish to purchase one.

We will text when they arrive in school



## **Wear it Pink**

**Thank you** to pupils, parents and staff for their generosity for Wear It Pink.

This year we raised £146.15



## **Children in Need—Friday 13th November**

Non uniform day

Please make a donation to this cause



## **Eastlands PSA**

The PSA team are planning events in the forthcoming weeks. All events will follow the COVID guidelines and adapt to any government changes as needed. For example:

- We are looking to buy in a Christmas Panto from the Belgrade and Christmas raffle boxes are being planned for.
- There will be a virtual book fair in January too.

**We all have the right to feel safe all the time.**

**Eastlands Primary School Protective Behaviours Curriculum**

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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 School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2019.**