

Eastlands Primary School

September Newsletter 2021

EPS Attendance Target is

96.5%

Attendance for academic year '20-'21:

R— 97.5%

Y1— 98.2%

Y2—97.6%

Y3—97.7%

Y4— 97.6%

Y5—97.5%

Y6— 96.1%

Overall attendance for the whole school for the last academic year was **97.3%.**

This is above 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 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,

I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the new academic school year. I do hope the summer break was restful. An especially warm welcome to all families new to Eastlands Primary School.

School site

The main school pedestrian gate is unlocked from 8.45 all day for access. The back 'field' gate is open at 8.40 in the morning and 3.15 in the afternoon. We do ask all parents and visitors close the gates for additional security. Many thanks for your continued support.

Term dates.-

13.9.21—3:30pm, Meet & Greet with new class teacher & parents for years 1 –6

28.09.21—Individual photos

25.10.21—Half term week—school closed

17.12.21—last day of term before Christmas Break

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

Rec: Joseph H, Charlie

Year 1: Felix

Year 3: Lily, Joseph, Lucas

Year 5: Harley, Kieran, Isabelle, Michael, Taanashe

Year 6: Aiden



Staffing news.

- ♦ Miss Grace Craggs will be a School Direct placement in Year 5 over the coming year.
- ♦ Mrs Jessica Grover has joined the Early Year's team as an EYFS apprentice.

Communication - In order to deal with any queries or concerns you need to:-

1. Firstly, contact your child's **class teacher**.
2. If you have further concerns you can always ask to speak to
Miss Shipp who leads Early Years & Year 1 (Lower Phase)
Mrs Hope who leads Year 2,3 & 4 (Middle Phase)
Mr Northedge who leads Year 5 & 6 (Upper Phase)

Emails—will be directed to the most appropriate person to deal with your query.

Twitter – Please be aware we use Twitter as a means of communication to share school messages only. Please do not reply on twitter as your message will not be picked up. 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 .

Weekly School Bulletins - Will also provide useful information to improve communication . Please look out for them.

Safeguarding is Everybody's Responsibility

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Premises update — The school allotment is developing very well. A BIG thank you to the team of parents and staff who have worked on this over the last year .

Over the summer ,there have been various painting, repair and maintenance projects internally. My thanks to Mr Andy Roberts, our school caretaker, for all his hard work over the summer break.



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. All Nursery & Reception parents are invited to an information session about Read Write Inc. on **Monday 27th 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 a 'Maths Mastery' School. This is a programme of maths teaching that will be built on year by year as your child progresses through school.

Science:- We purchase the Empiribox science scheme for Year 1-6 and staff receive termly training on this.



Educational Visits for 2021.22

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 will be made available on the school website. Please ensure you are aware of the process for paying and providing consent for educational visits. See HSCB for permissions.

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 and able to support our children. Your support in this will be much appreciated.

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

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Coronavirus Update

Latest information from Warwickshire Public health:

ISOLATION PERIODS, DEFINITIONS OF CLOSE CONTACT AND INFECTIOUS PERIOD FOR COVID-19

- ❖ Positive person: isolate from **day symptoms started/day of test (if no symptoms)** and for the next 10 full days AND until **well and fever free for 48 hours**
- ❖ Identify **ALL** close contacts in infectious period (see below definitions) – all to isolate for **10 full days after day of last contact with case, unless exempt (see below)**
- ❖ **Exception: positive cases and contacts** who are residents/patients in care homes/hospitals/anyone discharged who receives care - to isolate for **14 days (cases and contacts)**
- ❖ **Exemptions from self-isolation as a close contact (except health and care workers):**
 - ❖ Fully vaccinated - i.e. more than 14 clear days after day of second dose of UK COVID-19 vaccination
 - ❖ Under 18 years and 6 months
 - ❖ Part of COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial or medically exempt from vaccination (seek separate advice)
 - ❖ Those exempt should undertake a PCR test, regular twice weekly lateral flow testing, limit social contact and wear a face covering
 - ❖ **Note the above exemption rules are not the same for health and care workers (separate guidance has been issued)**
- ❖ Follow "[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19](#)" guidance

DEFINITIONS

CLOSE CONTACTS	INFECTIOUS PERIOD
Direct physical contact (any duration)	If symptomatic: 2 clear days before day on which symptoms start – and for 10 days after
Face-to-face contact under 1m (any duration)	
Close contact under 1m for 1 minute or more	No symptoms: 2 clear days before the day of the test – to 10 days after
1-2m for 15 minutes or more (cumulative over 24 hrs)	
Travel in a vehicle	

Please note summer term date changes:-

Friday 22nd July 2022- will now be the Warwickshire school bank holiday in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our original planned training day will now be on Thursday 21st July 2022

School will close to pupils on Wednesday 20th July 2022. See HSCB for other Training Day dates.

Thank you. [Warwickshire term dates link.](#)

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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.