

# Eastlands Primary School

## September Newsletter 2023

### EPS Attendance Target is

96.5%

Attendance for academic year '22-'23:

R— 89.3%

Y1— 91.2%

Y2—94.2%

Y3—96.7%

Y4— 95.1%

Y5—94.7%

Y6— 93.3%

Overall attendance for the whole school for the last academic year was **93.5%**.

**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 10 to 9" ?**

School opens at **8.40m** 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 **8.50am** 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. A particularly warm welcome to all families new to Eastlands Primary School.

### School site

The main school pedestrian gate is unlocked from **8.35** all day for access. The back 'field' gate is open at **8.35** in the morning and **3.15** in the afternoon. Your child should be in class and ready to learn by **8.50**. We do ask all parents and visitors close the gates for additional security. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

### Term dates.-

**18.9.23**—3:30pm, Meet & Greet with new class teacher & parents for Years 1 –6

**26.09.23**—Individual photos

**09.10.23** —PSA online Book fair

**30.10.23**—Half term week—school closed

**Week beg: 6.11.23**—EYFS—Termly Learning conferences.

**Week Beg: 13.11.23** - Year 1— 6 TLCs

**22.12.23**—last day of term before Christmas Break

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

Rec: Roman

Year 1: Alfie, Monty, Konstantinos, Summer, Melina

Year 2: Joseph H, Charlie

Year 3: Felix,

Year 4:

Year 5: Lily, Joe, Lucas, Zeke,

Year 6;



### Parent contact email address—



[EPSParents2415@welearn365.com](mailto:EPSParents2415@welearn365.com) Please use this email address for contact with all staff.

### Staffing news.

- ◆ Welcome to Miss Evans who will be teaching in Year 3, Miss Brown who will be in Reception and Miss Fiddes who will be in Year 1.
- ◆ Congratulations to Miss Shipp and her partner who are expecting a baby in January.

**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)  
**Mr Northedge** who leads Year 2, 3 & 4 (Middle Phase)  
**Mrs Hope** who leads Year 5 & 6 (Upper Phase)

**Admin 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 .



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## Premises update -

A lot of work has taken place on site over the summer.

A letter was sent last week highlighting some of it.

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. This will provide you with a range of information about the programme and enable you to support your child's learning at home. Refresher training took place for all staff on Friday 1st September 2023.



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.

### Educational Visits

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.**

**Eastlands Primary School Protective Behaviours Curriculum**



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court 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.**