

Ettington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Learning for the Fullness of Life (John 10:10)

Our Christian Value for this half term is **RESPECT**.

The Golden Rule 'Do unto others as you wish them to do unto you'.
(Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12)



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

What a whirlwind of a half term and amazingly we are now halfway through the school academic year.

Stars of the Week

Week ending 2.2.2024
Reception: Kimi
Year 1: Fred (deferred)
Year 2: Alfie
Year 3: Beatie
Year 4: Isla
Year 5: Anabelle
Year 6: Theo P
Star writer: Niko (Reception)

Congratulations to our stars!

Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. As a school, we know that your children, above all else, need to feel happy and safe. In conjunction with ideas from the school council, this week, your children have completed a variety of activities aimed at supporting positive mental health.

Classes have taken learning outside and into the Forest School area, had a yoga and mindfulness session, learnt about the brain and feel good hormones and been part of Collective Worship led by the School Council. Special thanks to Erin, Louis, Florence and Barnaby.

Thanks to Mrs Lowe for delivering yoga! Below is a link to parent resources to support children's mental health.

[Resources for parents and carers](#)



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Thank you to the parents who joined us in school for a coffee and to work alongside Kirsty, our Mental Health in School (MHIS) Practitioner. I hope you enjoyed the session. Information from the session will be emailed out separately. We will host a further session in the Summer Term. Kirsty will also be available to chat to during Parent Consultations on Thursday 7th March.

FoES Dates for the diary

Please find below a list of diary dates for upcoming FoES events. Your continued support makes a huge difference to the enhanced provision that we can offer your children.

- Friday 9th Feb - Cake sale at pick up
- Friday 1st March - School disco
- Friday 15th March - Race Night @ the Community Centre

Household Support Fund and free school meals

The objective of the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund grant is to support those most in need to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living, in particular food, energy, and water bills.

Warwickshire County Council continues to be responsible for the administration of this grant for the county and is using a proportion of the funding to proactively support those families who are eligible for benefits related free school meals with a cost-of-living payment. This does not apply to children on the universal free school meal offer.

This funding finishes on the 31 March 2024.

Eligible families in Warwickshire will be sent an automatic cost of living payment in the form of Huggs supermarket vouchers in February, which will have a minimum value of £130 (£30 per eligible child for food support and £100 per eligible Warwickshire household for utilities support). For a parent/carer to be eligible for the £30 payment their child must be attending a Warwickshire maintained educational setting and for the household to be eligible to receive the £100 payment, they must be a resident of Warwickshire.

If you think you may be eligible for benefits related free school meals, please apply at -

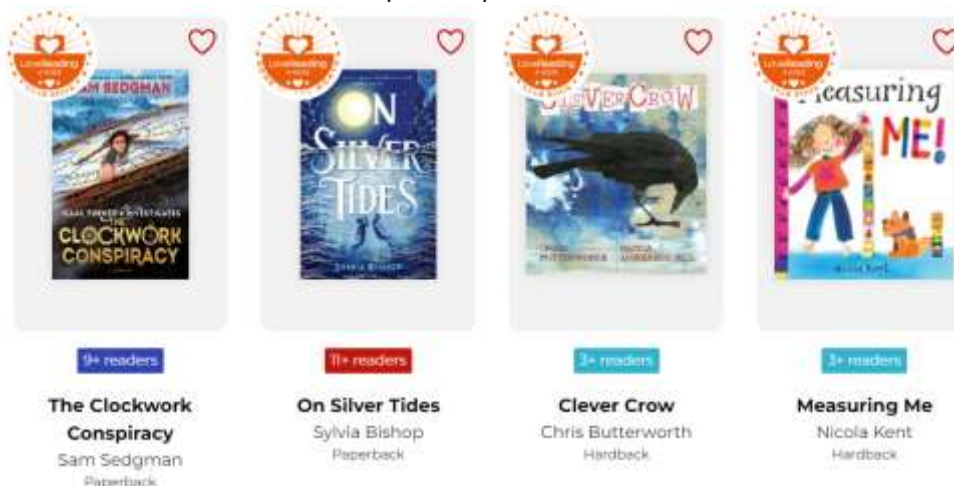
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>



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Reading for pleasure

Please find below our latest top book picks



Safeguarding

In line with new guidance, we have a new Policy regarding the use of Smartwatches in school. The policy will be available on the school website from Monday 19th February. In essence, Smartwatches are not permitted in school. Please ensure that you support the school in enforcing this policy.

Parking

Thank you for your continued support with safe parking. We are now working in partnership with our local Community Police to find ways to further improve and support safe parking in the community. As always, please continue to use the Community Centre for parking when dropping off and collecting your children.

Please also ensure that your children are safe when entering and leaving school, especially on the Banbury Road, which can be very busy.

Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit Mid-Day Supervisors to help support over lunch times.

We are also looking to recruit a full time Level 2 SEND Teaching Assistant.

Please contact our admin team if you are interested in joining the team!

Wishing you all a very happy, safe and relaxing half term.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Spring 2	Summer Term
<p>Monday 19th February Children return to school Celebrating Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Tuesday 20th February EYFS/KS1 (Rec – Y2) Monster Phonics Day</p> <p>Thursday 22nd February World Thinking Day Children are invited to wear their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts etc uniforms to school for the day.</p> <p>Monday 26th February 4.00-6.30pm Parent Consultations</p> <p>Friday 1st March School Disco (times to follow)</p> <p>Monday 4th March (all week) Bike-Ability Years 5 and 6</p> <p>Thursday 7th March 4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations Mental Health in School Team present</p> <p>Thursday 7th March World Book Day</p> <p>Monday 11th March Y6 Racecourse Trip</p> <p>Friday 15th March FoES Race Night – Community Centre (details to follow)</p>	<p>Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April Easter Holidays</p> <p>Monday 8th April Children return to school</p> <p>Monday 15th April 5.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting</p> <p>Monday 6th May Bank Holiday Monday</p> <p>Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May Y6 SATs week</p> <p>Friday 24th May Last day before half term</p> <p>Monday 27th to Friday 31st May May Half Term</p> <p>Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June Year 4 Tables Check Window</p> <p>Monday 10th to Friday 14th June Year 1 Phonics Screen Week</p>



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