

Newsletter



8th September 2023

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers and a very warm welcome to all of our new school family.

I hope that you have all had a happy and safe Summer and enjoyed family time together, despite the lack of sunshine (now it appears)!

The children have all settled back into school with enthusiasm and have continued to flourish. We have welcomed our new Reception children who are now settled in school full time and who, I am sure, will soon walk through the school like they have always been here!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as I take on the headship at Ettington Church of England Primary School. I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter to you as your new Headteacher. I have always felt privileged to be part of your community. Being a mother of two girls, I am very much aware of the responsibility that the staff and I have in ensuring that our children are educated in a safe and happy environment and that the highest standard of teaching and learning is evident in all areas.

My priority is to ensure that Ettington Primary School continues to aim towards becoming an outstanding school, within the context of Christian belief and practice. Our school has developed a set of core values which will continue to underpin all the work that we do. These values will have a huge impact on your child as they develop; encouraging your child to consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the communities from which they are part and the wider world.

As a school, we aspire to live out God's plan for all to flourish. We believe in providing our children with varied opportunities to use and develop the gifts and talents they have been blessed with, to ensure they embrace "Life in its fullness" (John 10:10); learning to persevere, collaborate and be curious in all that we encounter.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe enjoyment and achievement go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress and I am sure that you will continue to support our high expectations in all areas.

Welcome

May I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sherrell Brown, our new Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCO, who many of you may have already met and Mrs Lisa Simmonds our new school cook!

Working in partnership with the community

Finally, our newly appointed vicar, Nikki Chatterton, will be working closely with us in school to support our Church and Community links. We would like to invite you into school on Wednesday 13th September 2023, for coffee and a chat to see how we can help you and you can help us, as we strive to forge greater community links. Nikki and I would love to see you in school.

Please bear with us whilst we continue to update our website. Curriculum information will be uploaded within the coming weeks. There will be a wealth of information; please keep checking. Your attendance at the upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' will also provide you with class expectations and routines.

A huge thank you to you all and to all of the staff and volunteers for continued help and support - working together in partnership, with one common goal - to support your children to achieve their full potential. Please see below dates for your diary – these will be added to accordingly.

Safeguarding

Please check the parental control setting on your digital devices to ensure that your children are protected at home from unwanted text and images.

Please see NEW online safety links on our school website under E-Safety for further support and guidelines for keeping your household devices safe.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards,

Michelle Crowe
Headteacher.

Rewards and Recognition

We are totally committed to promoting positive behaviour and purposeful learning in our school. To recognise children's efforts and achievements, there are a variety of special awards to aim for.

Special Assembly Awards

PRIDE AND RESPECT STARS:

We will be moving Celebration Worship to a Friday afternoon at 2.30pm starting On Friday 15th September.

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Calendar

Monday 4th September

INSET Day
Staff and Governor Safeguarding Training

Tuesday 5th September

Start of Term

Wednesday 13th September 2pm

Church and School Community Coffee Afternoon
in school

Monday 18th September 3.30pm

Meet the Teacher

Friday 22nd September 9.30am

SEND Autism Awareness Coffee Morning with STS
in school

Tuesday 3rd October

Peer Mediation – Year 5 only

Thursday 5th October 9.30am-10.30am

New Reception Parents 2024
Tour of School

Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day
Information TBC

Thursday 19th October

Harvest Celebration and Worship

KS1 in Church 9.30am
KS2 in Church 10.45am

ALL WELCOME

Monday 23rd October

School Nurse Health Checks
Reception and Year 6 ONLY

Thursday 26th October

Children Break up for Half Term

Friday 27th October

INSET Day

Calendar cont'd

Monday 6th November

Start of Half Term

Tuesday 7th November 4pm-6.30pm

Parents Evening

Thursday 9th November 1.30pm-2.30pm

New Reception Parents 2024
Tour of School

Tuesday 14th November 4pm-7pm

Parents Evening

Friday 1st December

Reverse Advent Calendar Begins
Advent Windows around the village
Information to follow

Thursday 7th December 2.30pm

Friday 8th December 9.30am

Reception Nativity in school

Tuesday 12th December 2pm

Wednesday 13th December 6pm

KS1 Years 1 and 2

Christmas Production in school

Thursday 14th December 9.30am-10.30am

KS2 Christmas Worship for Parents in Church
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 20th December 6pm

Community Carol Service – led by children of
Ettington Church of England Primary School starting at
the Community Centre

Friday 22nd December

End of Term

TRUST

'Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'

Proverbs 3:5-6

School Office

Afterschool Clubs – These can now be booked online at <https://ettingtonprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> until ...Although clubs are booked on a first come first booked basis till they are full.