

Ettington Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 4

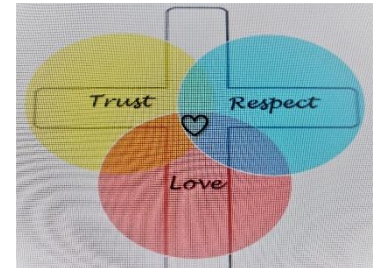
24th November 2023

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

Our Christian Value for this half term is **THANKFULNESS**

'Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God' (Philippians 1:3)

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day. (Alice Morse Earle)



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Wow! What an incredibly busy start to the 2nd half of the Autumn Term!

Stars of the Week

Week ending 10.11.2023	Week ending 24.11.2023
Reception: Frankie M	Reception: Eddie M
Year 1: Emily F	Year 1: Jess E
Year 2: Georgio A	Year 2: Jack R
Year 3: Beau L	Year 3: Diana S
Year 4: Heidi S	Year 4: Jke P
Year 5: Florence F	Year 5: Matilda Q
Year 6: Bailey S	Year 6: Camilla C
Star writer: Edward H (Y 1)	Star writer: Pola C (Rec)

Events

We were delighted to invite parents into school for Parent Consultations on both Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 16th November. A fantastic turnout; your unwavering support helps ensure best outcomes for the children. Unquestionably, our joint aim. For the few of you who have yet to attend, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you also to the parents in Reception who took part in the Reception Inspire Workshop for Writing. The perfect opportunity to come and Learn with Us! We look forward to welcoming you to the Reception Inspire Workshop for Maths on Wednesday 29th November. A unique opportunity to set foot in your child's classroom and see learning in action.



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Thank you to all who supported this years Remembrance Day. We raised £154. 75 from the poppy collection.



Anti-Bullying Week

At Ettington, we consider that bullying of any kind is unacceptable. We want to uphold our Christian ethos within the school environment where everyone can work, play and express themselves, free from the fear of being bullied. There is a shared understanding of what constitutes bullying, how we prevent bullying and how we respond to reports of bullying. Our children know how to report actual and perceived bullying incidents and are supported in having the confidence to do so. Our curriculum equips our children with strategies to be able to talk about anything that worries them in any area of their lives. This Anti-Bullying Week we have come together to have lessons about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Many thanks to Clemmie A, Elliott D and Theo C in Year 6, who led Collective Worship for us and taught us all about what bullying is and how we can work together to eradicate it. Pupils and staff wore odd socks and styled wild and wacky hair to help celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise money for Children in Need! I am thrilled that the children have raised £211.30.

FoES

Please contact them via the admin3024@welearn365.com email.

Diwali Dance Workshop

On Tuesday, children across the school celebrated Diwali – The Hindu Festival of Light by participating in an inspiring dance workshop. Led by professional dancers, each class were given the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the famous story of Diwali through the medium of dance. Great fun was had by all!

PANTO!

The children and staff had a wonderful afternoon watching Cinderella yesterday. Much laughter and song echoed through the Community Centre. A wonderful way for us to spend an afternoon together. Thank you so much to FoES for covering the cost of this and for those of you who helped with the walk to and from the Centre. It is only with your continued help and support that these events can continue.



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FoES Christmas Fayre

Friday 1st Dec - Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Fayre.

FoES are inviting the children to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or festive top in exchange for some chocolate (or sweets) for the ever-popular chocolate tombola which will be at the Christmas Fayre later that day!

The Christmas jumper is instead of a school jumper/cardigan, the rest of school uniform is still compulsory.

Please do come along to the Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre after school from 3.15 - 5.15pm. It's the biggest school fundraiser of the year and FoES really rely on our school family and wider community to support these events. There'll be a dedicated shopping hall, lots of games, Santa's grotto, as well as plenty of festive refreshments!

Reverse Advent Calendar

On Friday 1st December, we will also begin our Reverse Advent Calendar. Teachers will publish lists and advise which day through December your child will be asked to bring a non-perishable food item into school. Working in conjunction with the Church, our aim is to provide food hampers for our local food bank.

School Christmas Dinner Menu

This year's school Christmas dinner is on Thursday, 14th December 2023. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please can you ensure that you book through ParentPay. The menu is attached.

May I also thank Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm for their 50% discount on our School Christmas Tree. This will be up in school from Friday 1st December!

Year 4 Multiplication Check information

The Government have released an information booklet for parents regarding the Summer Term, Year 4 Multiplication Check. The link below will take you directly to the booklet.

[Year 4 Government Multiplication Check information for Parents](#)



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Online Safety

Parents, please don't forget that you have access to the Warwickshire Online Safety Hub [Warwickshire Online Safety Hub](#)

You are also invited to join the Online Safety Parents Workshop next Thursday. I believe this will be an incredibly informative workshop, which will provide valuable ideas for how you can help to keep your children safe when online.

Online Safety for Parents Workshop on 29th November at 7.30pm.

Please find it below:

https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W_mms4uTZCZlpyrrAN5gQ

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by Gloria

FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.

Wed 29th
NOVEMBER
7.30pm-8.30pm

Speaker
KAT HOWARD
Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK)
Smoothwall

Access the workshop [here](#)
bit.ly/ONLINE_SAFETY_WORKSHOP_29th_Nov

Kat has been working with schools for over 18 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



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School Library

Please don't forget that Ms McNair and our Year 6 Librarians are opening the school library to all each Friday after school. Please stop by and borrow a book or 2. Did you know ...

Read One Book A Day To a Child

Your Child Will Enjoy:

by Age 1.....365 Books
by Age 2.....730 Books
by Age 3.....1095 Books
by Age 4.....1460 Books

In Reality:

Dear Zoo- 301 times, The Very Hungry Caterpillar- 431 times and Everyone Poops- 728 TIMES!

Explore some of our favourite book choices this half term...



Attendance

School starts promptly at 8.55am. School gates will be opened at 8.45am, the bell rings at 8.50am and the register is taken at 8.55am. If a child arrives at school after 8.55am without prior arrangements having been agreed, they will be deemed late. Registers close at 9.15am and arrival at school after this time, without prior approval or extenuating circumstances, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Attendance below 95% requires improvement and below 90% is defined by the Department for Education as 'persistent absenteeism', which could lead to intervention from the Warwickshire Attendance Service. Good attendance is vital for the academic, social and emotional success of pupils.

In the first half term (Autumn 1) 3½ days off school from September until October half term holiday will make your child's attendance under 90%. This is particularly tricky when balancing good attendance with good health – children with sickness and/or diarrhoea need to be off school for 48 hours from the last episode.

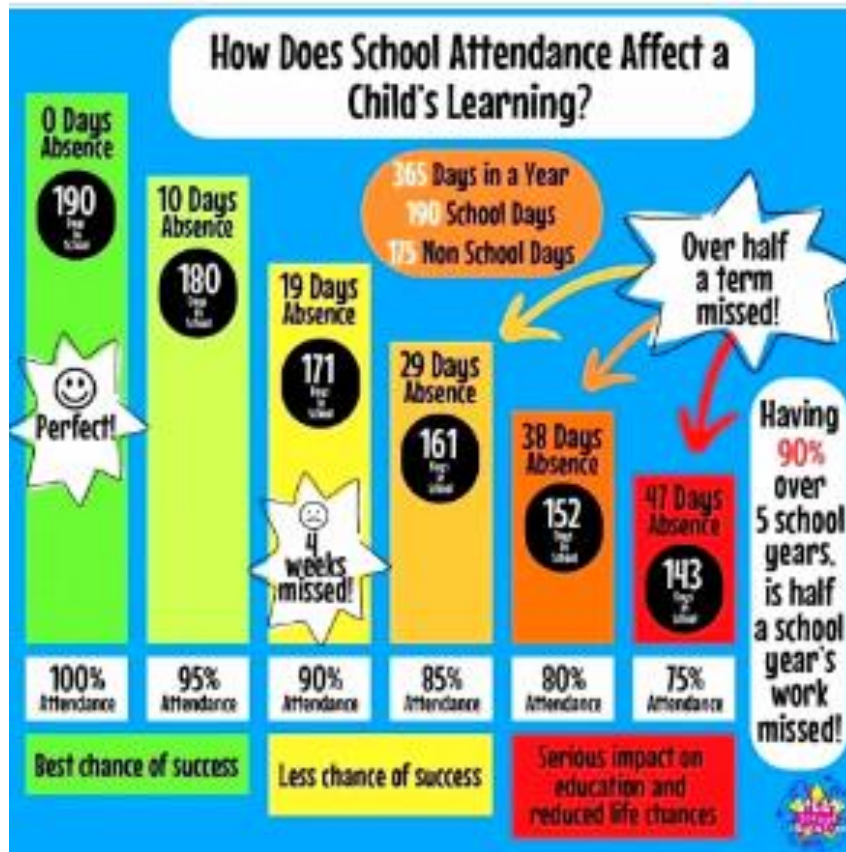


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7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child's attendance under 90%.

Our whole school attendance levels so far this year are 96%

Thank you so much for your support.



Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Autumn 2

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

Wednesday 15th November 9.15am-10.15am
Reception Class Inspire Workshops
Writing

Thursday 16th November 4pm-7pm
(DATE CHANGE)
Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th November 9.15am-10.15am
Reception Class Inspire Workshops
Maths

Friday 1st December
Reverse Advent Calendar Begins
Christmas Jumper Day
FoES Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre

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

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December 6pm
Community Carol Service – led by children of
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starting at the Community Centre

Friday 22nd December
End of Term



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