

# Ettington Church of England Primary School

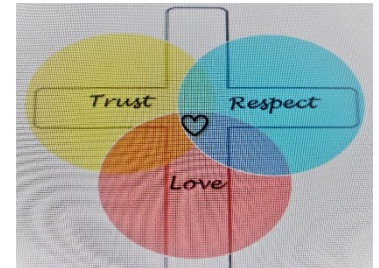
## Newsletter 2 Spring Term 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 -

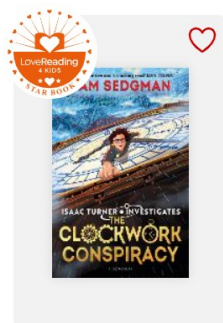
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>



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## Reading for pleasure

Please find below our latest top book picks



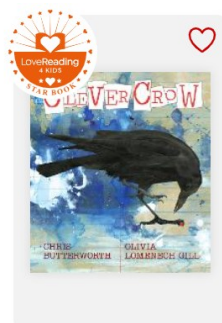
9+ readers

**The Clockwork  
Conspiracy**  
Sam Sedgman  
Paperback



11+ readers

**On Silver Tides**  
Sylvia Bishop  
Paperback



3+ readers

**Clever Crow**  
Chris Butterworth  
Hardback



3+ readers

**Measuring Me**  
Nicola Kent  
Hardback

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school  
Celebrating Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

EYFS/KS1 (Rec – Y2) Monster Phonics Day

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**World Thinking Day**

Children are invited to wear their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts etc uniforms to school for the day.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 4.00-6.30pm**

Parent Consultations

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

School Disco (times to follow)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March (all week)**

Bike-Ability Years 5 and 6

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-7.00pm**

Parent Consultations  
Mental Health in School Team present

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 Racecourse Trip

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

FoES Race Night – Community Centre  
(details to follow)

### Summer Term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Holidays

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Children return to school

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm**

Full Governing Body Meeting

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday Monday

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Y6 SATs week

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Last day before half term

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
May Half Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 4 Tables Check Window

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Phonics Screen Week



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