

Ettington Church of England Primary School

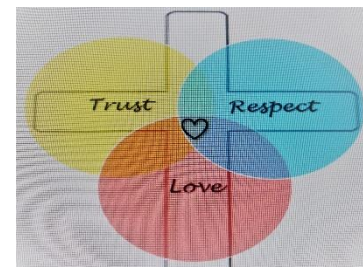
Newsletter 4 Summer Term 2024

19th July 2024

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

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

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

Wow! What a year. As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children continue to grow and flourish, both socially, emotionally and academically.

We have certainly had an incredibly busy year with a SIAMS inspection early on in the year, which resulted in an inspection report anyone would have been proud of. There were many inspiring quotes, but my favourite from the report...

'This small but outward looking school is infused with its Christian vision inspired learning for fullness of life. This has generated a community that serves all with love, respect and trust creating an exceptional place of learning.'

Why? Because it celebrates the success of us all – a community that has come together, with one purpose - to make a difference to the children in our school. To provide them with the opportunities to 'Learn for the Fullness of Life'.

I have watched with pride how the newest members of our school have grown, in every sense of the word and I watch with enormous pride the Year 6 children, who, after seven years with us are leaving (still smiling), taller, stronger and filled to the brim with love, life and learning. They have done themselves, their families and the school proud. Not just for achieving some of the highest SATs scores the school has ever known (published on the school website), but more importantly for infusing the school with Trust, Love and Respect and for being kind and caring role models. Remember, kindness costs nothing – it is what people will remember you for. Congratulations, Year 6, you did it and on behalf of us all – THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK! Aim high, you'll smash it!



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Stars of the Week

Week ending 5.7.2024	Week ending 19.7.2024
Reception: Abel TR Year 1: Lucas H Year 2: Otilie SR Year 3: Diana S Year 4: Harry B Year 5: Elsie J Year 6: Deferred Star writer: Charlie R	Reception: Leo R Year 1: Edward H Year 2: Georgina B Year 3: Isla M Year 4: Arlo F Alfie M Josh T Year 5: Lottie H William B Year 6: Spencer P Louie S

Many congratulations also to Ben M the winner of the Year 6 Coupe Sports Cup for this year and to Ayla Burton the winner of the Year 6 Values Cup for the year.

Congratulations to our stars!

Sport

This year we have competed in football, rounders, athletics, curling and rugby events across all of KS2 with some fantastic successes. The stand out performances this term included a Year 6 Rounders tournament win, a Year 4 Football tournament win, a Year 6 Rugby second place and the Inter School KS2 Athletics Tournament which we won. The Year 6 Curling competition saw us take 2nd place.



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Thank you

Thank you to FoES for their continued support this year. Particular thanks to Steph Sneath-Chair; Harriet Martin-Treasurer and Anna Lea-Secretary. The most significant events this year have included the Christmas Fayre, the Race Night, the Rainbow Run and the Community School Clean up!

A final FoES thank you to Michelle Beaty and Emilie Harris for seamlessly arranging the Rainbow Run last week. I think it's safe to say that very many happy memories were made.



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School news

Thank you to Mrs Kemp for leading the school in a whole school musical ensemble earlier this month, where the children unsurprisingly excelled in their performances both singing and sharing their instrumental skills – I think you were nearly out performed by Reception with their resounding rendition of Big Bear Funk!

We have welcomed Coram Life Education to work with the children across the school looking at ways to support and promote positive mental health. Children explored areas including Taking Care of My Feelings, Protecting Myself – Body and Mind and The Brain: Calming the Busy Mind. This has been a key focus for the school this year and we will continue to focus on this key area into the next academic year. There are weekly updates and tips for further support added to the school website weekly.

Thank you to those of you who gave up your afternoon on Friday 28th June to visit the school as part of our Curriculum Open Afternoon. 146 of you attended! I hope you enjoyed sharing learning with your children as much as they did!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Charlotte Higgitt back to school after her Maternity Leave. We were also thrilled to welcome back past pupils, Bethany and Jacob, who, as part of their Secondary School Work Experience, joined us for a week to see whether their future may lie in education. Thank you for all you did whilst you were with us. The children loved having you both in school.

We have also welcomed our forthcoming Reception class to school for Stay and Play sessions. They were amazing and looked very ready for life at school. Thank you to Ettington Pre-School for preparing the children to be 'School Ready'.

Thank you to all who supported the school walking to and from school to join us for the Year 6 Leavers service. The service led by the children was an incredible testament of how far they have come since they joined the school. There was laughter, there were tears and my, there was singing.

Rota Kids

As part of the school's links with Shipston Rotary Club, the Year 6 children worked with Mr Nigel Willis who supported the children in planning a fundraising event. The children each made the RotaKids Pledge "As a RotaKid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to show respect for others." and were presented with Pledge Certificates and badges.



The children had to work independently having democratically elected a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to plan, resource, promote and deliver a charitable event. This year, the School Councillors agreed that that they would like to raise money for Cancer Research, therefore the Year 6 children chose this worthy charity to support. Last



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Friday, the children executed their plans with precision. Inspired by the forthcoming Olympic Games, the school was transformed into a plethora of sporting activities for the children across the school to participate in. The children raised in excess of £500.00. WOW!

Goodbyes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to several members of staff this week. I would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to Mrs Eva Lowe who has stood in this year as our school site manager, supported by Mr Harper. Mrs Lowe is off to fulfil her dreams of teaching, completing her Teacher Training next academic year. We are absolutely thrilled that Mr Harper will be back full time from September. He just couldn't stay away!

I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Caroline Edgson, who has covered Maternity Leave in Reception since January this year. We cannot put into words the positive impact that Mrs Edgson has had, not only on the children in Reception, but across the whole school in her role of PSHE Lead.

Finally, Mrs Halliday is leaving the classroom after accepting an exciting role working for Warwickshire Governor Services. A role that she is extremely well-versed in.

You have all been significant members of the school team, we will be very sad to see you leave and we will miss you all. The door is always open – don't be strangers.

Ettington Parish Council Party in the Park

Friday July 19th from 3.30 p.m. onwards.

Billed as party in the park it is to celebrate the refurbishment of the playgrounds.

Bouncy castles, goody bags and free refreshments

Children of all ages (and their parents!) are welcome



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Safeguarding

Please remember...



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door immediately by calling
01926 414144

**Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm,
Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm**

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately by calling
01926 886922

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the Police immediately by calling 999



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Online Safety



Attendance



Parking

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who continue to park safely around our school. You are super role models for your children. Can I please remind you, not to drive down and park in Churchill Close wherever possible? Can I also ask that you park with courtesy on the Banbury Road, it is imperative that driveways are not blocked or that visibility from driveways are not obscured? This is unsafe for both drivers and for people walking on the footpath.

Please also ensure that you do not park on the corners of the road, this is not only dangerous, but illegal.



Parking is available at the Community Centre.

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And finally...

As the year draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank **all** of the staff and Governors in school who work tirelessly to ensure that your children continue to receive an excellent education. It is their exceptional expertise and enthusiasm both in the classroom, the offices and beyond, that ensures the successes that we have and most importantly ensure that your children are provided with opportunities to flourish. They have all earned a very well-deserved Summer holiday.

I hope that you all have a restful and safe holiday filled with laughter and sunshine and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Wednesday 4th September at the earlier time of 8.40am.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Autumn Term 1 2024	Autumn Term 2 2024
Monday 2 September (Teacher Training Day)	Monday 4 November (School reopens to pupils)
Tuesday 3 September (Teacher Training Day)	Last day of term: Friday 20 December
Wednesday 4 September (School reopens to pupils)	Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025
Half term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024	Monday 6 January 2025 (Teacher Training Day)
	Tuesday 7 January 2025 (School reopens to pupils)



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