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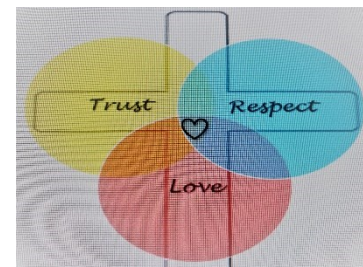
Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2024

25th October 2024

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

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

'Two people are better than one... If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.' Ecclesiastes 4.9-10



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

What an incredibly busy half term it has been and my word, it has flown by.

Stars of the Week

Week ending 27.9.2024	Week ending 4.10.2024	Week ending 11.10.2024	Week ending 18.10.2024	Week ending 25.10.2024
Rec: Waris S Year 1: Chloe E Year 2: Phoebe J Year 3: Rosie B Year 4: Harper B Year 5: Ellie S Year 6: Beau F Star Writer: Robert S	Rec: Toby L Year 1: Jaxon G Year 2: Fred V Year 3: Lottie W Year 4: Edie L Year 5: Martha D Year 6: Elsie J Star Writer: Ben S	Rec: George A Year 1: Nico A Year 2: Emily F Year 3: Tom S Year 4: Jasper H Year 5: Arjun D Year 6: Amelia Rose S	Rec: Eleanor B Year 1: Phoebe J Year 2: Amelia C Year 3: Robyn C Year 4: Evie D Year 5: William J Year 6: Barnaby W	Rec: Albus H Year 1: Leo R Year 2: Ako J Year 3: Elsie G Year 4: Tilly C Year 5: Mason L Year 6: Abi H Star Writer: Beatie A

School news

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported the school by visiting and purchasing books from the book fair. In total we made over £1140.00. School is given 50% of the total taken to purchase books for the school. These books will provide vital additions to the class libraries.

As a school, we cannot stress enough the importance of both hearing your child read and reading to them daily. Please see our school website for top tips in supporting reading at home. Thank you Miss Hunter for organising!



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Year 5 Cake Sale

Very well done to Martha, Emily, Austin and Mason in Year 5 for planning, promoting and running their cake sale at the end of September to raise money for the charity Elayos.

In addition to raising £520.00, they also had donations of nappies etc for the Elayos baby bank. For more information on the work of Elayos, please see the link below.

ELAYOS

Workshops

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our new Reception parents to the Phonics and Early Reading workshop earlier this month. School and parents working in partnership will help ensure the best outcomes for your children.

We are currently planning the Early Reading and Maths workshops for Reception parents next half term. Please keep an eye out for the dates and times.

World Mental Health Day

Adorned in yellow, the children and staff enjoyed a peaceful and mindful day of positive mental health games and activities on Thursday 10th October. A particular thank you to Lottie, Eliza, Alena, Matilda, Robert, Jess and Louis our well-being warriors, who led collective worship to introduce themselves and talk about positive mental health and activities to support our mental health. Please don't forget to look on the school website for weekly activities from RISE to support your positive mental health.

Children's Mental Health Support

Connect 4 Health Parents Monthly Newsletter

Sport

What a start to the new academic year it has been with a hat-trick of very impressive tournament victories for Ettington. The teamwork, commitment and passion has really shone through, and the determination and drive has been fantastic. Firstly, the Year 5 team were victorious in the hockey tournament hosting 21 teams, a monumental achievement. Secondly, the Year 5/6 boys football team won the local tournament at Shipston Primary with a nail-biting penalty shootout deciding the outcome. Finally, the Year 6 girls team also followed in the footsteps of the boys with another amazing tournament win at Shipston, remaining unbeaten throughout and showing brilliant footballing skills. In addition to this, the Year 4 mixed football team came a very impressive second place in their football tournament, with only one point separating them from the winners. Very well done to all involved, it was brilliant to see such fantastic sporting flair and more importantly team spirit and respect. Thank you so much Mr Higgitt for organising our teams and driving the team spirit - absolutely going the extra mile.



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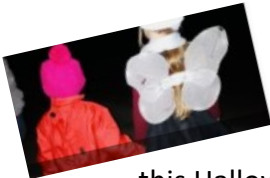


Parking

I continue to hear of incidents where parents are parking without due care at drop off in the morning.

Thank you to all 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 use the Community Centre for drop off and pickup.



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN

If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.



When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a streetlight so that traffic can see you more easily.



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Attendance

At Ettington CE Primary School, we know how important it is for children to attend school, we also know how complicated it can be to support a child, in certain cases, to have high attendance.

Our aim is to support children and families to overcome these barriers by working with parents to enable children to be at school as much as possible.

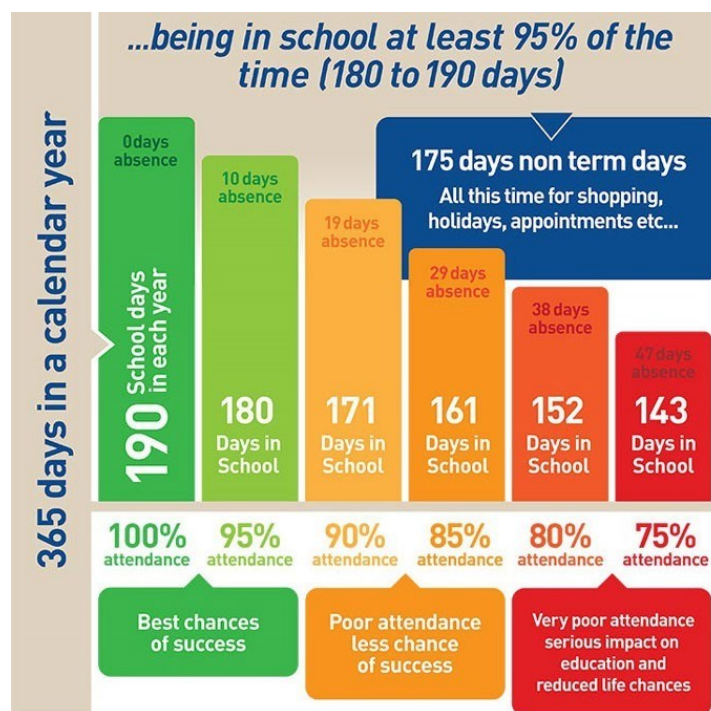
What we find helps parents is being kept up to date with their child's attendance and, as well as using percentages, to explain absence in 'days missed'.

At termly parent consultations and in the end-of-year report, we will be informing parents of their child's level of attendance.

In order for your child to be above 96% (our school target) they will need to miss less than 9 days away from school for the whole school year. We would obviously like to limit this to even less days missed from school.



Schools have a category for children who miss a lot of school called 'persistently absent' which is set at 90% or below. In real terms, this means that children miss more than 18 days of school over the school year. These children have greatly reduced chances of success. Therefore, we regularly analyse attendance and inform you if we are concerned about your child's attendance to offer support.

We also understand that some absences are completely unavoidable. If you feel that you would like to discuss your child's attendance or you would like support to help improve your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.




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Stratford District Children & Families Centre Timetable for Autumn 2024


 Stratfordcfc
 Stratford-upon-Avon District Children and Family Centres

Barnardo's Warwickshire - Stratford District Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for children, young people and families - aged 0-19 years and up to 25 with SEND


 CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

Alcester 01789 764093
Lighthorne Heath & Southam & Wellesbourne 01926 691105

 BARNARDOS

Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Our Early Years Practitioners are out and about at Community Outreach Venues</p>	<p>Lighthorne Heath C&FC Toddler Time 09.30 - 11:00am</p>	<p>Alcester C&FC Let's play 09.45 - 11.15am</p>	<p>Wellesbourne Methodist Church Let's play 10:00 - 11:00am</p>	<p>Alcester C&FC Big Stars 10.00- 11.30am</p>
<p>BOOKING ESSENTIAL</p> <p>To book our Let's Play & Toddler playing sessions, please use our Eventbrite page by scanning the QR code or accessing the below link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stratford-district-children-and-family-centres-49498983293</p>				
<p>Badger Valley, Shipston Let's play 01.15 - 02.45pm</p>		<p>Stratford C&FC Let's play 01.30 - 03.00pm</p>	<p>Badger Valley, Shipston Baby Time 01.00 - 02.00pm</p>	
<p>Lighthorne Heath C&FC Home Education Group (5-11yrs) 12.30 - 02:30pm</p>		<p>Interested in volunteering with us? Please contact stratforddistrictcfcadmins@barnardos.org.uk</p>		
<p>We also provide 4 & 5 week courses such as Baby Massage, Baby Chatter Matters, Toddler Chatter Matters. If you would like to book on, please phone your local Children & Family Centre</p>				
<p>Virtual First Aid Sessions for Parents, Grandparents & Carers Provided by Freddie's Wish in partnership with the award winning Mini First Aid. For more information, please contact your local Children and Family Centre</p>				
<p>Concerned about your child's speech and language? Phone the Centre to enquire about Wellcomm Screens or monthly SALT drop in at Stratford Children & Family Centre</p>				



SCAN ME

09/09/2024



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Welcome to our October update for children's professionals

This month, we've put together a special newsletter packed with FREE workshops and advice resources for professionals to share with parent carers of disabled children!

If you work with children who have additional needs, you can signpost their families to the resources below to help them access specialist guidance on the unique challenges they may face.

Upcoming online workshops for families of young SEND children in England

We offer [a range of online workshops](#) to help families of disabled children with a range of concerns. No diagnosis is required to book.

We currently have [a selection of Early Years workshops coming up](#) which are aimed at **parent carers of young children (aged 0-5) in England**. These are funded by the Department for Education and are very popular, so please encourage parents to register on Eventbrite as soon as possible.

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Money matters: financial support for families (21 October)

A deep dive into all the benefits, grants, discounts, and support services available to help parents maximise their finances.

[Book here](#)



Support with social communication challenges (6 November)

Parents of children with social communication challenges (including pre-verbal stages) will learn strategies to support them at home.

[Book here](#)

Early Years education support (8 November)

Find out how to access educational support for young children with additional needs, including EHCPs and other sources of help.

[Book here](#)



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Wellbeing strategies for parent carers (14 November)

Parents will look at how stress affects them, learn practical tips to improve resilience, and leave with their own personal wellbeing plan.

[Book here](#)

Free advice resources and support for families

Online guides and factsheets

We offer a wide range of online guides packed with detailed advice for families. Whether they need help with specific benefits, education support, social care services, behaviour concerns or something else – our guides are here to help.

Parents can search [our Resource Hub](#), take a look at [our full publications list](#), or even download our guides [in e-publication format](#) for easy on-the-go support when they're offline.

FAQs tool and Charlie the Chatbot

Even when our [helpline team](#) of advisers aren't around, families can still access advice and information quickly and easily by using [our free FAQs tool](#).

[Our online chatbot](#) can also help parents find the support they need, whenever they need it – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Free Helpful Guide for families (and professionals!)

We offer UK parent carers a free 100-page booklet with all of the information and advice they may need to access support and enjoy life with their disabled child – from the early years through to adulthood.

Tell your families they can [order their copy our Helpful Guide here](#) – or order [your own reference copy](#) and we'll include some bookmarks that you can hand out to any parents who may be interested.



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SAFELINE'S ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Wednesday 27th of November 2024

Online Safety

5- 6pm

Wednesday 4th of December 2024

Mental health

5- 6pm

Wednesday 11th of December 2024

Bullying and Sexual Harassment

5-6pm

If you wish to attend please email

ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk

Zoom meeting ID - 765 294 7590

This workshop provides key knowledge around keeping your child safe online, some of the risks of the online world, guidance around bullying and harassment and also tips and strategies of helping your child improve their mental health and self-esteem.



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Have a safe halloween



-  Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
-  Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
-  Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
-  Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
-  Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.

Sorry, NO trick or treat



Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'



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Wishing you all a happy and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 4th November.

Best wishes,
Michelle Crowe
Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Autumn Term 2 2024	Autumn Term 2 2024
Monday 4 November (School reopens to pupils)	Monday 2 December 2.00pm KS1 (Yr 1 and 2) Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 November Whole School Diwali Dance Workshop	Tuesday 3 December 6.00pm KS1 (Yr 1 and 2) Christmas Performance
Friday 8 November 9.00am Reading Inspire Workshop Reception Parents only	Thursday 5 December 2.30pm Reception Nativity Performance
Friday 8 November 3.15pm FoES Reception and Year 1 Cake Sale	Friday 6 December 9.30am Reception Nativity Performance
Monday 11 November Full Governing Board Meeting	Monday 9 December 6.00pm Community Musical Ensemble Community Centre
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Friday 15 November Reception Eye Screening	Friday 13 December 2.00pm – 3.00pm Curriculum Open Afternoon
Thursday 21 November 9.30am 2025 Reception Parents Open Morning	Tuesday 17 December 9.30am-10.30am Christmas Service at Church ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help us walk to and from Church
Friday 29 November Years 5 and 6 Loudmouth Theatre Productions Helping Hands – Online Safety Drama Workshops	Last day of term: Friday 20 December
	Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025
	Monday 6 January 2025 (Teacher Training Day)
	Tuesday 7 January 2025 (School reopens to pupils)



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