

Ettington Church of England Primary School

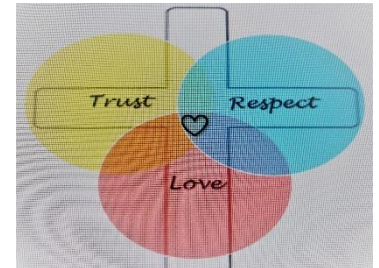
Newsletter 2

1st November 2023

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

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

Trust yourself, you know more than you think. (Benjamin Spock)



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

I hope you like the new layout for the newsletter, I have decided there is far too much information to give you using our previous format! If you haven't already filled in the photo permissions form for your child/children then please do as soon as possible. It would be lovely to include photos on the newsletter moving forward.

The first few weeks have flown by; we are delighted by how well the children have settled into routines. Walking around the school, I have seen brilliant learning and have been sent some amazing work to see already. We are so pleased with the fantastic accomplishments of our children, the ethic of excellence with high quality teaching, building learning habits and flourishing children continues day-in day-out.

Stars of the Week

Week ending 15.9.2023	Week ending 22.9.2023	Week ending 29.9.2023
Year 1: Luca Year 2: Trixie Year 3: Elina Year 4: Ellie Year 5: Ariella Year 6: Elliott	Year 1: George Year 2: Leon Year 3: Alfie Year 4: Jude Year 5: Chace Year 6: Louis Star writer: Bella (Year 6)	Year 1: Phoebe Year 2: Amber Year 3: Evie Year 4: Luca Year 5: Tabitha Year 6: Sienna Star writer: Charlie (Year 5)

Open events

It was lovely to see so many faces, old and new, at our SEND and Community coffee sessions and to welcome you to our Meet the Teacher events. Thank you.

Uniform

Firstly, I wanted to thank you all of your efforts with uniform this September. The children look very smart and are taking pride in their appearance. I wanted to remind you that there is some 'nearly new uniform' which FOES help us with. If you need some uniform, then please contact them via the admin3024@welearn365.com email.

Please don't forget to send your children into school with coats.

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School Council

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Councillors, democratically voted into office by their peers. They are – Year 1: Edward and Emily; Year 2: Ernie and Nancy; Year 3: Alfie and Zaria; Year 4: Jude and Emily; Year 5: Barnaby and Florence and Year 6: Louis and Erin.

The School Council have an incredibly important job as the voice of the children in our school to shape change. I very much look forward to working with the team over the year.

ECO Council

Congratulations to our newly appointed Eco Councillors, democratically voted into office by their peers. They are – Year 3: Jasper and Edie; Year 4: Austin and Martha; Year 5: Ethan and Jess and Year 6: Elliott and Jack.

The councillors have met with Mrs Cooke, our ECO champion and school lead, and have discussed numerous ideas on how we can work as a school can contribute to protecting our planet. The children are kicking off by developing an initiative in school to reduce waste and increase sustainability. Watch this space for more information!

Home Learning Expectations

Our Homework expectations are the same as last year. Homework is always difficult to agree on as some parents want more and some want less! Homework can be a wonderful way to become involved in your child's education. It also promotes time management and academic discipline as well as being a fun way to practise skills or find out new things. We focus on basic knowledge and skills to reinforce learning at home, yet still giving time for family life.

All children from Reception to Year 6 should be reading to an adult at home a minimum of **5** times per week. Research shows that children who read in their spare time are more likely to do well in school, have strong friendships, have better mental health, better paying jobs and happier lives! We prioritise reading with whole class reading lessons, individual quiet reading and a class story time every day, so please prioritise 10-15 minutes a day at home too.

Children who attend BASE wrap around care can choose to be supported with reading and homework. Please ask BASE staff who will be happy to help.

Hopefully by now, all children from Years 1-6 will have been issued with their Google Classroom logins (if they have forgotten from last year). All home learning tasks will be published using Google Classroom. Parents in Reception will have been issued with logins for Tapestry.

Logins for your child's accounts are in the front of their reading journals.

Free School Meals (FSM)

You may be eligible for Free School Meals, please check the video link below!

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

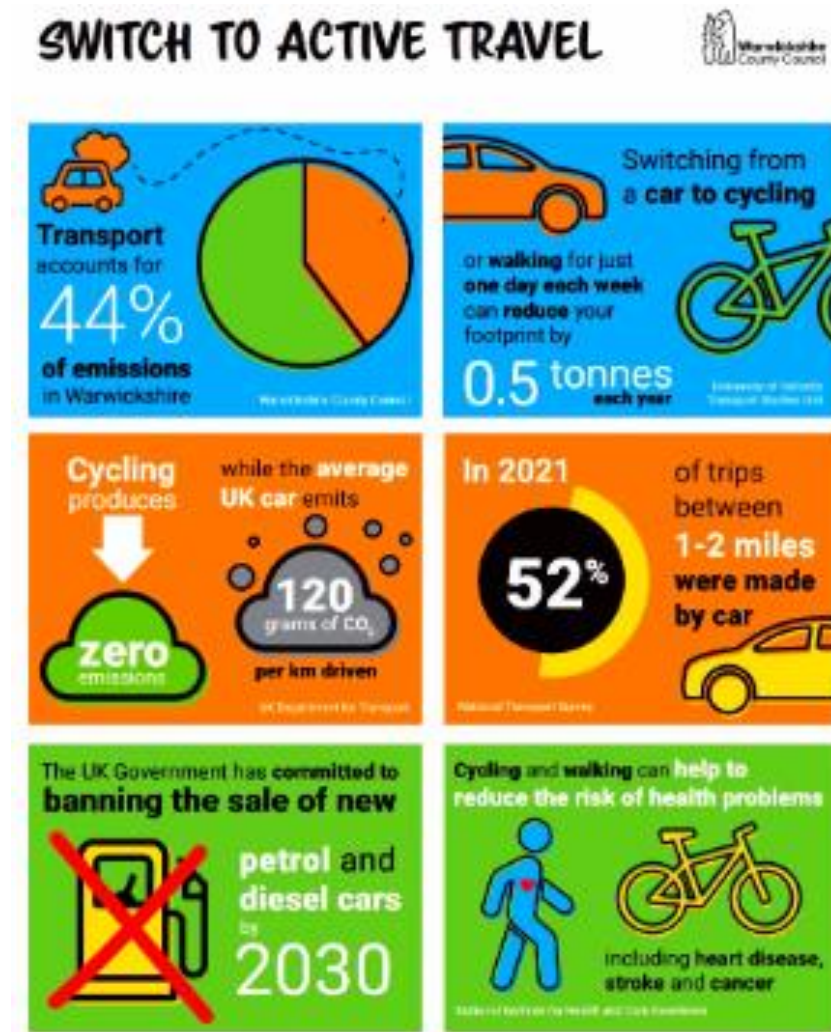


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Active Travel

I also wanted to thank the many parents who have tried to walk to school more and who are not parking directly outside our school. I have noticed a marked improvement in the places people are parking as well as a few less cars around Churchill Close. Thank you, this is important for ALL of the community. Children are warmly encouraged to cycle or scoot safely to school. There are scooter and bike racks near the entrance gate to school. Children should wear a helmet.

There should be no scooting or cycling on site. We have nearly 200 children at the school and families dropping off and collecting so the safest rule is for **everyone** to dismount at the school gates.



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Attendance

A new school year marks a fresh start for children to reconnect with friends and it's a chance to reset their patterns of behaviour, including attendance. Every professional adult and parent that interacts with a child plays an integral part in supporting children back to school.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

The Chief Medical Officer and other health leaders have just written to schools on illnesses and attendance. You can read the letter here. [Chief Medical Officer letter to schools](#)

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school by 9.00am on the first day to let us know that your child won't be in and give the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know. Here are the most common illnesses and the NHS advice.

[A Parents Guide to Keeping Children Healthy.](#)

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with vomiting or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

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Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat headlice and nits without seeing a GP. If possible, please inform school, we can send out a generic letter to hopefully stop them from spreading.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.



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Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

The link below will direct you to Top Safety Links for you and your family.

[Top Safety Tips for Parents](#)

Promoting Partnerships with Parents EYFS information for Reception Parents

Practical activities/strategies such as Warwickshire 50 things and relevant websites that you can use to support current learning in the home.

[What to expect, when](#)

[50 things to do in Warwickshire](#)

Visit a National Trust place for free this autumn

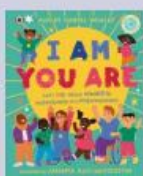
The National Trust is giving away a number of free passes for families to use between 18 September and 20 October 2023.

Each single-use pass allows free entry for two adults and up to three children, one adult and up to four children, or two adults on their own.

Find out more here: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>.

Book recommendations

Ages 4-7: A colourful and powerful book about how we are all different and we should be proud and celebrate these differences.



Ages 6-8 years: Keisha wants to stand up for what's right! Funny and full of fabulous illustrations.



Ages 8+: Stuntboy is back with adventures involving escaped iguanas and battling bullies - readers will be entertained whilst learning about tough real-life situations



Ages 9-11: In Nazi-occupied Amsterdam in 1942, Hannie joins the Resistance. In the modern day, Liv is trying to cope with bullies at school. Heart-breaking, thought-provoking but a must-read.



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996. The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise: Head teachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for. It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits. Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence may be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996. Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.



Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

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Dates for your calendar and diary

Autumn 1

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

Tuesday 24th October 6pm-7.30pm
Phonics Workshop for Reception
and KS1 Parents

Thursday 26th October
Children Break up for Half Term

Friday 27th October
INSET Day

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
Advent Windows around the village
Information to follow

Thursday 7th December 2.30pm
Friday 8th December 9.30am
Reception Nativity in school



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	<p>Tuesday 12th December 2pm Wednesday 13th December 6pm KS1 Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production in school</p> <p>Thursday 14th December 9.30am-10.30am KS2 Christmas Worship for Parents in Church Years 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Wednesday 20th December 6pm Community Carol Service – led by children of Ettington Church of England Primary School starting at the Community Centre</p> <p>Friday 22nd December End of Term</p>
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