



Newsletter

May 2017

Message from the Governors

I am writing this message on behalf of the Governing Body.

The Governors have had a discussion, at a recent meeting, with regards to the continued issues of the unacceptable whole school attendance level that is currently 93.9%. This is below the national average and is in the lowest 10 primary schools in Leicester!

As a school, since the last inspection, we have had many successes and achieved a range of awards that we can all be proud of. However, we now need to work together to improve attendance to get as close as possible to the target that we have set ourselves. So please, in this final term of the school year, ensure your child attends school every day.

Hameeda Sidat
Chair of Governors



What's happening this term?

School Uniform on Sale

Monday 12th June
8.45am—9.15am (Main Entrance)
3pm—3.30pm (Main Entrance)

Educational Visits & Events

Tuesday 6th June—Year 4/5/6 visit to Saffron Lane Athletics event

Wednesday 7th June—Year 5/6 Greek Vases Potter visitor

w/c 12th June—Phonics testing week

Thursday 15th June—Year 5/6 Author visit

Monday 3rd July—Sports Day
EYFS & KS1—morning
KS2—afternoon

Tuesday 4th July—Year 6 transition day
Wednesday 5th July & Thursday 6th July—New Classes

Wednesday 12th July—Year 6 Performance 2pm & 6.30pm

Summer Half Term Break

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June inclusive.

Summer holidays

School closes on Friday 14th July and re-opens on Tuesday 29th August

Please see the website for all term dates.

Attendance Target—96%

Current Attendance Rates

UKS2	Apr %	Aug to Apr %
SS	94.8%	94.4% (95%)
FC	96.3%	94.1% (94.8%)
LF	96.1%	95% (95.6%)

LKS2	Apr %	Aug to Apr %
AI	93.8%	94% (94.7%)
JS	89.8%	94.8% (95.5%)
SV	95.5%	95% (95.7%)

KS1	Apr %	Aug to Apr %
NM	97.4%	95% (95.6%)
BC	93.2%	93.7% (94.4%)
MC	89.7%	91.8% (92.4%)

FS	Apr %	Aug to Apr %
LI	90.9%	94.5% (95.1%)
RW	93.3%	93.9% (94.5%)
MP / am	89.6%	91.8% (92.4%)
MP / pm	85.5%	85.7% (86.4%)

April Whole School—93.4%

On-going Whole School— 93.9% (94.5%)

On-going Whole School excl. F1 —94.2% (94.8%)

(The ongoing attendance data in brackets shows what would happen if religious observance was included in the attendance data)

EVINGTON VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Evington Valley Road - Leicester LE5 5LL

Attendance Matters!

When all other areas of work are going from strength to strength attendance continues to be a concern. The school's attendance rate is still below the national average and in an inspection would be identified as an area where we have not made enough progress since the last inspection.

The figures in the tables below show just how much of an impact on attainment and progress poor attendance can have.

Below 95% attendance

	Number of pupils	Pupils who are working below expected attainment or who are making slower than expected progress	
		Number of pupils	% of pupils
Year 1	25	8	32%
Year 2	16	10	62%
Year 3	9	6	67%
Year 4	22	18	82%
Year 5	20	8	40%
Year 6	24	14	58%
TOTAL	116	64	55%

Below 90% attendance – Persistent Absentees

	Number of pupils	Pupils who are working below expected attainment or who are making slower than expected progress	
		Number of pupils	% of pupils
Year 1	7	3	43%
Year 2	7	6	86%
Year 3	3	2	67%
Year 4	11	9	82%
Year 5	10	5	50%
Year 6	8	5	63%
TOTAL	46	30	65%

Please work with us and ensure your child makes the most of their education and achieves to their potential by attending school every day!

First Day Calling

As you are aware, we have recently undertaken a staffing structure review which has led to a reduction in Teaching Assistant hours. As such, Mrs Amjed will now be making all telephone calls to parents who rang the school office **by 9am** to inform us that their child is going to be absent. During the telephone conversation, Mrs Amjed will be asking for the reason for the absence.

Latecomers

Any child that is late into school will need to be brought to the main reception. Mrs Amjed will ask for the reason for the lateness and will log this on the school system. At this point, Mrs Amjed may have a discussion with the parent to remind them of the need for their child to be at school on-time.