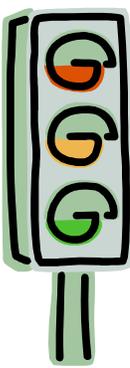


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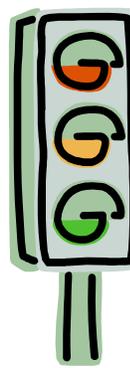


Behaviour - Traffic Lights

At the Academy we use a 'Traffic Light' system to warn children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. The aim is for the children to stay in green. For children to display green behaviour; they would be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

This week **330** out of **334** children have stayed in Green.

Well done!



Pandas	Spiders	Frogs	Ladybirds	Lions	Butterflies	Penguins	Leopards	Meerkats	Tigers	Panthers	Eagles
45/45	27/27	25/25	20/20	21/21	25/25	31/31	32/33	24/26	26/27	25/25	27/27

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Spiders 85.9% 2 lates	Ladybirds 90% 1 late
Frogs 91.2% 1 late	Butterflies% 94% 4 lates
Lions 92.9% 4 lates	Penguins 93.2% 2 lates
Leopards 95.5% 2 lates	Meerkats 96.5% 2 lates
Panthers 98% 1 late	Tigers 98.1% 4 lates
Eagles 96.3% 6 lates	Leopards 95.5% 2 lates

Attendance and Lates

Whole School: 93.9%

29 Lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96.5%

Year to date is 95.4%



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 Tigers-@EstcourtYear4_5
 Panthers-@EstcourtYear5
 Eagles-@EstcourtYear6

Academy Blog: estcourtprimary.net

Academy Website:
www.estcourtprimary.org.uk

Estcourt Primary You Tube Channel

Upcoming Key Dates:

- Every Wednesday 2.30- 3.00pm - Parent Drop in with Mrs Finn & Mrs Leslie
- Every Monday 8.40 – 9.00am - Stay & Read for Y1 ,2 & 3
- Every Friday 8.45 – 9.15 am Phonics Friday for F1 & F2 /Afternoon session for F1 2.30- 3.00pm
- Tuesday 9th Feb - 12.45pm-2.45pm - Phonics Workshop for parents**
- Thursday 11th Feb— Swimming Championships Y4,5&6 (Ennerdale Leisure Centre)
- Friday 12th Feb— close for half term break
- Monday 22nd Feb—school re-opens
- Tuesday 23rd Feb - 2.30pm - Maths Workshop**
- Tuesday 1st March— Rugby Competition Y3&4 (Victoria Dock Academy)
- Thursday 24th March - close for Easter Break
- Monday 11th April - school re-opens

The children in F1 have been really confident this week, especially in PE. Our newest children were introduced to benches and they did brilliant balancing and then jumping onto a mat! It has been lovely to see some of them being so resilient, at first thinking that jumping was too difficult but then having a try - well done F1!

We have worked really hard in F2 on our handwriting this week. We have also been working hard to solve subtraction problems.



What an excellent week the Butterflies have had! They have enjoyed their new topic 'Cars'. So far they have wrote a report all about cars, created timeline to show the history of cars as well as carry out an experiment to see which material makes a car travel the furthest.



What a fantastic week in Lions and Ladybirds! In maths we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes and sorting them into different categories. We have also had a lot of fun learning about different types of animals in topic.



Tigers have enjoyed a fabulous week. They have produced some amazing discussion texts based around Harry Potter. The whole class also have worked really hard on their grammar by using prepositional phrases and modal verbs. In maths they have worked really hard on multiplication and division and shown great resilience when faced with some difficult tasks. During their topic work Year 5 have drawn a fabulous TARDIS using lines to show movement and Year 4 have answered questions based around Dr Who's feelings and emotions due to his relationship with the Daleks.

This week the Penguins have worked hard to look at the features of a persuasive letter and have had a go at writing one! In Maths they have worked on different methods for multiplication. In Topic the children have been writing a newspaper report, creating a collage, ordering items on a timeline, investigating friction and they have enjoyed their in and outdoor PE sessions. They are excited about joining the rest of the school and using My Maths for their homework!



This week some of the Meerkats were incredibly lucky to be able to take part in an athletics tournament at Ennerdale. All of the children worked extremely hard and were model examples of our school using all of their 5 Rs to help them along the way.

This week the Panthers have been learning all about Tracy Beaker! We wrote persuasive letters in hope that we could persuade someone to adopt her!



Leopards have been working very hard on their poetry for the last 2 weeks. We have wrote a poem all about Fungus the Bogeyman and now we have write a poem all about our topic, Doctor Who. Head to our blog to see Samuel's poem.

<http://leopardsyear3.estcourtprimary.net/2016/01/29/if-i-met-doctor-who/>



Parent Voice

As a result of Parent Voice, we have now set up every pupil in the school to receive My Maths homework online. Every Friday, the class teacher will set the class their homework online and it is to be completed by the following Friday. Children should have all received usernames and passwords. Please see the class teacher if you require another copy.

My Maths is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription website for schools that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. It is used in over 70 countries by approximately four million students each year! It builds children's skills, confidence and fluency in maths through lessons, homework, games and booster packs. It is suitable for age 5 upwards, it includes stretching content for all Primary pupils and assesses progress of every child with instant feedback for teacher and child.

No internet? Don't panic! All children who do not have internet access will be given the opportunity to complete it in a Wednesday homework club available at school.

We will also be holding a Maths workshop for family and friends at 2:30pm on Tuesday 23rd February.



A fantastic week in the Eagles. In Topic, they have looked

closely at the use of gravitational forces as they were interested to find out how tardis move.

Ultimately, the Eagles discovered that the more surface area there is, the quicker objects fall to the ground.

We have had several complaints regarding a youth who is riding his motorbike on the footpath down Rosmead Street. If you do see this youth please report it to the police as soon as possible. Thank you

A polite request to parents with pushchairs. Could we please ask that you do not block the gate at the entrance to the Foundation unit. Thank you

Also we have had a complaint about parents being abusive to the school crossing patrol lady, her job is to keep the children safe so could we please ensure that we respect her whilst she is doing this. Thank you

As a result of the Parent Voice meeting please find materials from the Reading and Phonic workshop on the website at the following link: http://www.estcourtprimary.org.uk/Reading_and_Phonics

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Coulman or Mrs Midgley.



There will also be a Phonics Workshop held in the family room on Tuesday 9th February (12:45 - 2:45pm) for parents. The focus will be on how Phonics helps children to read and spell. They will also make games and activities and look at how ICT can be used to support children at home.