

# Year 1 Summer 1 Newsletter

## Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

**Well done to the following children who had 100% attendance last half term:** Reilly A, Charlie B, Brooklyn C, Connor D, Elliot H, Kaleb L, Lucy M, Lucas P, Jayden W, Sonny W

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

## Pupil Reward Points

### **Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!**

The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform. Children also earn 5 points if they are picked to celebrate their work in the Thursday 'Star of the Week' assembly. Children additionally earn points through job roles - the wage of points is preparing children for their later life. Children save points and spend them at the academy swap shop. We will keep you updated as to who the current leaders are.





## Reading

To promote *reading for pleasure*, we have reinstated Bug Club !

Bug Club is a fantastic online resource that allows reading to be interactive and exciting. It takes children on a personalised reading journey where the only limits are their imaginations. Not only does it allow children to read a range of books online, but it also delivers comprehension style questioning to promote children's understanding of the books that they have read.

All children should have been provided with usernames and passwords for the website. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you require another copy.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

*Hint!* Reading on Bug Club also counts as 'a read' in the children's Home Reading Journal.



## P.E. / Sport

### PE

The Ladybirds PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor).

The Lions PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday (outdoor) and a Thursday (indoor). The children will have the opportunity to work outside for PE once a week so we ask that you send suitable footwear and suitable outdoor PE kit if the weather is cold. Any children who have their ears pierced must have them covered or removed for PE. Please send your child with something for them to cover their ears with e.g. medical tape or plasters.



## Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- Maths. This goes out on a Friday online and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- Spellings to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- Reading: each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Children are required to read 4 x a week at home.

Ensuring this is completed every week, children will be rewarded with a reward trip at the end of the term!

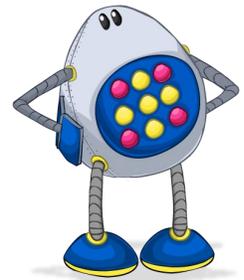
## MyMaths



The Lions and the Ladybirds class have been given the exciting opportunity to complete their 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.

MyMaths 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 an afternoon.



### Remember to keep up to date with us!

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@Estcourtprimary



Blog: [estcourtprimary.net](http://estcourtprimary.net)

The children love having replies and retweets on our twitter accounts. A huge thank you to all of the families and friends that have followed us! Please continue to encourage our children by replying and commenting on our tweets.

### Purple Mash

We encourage the children to use Purple Mash. It is a learning tool which supports learning through fun games relating to Computing, History, Geography, Science, Maths, Literacy as well as PSHE and Celebrations and Faiths.

**Children have been provided with a log in and password, if you have any queries about Purple Mash, please ask your child's teacher.**