

Newsletter 06/05/2016

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 many children have achieved this each week.

This week the **332** out of **338** children have stayed in Green.

Well done!

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| Pandas | Spiders | Frogs | Ladybirds | Lions | Butterflies | Penguins | Leopards | Meerkats | Tigers | Panthers | Eagles | | | |
| 51/51 | 26/26 | 25/25 | 20/20 | 20/20 | 25/25 | 29/30 | 33/33 | 25/27 | 26/28 | 24/25 | 28/28 | | | |

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Spiders
92.2% 1 lates

Frogs
94% 2 lates

Ladybirds
84.4% 1 late

Lions
89.4% 2 lates

Butterflies
100% 1 late

Attendance and Lates

Whole School:
93.7% 15 Lates

Our attendance target for the year is **96.4%**

Year to date is **95.3%**

Penguins
92.9% 3 lates

Leopards
97.7% 1 late

Meerkats
98.1% 1 late

Tigers
93.3% 3 lates

Panthers
88.5% 1 late

Eagles
95.5% 1 late



Clubs

Mondays

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| iPad | Mrs Amor |
| Science | Miss Suthers |
| Football | Mr Kelly |
| Athletics | Mr Forrest |

Wednesdays

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| Art | Miss Carter |
| Football Y5&6 | Mr Ullah |
| Cookery | Mrs Garrard |
| Dance | Miss Newlove |

Thursdays

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| Climbing | Mr Rennardson |
| Enterprise | Mrs Hutchinson |
| Film | Mrs Garn |
| Singing | Miss Wilkinson |
| Lego | Mrs Hewitt |
| Art | Miss Puckering |
| Football | Mr Forrest |
| French | Miss Jeacock |
| Change for Life | Mrs Hartley |

Upcoming Key Dates

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| Every Wed 2.30-3.00pm | Parent Drop in with Mrs Finn & Mrs Leslie |
| Every Mon 8.40am-9.00am | Stay & Read for Y1 2 & 3 |
| Every Fri 8.45am-9.15am | Phonics Friday for F1&F2 |
| Every Fri 12:15-12:45pm | Phonics Friday Afternoon for F1 |
| Week Commencing 9th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Week Commencing 16th May | Year 2 SATs week |
| Wed 25th May | Edale Parents' Meeting for Year 5 |
| Fri 27 th May | Rugby Competition Y5&6 |
| Fri 27 th May | Academy closes for half term break |
| Tues 7 th June | Academy re-opens |
| Tues 14 th June | Olympic Athlete Sponsored Assault Course |
| Wed 15 th June | Costello Athletics Championship Y4,5&6 |
| Fri 17 th June | Mixed Quick Cricket for Y5&6 |



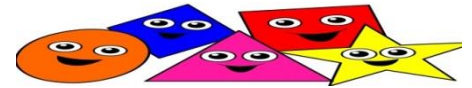
We have tried to fit a lot of information about ladybirds into a very short week in F1! Next week we will be discussing bees. Jasmine made this amazing book as homework, please have a look next time you visit us! [FS1-@EstcourtFS1](#)

Our Nursery offers flexible hours for every child, any hours above the 15 your child is entitled to are only charged at £3.00 per hour. Please note extra hours are always available to you and there is always the option to change your child's hours if needs be. We know now is the time many of you want to increase the hours your children have at Nursery to help prepare them for the transition to Reception in September. Please see the Nursery staff for more details.

This week, in Maths, Year 1 were really excited when learning about halves and quarters of shapes. They used their knowledge and were able to tackle a problem solving question which was super! In topic they learnt about a butterfly's life cycle and they made a beautiful collage of a butterfly using a range of different materials. Well done on another fantastic week Year 1!

Please note Year 1 will take part in a phonics screening test in June. Please visit www.phonicsplay.co.uk and click on 'free phonics play' for some games which will help the children practice sounding out real and made up words.

[Lions-@EstcourtYear1](#)
[Ladybirds-@EstcourtYear1](#)



[FS2-@EstcourtFS2](#)



This week F2 have been super smart scientists we have been exploring mixing in our messy kitchen and finding more out about different life cycles with our stick insects, tadpoles and eggs.

It has been a super busy, yet short week, the Penguins and the Butterflies have been working extremely hard in their writing, they have been describing George from George's Marvellous Medicine and were able to include a lot of amazing and interesting vocabulary!



[Penguins-@EstcourtYear2_3](#)
[Butterflies-@EstcourtYear2](#)

Leopards have had a super week which involved a rugby session with Hull FC! We love the nice weather; it's making our training sessions so much more fun!



[Leopards-@EstcourtYear3](#)

This week the Tigers have worked really hard on factors, square numbers and division during maths. In writing they have produced some amazing narrative writing on Peter Pan as well as some amazing newspaper reports based on the mini film "Pigeon Impossible". During topic the children have found out more about Charles Darwin and his "Theory of Evolution" by studying his work on finches and looking at how human skulls have evolved over time. The children would love to tell you all about it.

[Tigers-@EstcourtYear4_5](#)

A massive well done to all of the Eagles this week! They have worked unbelievably hard in their revision process before SATs next week. They have used all of their confidence, courage and determination to make themselves succeed. They cannot wait for next week to show off their hard work. Well done Eagles!



[Eagles-@EstcourtYear6](#)



Meerkats have been focusing on improving their imaginative description in Writing and deepened their knowledge of decimals in Maths. Conductors of electricity were the focus in Science this week and the children used their superb curiosity and initiative to investigate different materials.



[Meerkats-@EstcourtYear4](#)

The Panthers have had an interesting week; our focus has been on reasoning in Maths! We have also been practising some SATs style questions as an extra activity and we have really enjoyed doing it as a CTG!



[Panthers-@EstcourtYear5](#)

Handwriting is a focus throughout the Academy. For a child to be at the expected national standard in Year 2, they are expected write capital letters and lower case letters, using the correct size and orientation, and use diagonal and horizontal strokes to join letters.

Children work towards this from the very beginning of their Academy life. Please see the video of some beautiful handwriting from Year 1.



Estcourt Sport



Huge congratulations to our Y4 girls who recently won gold at the biathlon competing against 10 other schools. On Wednesday 4th May children from Year 4 and 5 went to the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield to take part in the SPTA Primary Games and finished a respectable 6th.

Pupil Reward Points!

We are sure you are aware children are rewarded credits for their green behaviour whilst in the Academy; therefore sometimes children may be given paper credits with a specific value from members of staff around the Academy, not just their teachers. Children can upload their reward credits onto their individual profile counts at home. If you would like further support to show you or your child how to do this, see Mrs Beech and Mrs Finn at Wednesday's Parent Drop In, or catch them on the playground. Children can spend their credits at our Swap Shop!

Thank you to those who are fully supporting the Academy uniform policy we are you sure agree how smart the children look. Please ensure your children wear black or white flat shoes with covered toes in line with the policy to reduce the likelihood of any injuries to feet. For further information the full uniform policy can be found on the website - www.estcourtprimary.org.uk



Academy Blog: estcourtprimary.net
Academy Website: www.estcourtprimary.org.uk
Estcourt Primary YouTube Channel

Safeguarding

At Estcourt Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Finn. In her absence, you should contact Mrs Hewitt. In addition, Mrs Midgley-Wright, Leader of Learning and Mrs Capon, Safeguarding Support, work closely with Mrs Finn. They can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

