

EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Giving Children Roots and Wings



Value and British Value
for November

Peace
(Democracy)

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 10th November 2017

Dear Families

Pudsey Bear Visit

We were enchanted by our visit from Pudsey Bear this week! He met all the children in all the classes and they thoroughly enjoyed his visit. We were able to hand over our fund-raising money of over £150 to this fabulous cause.

Beautiful Batiks

The children's beautiful batik artwork is now shown in all its splendour in the school hall. We are really thrilled with the results and are looking forward to the Bishop of Hereford's visit on **Monday 20 November at 10.00** for a special ceremony. Do join us if you can!

Our very grateful thanks to FOES for funding this fantastic art experience for all the children!

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you all for your valued responses to our parent questionnaire in July. The Governors have seen and discussed each and every one of them. We have attached a summary of the views expressed and outcomes to this letter.

Congratulations to Isabelle in Rowan Class who has a new little brother – best wishes to the family

All good wishes

Bridget Knight.

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NOTICES AND INFORMATION

We were delighted to be able to give our Bizzie Lizzie 'Walking Bus' children hi-vis jackets for their walk to and from school each day. They look fantastic and you can certainly see them coming!

Clubs

Yoga Club – There will be no Yoga Club 27th November.

Computer Club – cancelled on 27th November

Winter Clothing

Please ensure your child has a coat with him or her in school now the weather has turned chilly.

PE Kit

As the weather is getting more wintery and we do try and carry on with PE outside wherever possible, please ensure your children have joggers and warmer clothes with them for PE. If your child takes part in running club, an extra pair of socks in their bag would be useful as the grass is quite wet now. Thank you.

Pantomime at The Courtyard, Hereford

If any of you are planning a trip to Sleeping Beauty at The Courtyard over the next few weeks, please look out for our Year 6 pupil, Frank Cleal, who is playing the part of Little Hubbub as part of the blue cast.

We are very proud of Frank for earning a part in this production and for all the hard work he is putting in towards the performances.

Please do support him if you are able.

Remembrance Day

We are all 'living the value' of peace this month. It is such a lovely value, for November in particular. All the children have written their own prayers for peace on a special Peace Poppy, which we shall display in the school grounds.

We were very pleased to be joined by members of our Eardisley village community for our 2-minute silence, which was then followed by our traditional laying of poppy petals at the cross. We are very grateful to Mr Stuart Brain for accompanying us with the Last Post, and to Mr Phil Whittall for bringing the Standard to our ceremony.

All the children got together in one of our assemblies to create this new school prayer. I am sure you will agree that they have created a prayer of great beauty and wisdom.

The Eardisley CE Primary School Prayer 2017

*Dear God
Thank you for sharing your goodness.
Please:
Give us peace in our hearts,
Love in our souls,
Kindness in our hands,
The strength to be hopeful and helpful -
To follow in Jesus's footsteps.
In all that we do may our values shine through.
In Jesus's name,
Amen*

Message from Year 6 – Christmas Hamper

Year 6 are holding a raffle to win a Christmas Hamper to raise money for our end of year trip/hoodies. Tickets will cost £2 each. We would be very grateful for donations of items to go into the hamper from Year 6 parents/guardians. Thank you.

Written by Ben and Frank (fellow Year 6s).

What's happening next week?

Monday	Netball Club Yoga Club Computer Club	Thursday	Rainbows – after school KS2 Dance Club
Tuesday	Year 5 Taster Day at LHS Mother & Toddler Group am Football Club	Friday	Planetarium in school
Wednesday	Swimming Oak Class KS1 Dance Club Art Club		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday, 14 th November	Year 5 Taster Day at LHS
Friday, 17 th November	Planetarium in school
Monday, 20 th November	Official Opening of the School Hall with the Bishop of Hereford 10.30 am Hi 5 Netball at LHS
Wednesday, 22 nd November	6.30 FOES Meeting
Wednesday, 29 th November	YR 5/6 Spelling Bee at LHS
Thursday, 30 th November	Rowan Class to Madley FOES Craft Fair in evening 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Tuesday, 5 th December	Pm KS1 Dress Rehearsal Nativity in church
Wednesday, 6 th December	Pm KS1 Nativity in church
Friday, 8 th December	3.30 FOES Christmas Fayre
Wednesday, 13 th December	Christmas Lunch in school
Thursday 14 th December	6.30 pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service in evening
Friday, 15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays



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(with lids).

The **Christmas Fete** is creeping ever closer and to make sure the children have a fantastic time we are planning early.

Ways in which you can help

- We are looking for suitable donations for our ever popular, ELVES WORKSHOP. Please can you bring items into school ASAP and leave in the school office for collection.
 - We will also be grateful for any EMPTY JAM JARS
- Can you help set up the hall? Could you run an activity or a stall? Would you kindly help to clear away at the end of the day? If you can please contact Kelly Gore or Yvonne Harter. Extra hands are always welcome

We will be holding a brief meeting on **Wednesday 22nd November at 6.30pm** in the school hall. It would be lovely to see some new faces, and hear any further ideas for our Christmas events or future fundraisers.

Parent Questionnaire Responses, July 2017

20 questionnaires returned (each questionnaire therefore = 5%)

Question	% Parents Who Agree or Who Strongly Agree		Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	100%		
My child feels safe at this school	100%		
My child makes good progress at this school	95%		5%
My child is well looked after at this school	100%		
My child is taught well at this school	100%		
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	90%	Disagree 5%	5%
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	100%		
This school deals effectively with bullying	65%	Disagree 5%	30%
This school is well led and managed	100%		
This school responds well to any concern I raise	95%		5%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	100%		
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%		
Eardisley's values help my child to live and learn well.	100%		

What parents and carers like about the school:

- The values and friendliness between children of different ages.
- The help and kindness from teachers and the school is lovely.
- Teachers are fantastic. We are so grateful.
- The values.
- Range of activities is good. Supportive. Good values. Friendly.
- The way they understand and help!
- The familiar environment is like a second home for my child.
- The teachers are of a high standard and support staff very valuable. The outside area is a great bonus.
- Very wonderful teachers.
- So happy with Reception especially. It is such a family. I love the focus on art and music and spirituality and the commitment of FOES and parents and spontaneous hot chocolate in Oak!
- The children appear happy. The teachers come across as caring and kind. Wonderful atmosphere. Headteacher is approachable and has a lovely manner with the children.
- How you make learning fun and settle them in.
- I like that most days my child goes into school happy. The after-school clubs are fab. The one to one support provided when needed is amazing.
- Fantastic, caring environment, wonderfully led by the headteacher and where each and every child is nurtured.

- The school values. Like one big family.
- I love the values the school adopts and think its wonderful to see children of all ages from classes playing or working together and helping each other. The most important thing to me is that my children are happy enough to learn. I think the school is a fantastic place with some great staff members and children alike. I am pleased to say my children are very happy at Eardisley School. Thank you!
- Just that we are very pleased with the level of care our son received. Highly recommend this wonderful school.
- Thank you for everything you do.
- All staff are very friendly and helpful.

Is there anything you would like us to change or develop?

<i>Idea</i>	<i>Response</i>
<i>Please no more Horrid Henry books!</i>	<i>We're having a revamp of our KS2 books – Horrid Henry books are tatty because they are so popular with the children! We recognise that they aren't to everyone's taste though!</i>
<i>More fun/non-uniform days</i>	<i>We try to do dressing up for Children in Need, Book Day – and for some FOES fun days too.</i>
<i>Stricter uniform</i>	<i>We try to promote the proper school uniform and discouraged the craze for out-sized bows and hair ribbons!</i>
<i>Homework – it's so hard to fit it all in when you are working</i>	<i>We really do appreciate this and will always offer to help children with homework during the school day – at lunchtimes – if we know about it. We also try to steer a good course with homework – it is so beneficial to children but we don't want it to become burdensome – see our new Homework policy.</i>
<i>Allow us a week's holiday a year for family time</i>	<i>We have to follow government policy and guidelines and are only allowed to authorise holidays in exceptional circumstances.</i>
<i>More emphasis on wellbeing than on academic attainment</i>	<i>We really do try to achieve a good balance – our Values Quality Mark shows we do really well with promoting social, moral, cultural and spiritual values, including well being.</i>
<i>More trips?</i>	<i>We try to achieve a good balance of trips and visiting speakers, bearing in mind cost too. We're planning a big trip this year – but if you have any ideas, please do let us know.</i>
<i>Having to wait for children in different classes to come out</i>	<i>The school day finishes at 3.10pm for Rowan and Willow Class. The school day finishes at 3.15pm for Beech and Oak Class. We do aim for children to be out within 5 minutes or so from these times.</i>

We always welcome working in partnership with parents and know from experience that you have great ideas, so please keep them coming.