

# EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Giving Children Roots and Wings*



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Value and British Value  
for October  
**Tolerance**  
(Respect for Law & Tolerance of  
other Faiths.)

Dear Families

We were really treated at our assembly time this week! On Wednesday Mr Paul Jennings, the headteacher at Lady Hawkins School and Mrs Bennison came with our 'old boys', Carys, Ollie and Damian to talk to the children about life at High School. They spoke very highly of LHS and Mr Jennings was very impressed with what he saw at Eardisley too!

This presentation was then followed by Verity and Rachael, who led our Keeping Safe assembly. It was so good! They told us all about keeping safe on the roads and on bikes during our dark evenings and promoted the use of hi-vis jackets. They then led a beautiful prayer and reflection time, followed by our song, Jesus's Hands are Kind Hands. They are running a poster competition – design a Be Bright, Be Seen poster. The closing date is 19 October and there will be a prize for the winner in every class!

Verity and Rachael's assembly inspired other children to come forward to offer to lead our worship, so we look forward to their efforts.

All good wishes

Bridget Knight

## NOTICES AND INFORMATION

### **A warm welcome to...**

This week we welcome Mr George, a student teacher, who is working in Oak Class. Mr George will be returning to work with us at Eardisley later on in the school year.

### **Clubs**

Yoga Club – advance warning  
There will be no Yoga Club on 6<sup>th</sup> November and 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Gardening Club – next week will be the last week for this club now until next year.

### **School Lunches**

Please don't forget that if you have only paid for lunches up to half term, we will need to receive payment for the remaining half of term to Christmas by Wednesday morning of next week unless you pay weekly etc. The cost will be 35 days at £2.20 = £77 per child.

### **Year 6 Fundraising**

Ben in Year 6 will be holding a 'guess how many sweets in a jar' competition on the playground next week.

### **School Nurse**

Our School Nurse, Georgina Rutherford, will be holding a drop in session for parents on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am. If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, please feel free to drop in and wait to see Mrs. Rutherford on this day.

### **Please remember - Rags2Riches collection on Wednesday**

It would be appreciated if the filled bags could be dropped off at school first thing on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October as we have limited space to store items. However, if this is not possible we will accept bags earlier. If you would like more bags please call in the office. Thank you.

### **Conker Competition – Thursday**



The Annual Conker Competition will take place during the school day on Thursday. Letters were sent out earlier in the week.

Children in Willow, Beech and Oak Classes are invited to take part. Hot dogs are available for all children, including Rowan class. Please complete the slip at the end of the letter. Children do not have to have a hot dog but if your child wishes to take part and or have a hot dog, slips must be sent into school by Tuesday.

### **Halloween Dress Up Day**

Please see below for information on the arrangements from FOES for next Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. Children are invited to come into school in Halloween Fancy Dress for £1 if they wish, and take part in other activities, again for £1. Please note that the children's dressing-up outfits do not have to be shop bought – we are always pleased to see home-made costumes and props.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccine**

Letters from the NHS will be sent out on Monday to all children in Year R-4 regarding the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme which will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> November in school. Please return these forms as soon as possible even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine. The school is required to chase up unreturned letters so please do return them as soon as you can. Further information is on the school website and will be in the letters.

### **Parent Governors**

We are pleased to report that we have had 2 nominations so far for Parent Governors and will inform you of the results next week after the nomination deadline has passed. Thank you to the parents who have agreed to be nominated.

### **DVDs Summer Production – last chance**

We have attached a final slip to order a DVD of Hoodwinked. Please ensure that this is sent into school by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. No further order can be taken after this date. Thank you.

### **Parent & Toddler Group**

If you have a pre-school toddler or baby, please don't forget that a Parent & Toddler Group runs in the school hall each Tuesday morning 9 – 11 am.



### **Shoebox Appeal**

If you do wish to take part please can all the filled boxes be returned to school on the Monday after half-term – 30<sup>th</sup> October? Thank you.

## **Prospective pupils?**

In order to help in our school organisation and future planning, if you have a pre-school child or baby please could you send in the slip at the end of the letter. You will not be committing to anything but it will give us an idea of the younger children in the area entering school age. Thank you for your support.

## **Global Handwashing Day**

It's Global Handwashing Day on Sunday 15 October. The annual initiative aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent the spread of infection and disease.

As we head towards the time of year, when Norovirus or the 'winter vomiting bug' is more prevalent, although you can catch it at any time of the year, it's important to ensure children wash their hands correctly.

It's important to wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before preparing food and not rely on alcohol hand gels, as they don't kill the virus.

To find out more about the initiative, visit the [Global Handwashing Day website](#) or for a helpful handwashing film, visit the [NHS Choices website](#).

## **Help protect your children online**

A new #BeCyberSmart campaign is launching on Monday 16 October. The campaign, led by West Mercia Police, aims to tackle cyberbullying and online harassment. Here is their advice for parents:

- Keep computers and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity. Also make sure the games your child plays online are age appropriate.
- Install parental control software or activate parental controls through your internet to prevent access to inappropriate content.
- 'Friend' or 'follow' your child on social networking sites, so you can see how they are using them.
- Check they are old enough to join any websites or social networks with age restrictions.
- Advise your child not to post personal information or any images they wouldn't want everyone to see.
- Avoid using webcams unless talking to close friends or family. Consider covering your webcam when it's not in use.
- Monitor your children's internet usage, and be watchful for any secretive behaviour.
- Encourage your child to be open about what they do online and who they talk to.

Further advice is available for parents and carers of children at [gov.uk](#).



FOES would like to give a huge thank you to the Whittall family who very kindly opened their home and swimming pool to everyone during the summer holidays. There were also lots of beautiful cakes baked by Jackie and other parents too. Jackie and Elise were perfect hostesses and raised a huge £151.50 all donated to FOES. Thank you again.

### HALLOWEEN

Once again FOES have organised a fancy dress for the children and a pumpkin carving competition. This will take place next Friday 20th October. There will be prizes for KS1 and KS2. Both £1 to enter. There will also be a cake sale and some games for the children afterschool in the playground. Any cake donations will be very much appreciated.

This year FOES has been asked to fundraise for new Ipads for the school. At present the school only has 2 and would like at least another 6-8 to allow children to work in small groups together. FOES will be organising events and activities specifically for this project during the year so any help /ideas would be greatly appreciated. I am sure you all agree that this would be a huge benefit for our children

Thanks

Yvonne Harter

### What's happening next week?

Monday	Quicksticks @ LHS pm Netball Club Yoga Club Computer Club	Thursday	Conker Competition pm Rainbows – after school Gardening Club KS2 Dance Club
Tuesday	Mother & Toddler Group am Beech Class to Craven Arms Football Club	Friday	Halloween Dress Up KS1 Multiskills Club
Wednesday	Rags2Riches collection Swimming Oak Class KS1 Dance Club		

Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Quicksticks at LHS 2.30-4.00 pm
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 am School Nurse Drop In Beech Class to Craven Arms
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Conkers!
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term Halloween Dress Up & Games
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 3 to LHS Literacy Day
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	1.30-2.30 pm Open Afternoon for new pupils
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccine day – Years R/1/2/3/4 (more details to follow)
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Taster Day at LHS (to be confirmed)

Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Official Opening of the School Hall with the Bishop of Hereford 10.30 am
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Rowan Class to Madley
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Infants' Nativity Play pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service in evening
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays



DVD - Summer Productions

I would like to order ..... copies of the DVD and enclose my donation of £3 per disc. (Cheques made payable to Eardisley School Fund please).

Print name .....

**Conker Competition Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October**

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to take part in the conker competition.

She/he will bring a conker and is aware of the need to behave sensibly and follow any safety instructions given by adults.

I encloses £2 for a hot dog per child  £ ..... total enclosed

Please tick if a vegetarian hot dog is required.

I hold a DBS and would be able to help on the afternoon

Signed ..... Print name .....

**Pre-School Age Children and babies**

Name	Date of birth