

# EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Giving Children Roots and Wings*



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Value and British Value  
for December  
**Gratitude**  
(Mutual Respect)

Dear Families

We were delighted to receive such a lovely email from Bishop Richard following his visit to our school last week:

*I really enjoyed my visit to your school last week. It is a wonderful school, and the children are a credit to themselves and to all involved. I have seldom been so moved by an assembly as I was by their singing and the wonderful prayer as well.*

To start the season of Advent, we all went to Eardisley Church for a special Advent Service, led by Marcus.

We are very grateful, once again, to New2You for donating a beautiful Christmas tree to our school. The tree will be taken at the end of term to be enjoyed at Eardisley Church. We are very lucky to have the support of our local businesses which is very much appreciated. Thank you, New2You!

Congratulations to Verity Mae, Amber, Gracie and Oliver for achieving their Silver Awards. These represent our learning values of determination, focus, engagement and self-belief.

Huge thanks to Emma Anderson and FOES for a fabulous Craft Fair yesterday. The event had a wonderful atmosphere with fairy lights, mulled wine, mince pies and buskers! It raised an impressive £600 for school I-pads. Thank you to everyone who came, ran stalls and bought their Christmas presents! Look out for further events of this kind – the start of many!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Rowan and Willow Christmas Nativity play next week. The dress rehearsal date is Tuesday 5 December at 2pm and the Nativity Play is Wednesday 6 December at 2pm. FOES are very kindly providing refreshments in the church afterwards.

With all good wishes

*Bridget Knight.*

See end of letter for information  
on the Christmas Fayre next  
Friday!

Bridget Knight

# NOTICES AND INFORMATION

## ATTENDANCE – November 2017

General guidelines for Attendance:

High above 96% above average 95.1% to 96%

Average 94% to 95% Low below 94%

Eardisley School Attendance	
Month	Nov 17
Whole School	96.0%
Oak Class	94.9%
Beech Class	96.9%
Willow Class	96.6%
Rowan Class	94.8%

## Clubs

### Next week is the last week for all clubs.

Clubs after Christmas will start week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Football, Netball and Dance Clubs – we presume current members (see attached list) will continue in the Spring Term – please let us know asap if your child wishes to stop attending this club.

Yoga Club – existing members may continue but it is also open to children in Beech and Oak Classes – please complete attached slip and return by the end of term. Depending on numbers we may have to split children into groups.

Computer Club and Art Club have a new group starting (see attached list).

### Message from Phil Whittall, Chair of Governors

I have spent a lot of time in Eardisley School recently, including Remembrance Day, and the visit from The Bishop of Hereford. I have huge pride in our students and the way they

behave and interact with the visitors from outside.

I have seen them role modelling the values that the students have chosen for themselves. There is always **Joy** in all aspects of school life, I have seen this a lot, along with **Friendship**, with a welcoming vibe to all newcomers and visitors, makes Eardisley School a very special place to be. Add **Determination** to this mix and it brings a serious note to life and work, which is valuable both at school and in life after Eardisley school.

I try to use these values at my place of work and find them very helpful and make my work more enjoyable and also those who work with me, as well as delivering great results. I will also try to role model these values as Chair of Governors.

I look forward to helping and ensuring that these values are at the heart of all decisions that are made by the Governors and keeping to our role as a critical friend of the School is done with determination and joy too.



Christmas is just around the corner and the Eardisley School post box will be out from next week, so if your child has Christmas cards to be delivered in school they can be posted here! Our Year 6 will take it in turns to be post people.

Please make sure cards are clearly addressed with both names and preferably the class name too.

DVDs of the Summer Production will either be sent home today or on Monday if you have ordered one. If your DVD doesn't play for any reason, please let the office know as soon as possible. Apologies that these have taken so long to produce.

School raised £26.70 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you for your support.

On Thursday, Rowan Class went to Madley Environmental Centre for a Winter Wonderland walk. We all had a fantastic time making Christmas cards from recycled materials, and drinking special warm elf juice in the festive log cabin. During our winter walk, we heard an exciting story about a special elf called Bramble and his difficulty with painting toys! We later found Bramble in the magical woods, and helped him to find his way home. As a reward, Bramble took us to meet Father and Mrs Christmas, and we were each given a very special gift.

All the children (and adults) had a wonderful time, and it was made even more magical by the appearance of snow flurries throughout the morning! The children behaved beautifully, and were very polite and well mannered.

A big thank you to Mrs Mathews and Mr Salter for joining us on our trip, we hope you enjoyed it just as much as we did!

#### Message from Ben in Year 6

As you know, Year 6 are fundraising for their end of year leavers' party. Next Friday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a raffle in the school playground for a chance to win a lovely cuddly Polar Bear just in time for Christmas. Tickets will cost 50p. As always, thank you in advance for your help and support.

#### **Calling for Volunteer Readers at Eardisley Primary School!**

Can you read? Is it a necessary part of your life? Do you ever read for the sheer pleasure of it? Do you enjoy enticing someone to try something wholesome that they think they don't want? Have you got a spare couple of hours in your week during school time?

If you can answer yes to two or more of these questions then Eardisley School probably needs you; and how wonderful it is to be needed! It is surprisingly rare for a child to have the completely undivided attention of a grown up for five or ten minutes with a book. When I was teaching, at least a quarter of my mind was with the rest of the class while I was apparently focussed on what was being read to me.

Part of the pleasure of being a volunteer is the variety. Some people need help with the actual business of turning symbols into sounds, some need to have occasional words explained to them (a saucer isn't necessarily a sort of space-ship), some like to talk about their book, some would rather talk about anything else, and a few have already learned how to perform to an audience. In the odd minutes while I wait for the next child to arrive I help myself from the wonderful treasury that is the fiction section of the school library, so if I teach nothing else, I teach the children that reading can be a pleasure for life.  
R.T.S.Hichens.

#### Eardisley Church Choir

Come and sing in our Pop-Up Choir at the Christingle Service in the church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00 pm.

We are practising on Wednesdays the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December and possibly on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will meet in the church from 6.00 – 6.45 p.m.

This will be for children and adults. Come along and support us and have some fun singing together.

Just turn up. Stuart Brain

#### **Family Service**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

**At Eardisley Church**

**11am**

Come and help build the advent wreath, followed by refreshments.

**TENNIS!** Join the new Tennis Coaching Programme at Eardisley Tennis Club: Ages 4 to adult. Group and one to one coaching start from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Contact Luci at [Lucicain1@gmail.com](mailto:Lucicain1@gmail.com) or 07902 231158.

### What's happening next week?

Monday	Yoga Club Netball Club Computer Club	Thursday	KS2 Dance Club
Tuesday	Mother & Toddler Group am Wear something Festive Day 2 pm Dress Rehearsal KS1 Show Football Club	Friday	3.30 pm FOES Christmas Fayre
Wednesday	2 pm KS1 Nativity in Church KS1 Dance Club Art Club		

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	'Wear something festive' day in return for items for Fayre 2.00 pm KS1 Dress Rehearsal Nativity in church
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm KS1 Nativity in church
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30 FOES Christmas Fayre in school – all welcome, children must be accompanied.
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch in school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service in evening
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pyjama Day & Film Show in Village Hall Break up for Christmas Holidays

#### **The 12 ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices (ICO)**

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or even on Amazon? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth sharing it with parents.

<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

#### **Safety alert: see how easy it is for almost anyone to hack your child's connected toys (Which?)**

Which? Magazine have also surveyed many connected toys and found that, without appropriate safety features, they can also pose a big risk to your child's safety.

The Which video (link below) shows just how easy it is for anyone to take over the voice control of a popular connected toy, and speak directly to children. Which? found that it is easy enough for almost anyone to do, not only skilled hackers.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/>



**Foes will be holding a Wear Something Festive on TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER in return for donations for the elves workshop.**

**Donations can be anything that you would like to receive as a small Christmas surprise. Chocolates, candles, and bubble bath are just some ideas but please NO ALCOHOL.**

## The Christmas Fete

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER @ 3.30pm in the school hall.**

**Please come along and join in our Christmas fun.**

- Festive Games
- Visit from a special friend in a red coat?
- Elves Workshop (*A chance for your little ones to wrap a small surprise gift, for you, with the help of our special elves*)
- Cake Stall
- School Choir
- Refreshments

**If you are available to lend a hand on the day, please contact Yvonne Harter. Cake donations would also be greatly appreciated.**

### YOGA CLUB (YRS 3-6) – MONDAYS 3.15-4.15 P.M.

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My child/children would like to attend Yoga Club

I confirm that I can collect my child/children at 4.15 p.m.

Signed .....Child's Name .....

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM

Mondays			Tuesdays			
<b><u>Computer Club</u></b>	Izzy E Charlie D Molly Simon	Luke Kenzie Ellie W Joshua PV	<b><u>Football Club As Autumn</u></b>	Aimee Frank Zeb Ben P Kuba Joe W Ceri Adam Molly Jake Mia	Simon Naomi Charlie Dean Max Rachael Finley C Jack Charlie F Heidi Jacob Alex C	
<b><u>Netball Club</u></b>	Poppy Ben P Olivia Gracie Aimee Kuba Frank Adam Charlie D	Jack Amber Naomi Jake Rachael Verity Xavier Bella Finley C Mia Simon				
<b><u>Yoga Club</u></b>	Hannah Lily E Asia Pippy Lilly B Charlotte	Oliver H Milly Ava Soli Harriet J				
Wednesdays			Thursdays			
<b><u>Art Club</u></b>						
<b>Group 3</b> 10 Jan/17 Jan/24 Jan/31 Jan/7 Feb	Lily E Zeb	Izzy E Lottie L	<b><u>KS2 Street Dance Club</u></b>	Olivia Ceri Jasmine Molly Poppy Mia	Phoebe Naomi Ellie W Heidi Joshua	
<b>Group 4</b> 14 Feb/28 Feb/7 March/14 March/21 March	Max Charlotte Alfie Finley C	Jake Ellie W				
<b><u>Dance Club KS1</u></b>	Lyra Lily E Maddy Asia Pippy Hannah	Harriet H Isabelle P Laila Oliver H Hattie B				