

# EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Giving Children Roots and Wings*



Value and British Value  
for June

**Courage**  
(Tolerance)

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Families

It has been a week of many surprises and much rejoicing at Eardisley CE Primary School!

### **OFSTED**

We have had our OFSTED visit this week and look forward to sharing the report when published with you in the coming weeks. Our wonderful children and staff were wonderful throughout and are such a credit to us all. For now, I'd like to give huge thanks for everyone's tremendous support and friendship to the school – it's a real partnership!

### **Red Ridge Residential**

Year 6 with Miss Turner and Mr Salter managed to book a great week at Red Ridge! They had a wonderful time there and missed all the fuss going on at school. We missed them during their time away but hear how brilliantly they behaved and how well they engaged with all the activities. Poor Miss Turner was badly bitten by horseflies, but has survived to tell the tale, and thank you to good old Mr Salter for taking on all the rock climbing and abseiling that Miss Turner couldn't do!

### **A Royal Delivery!**

Rowan Class are over the moon – they have received an official letter from the Queen! Please see the end of this letter.

### **A Special Visitor**

Beech Class are over the moon too! They had a very special visit from Miss Howard's dog, Lacey. Lacey is agility-trained and, with the children performed all sorts of delightful tricks.

### **Eardisley School Tea Party**

The School Council are looking forward to their tea party next week. We have invited some of the more elderly residents in Eardisley to join us for tea and songs on Thursday and we're really looking forward to hosting their visit. If anyone is able to make us a cake, that would be wonderful. Please could you let Mrs Knight know – we'd be most grateful!

Best wishes

Bridget Knight

From Phil Whittall, Chair of Governors:

*As you know, this week we have had OFSTED in, looking at how our school is progressing. I would like to say a big thanks to our amazing staff and children! I would also like to thank everyone else who was part of it, including all the parents who have spoken to the inspector and to everyone who filled in ParentView which gave a lot of very positive views. We welcome anyone who has any issues to come and raise them with your teacher and us. We are an open school, we are constantly aiming to improve. Your feedback is just as important and you can help us grow and deliver a better and better education to our children. So, if do you have an issue at any time, please speak to your teacher, Mrs Knight or myself.*

## NOTICES AND INFORMATION

### Reminders:

- Parent Evening slips please – all classes
- Lunch orders for Autumn Term by 13<sup>th</sup> July please.

### Online Payments

Thank you very much to everyone who tried the online payment system for the Bristol Zoo trip. We hope you found this a more convenient way to pay. From the school point of view, we are finding it increasingly difficult to find facilities to bank cash locally so if we can reduce the amount we receive it will help us. We will be deciding whether to continue with this next year for trips and perhaps, at a later date, for school lunches. You will, of course, still have the option of paying by cash or cheque if you prefer. Thank you for your support as always – any feedback is always welcome.

### School Milk

If you wish your child to have school milk in September – please order through Cool Milk – either online or ask for a registration form in the office. Milk for under 5s is free, but you still need to register.



### Lost Property

Just a reminder that if your child has lost items of uniform, please ask to come into school and have a look through our lost property cupboard. Any unclaimed items at the end of term will be disposed of.

### Important Information - Free School Meals – Payment required from Year 3

Please see the end of the letter for information on Free School Meals. If you are receiving certain benefits you may be able to claim Free School Meals. When your child moves into Year 3, the Universal Free School Meals end and school lunches have to be paid for unless you are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals.

There have been recent changes to free school meals eligibility under Universal Credit. As you may be aware, Universal Credit will be replacing many benefits, e.g. jobseekers allowance, that currently entitle children of qualifying parents to free school meals. In light of this, the Department for Education has introduced new criteria for free school meals eligibility, with all families in receipt of Universal Credit and earning an annual income of £7,400 or lower entitled to free school meals.

From 1 April 2018, all **existing** free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out (currently scheduled to complete in March 2022). This will apply even if their circumstances change and their earnings rise above the new threshold during the rollout period. In addition, any child who **gains eligibility** for free school meals after 1 April 2018 (e.g. in July 2019), will also continue to receive free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period. This protection is referred to as transitional protection.

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

What's happening next week?			
Monday	Year KS1 Cricket Club	Thursday	New pupils all day Gardening Club KS2 Cricket Club Rainbows
Tuesday	Year 5 Taster at LHS Year 6 Cycling Rounders Club	Friday	Wear What You Like Day Year 6 Cycling
Wednesday	Year 6 Cycling Swimming Willow Class (last) Athletic Clubs Governors' Meeting	Saturday	School Fete 12 noon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES	
Monday 9 July	Year 5 Taster Day at Weobley
Week beginning 9 July	Parent/Teacher meetings
Friday 13 July	School Disco – Village Hall
Tuesday 17 July	KS2 Production & Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 18 July	KS2 Production
Thursday 19 July	2.00 pm Leavers' Service

#### Message from Luctonians

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July there will be a Minis Rugby taster session for all new comers to Rugby. There will be several Rugby focused games and activities from 2pm at Luctonians for all Children under the age of 6.

All new players are welcome and the session will be free. Please contact Guy Kirkby [kirkbygw@outlook.com](mailto:kirkbygw@outlook.com)

#### Kington Show – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018

There are several classes of craft competitions open for children to enter at the Kington Show for children aged from 5-12.

Schedules and programmes are available locally or please ask in the school office



# Free School Meals, Milk and other financial help - from September 2018

Families receiving certain benefits have always been eligible for benefit-related free school meals for which parents have to apply to the Council.

**Children registered as eligible under this system gain extra funding for the school to enable these children to be helped out financially with the following while at Eardisley School:**

- free milk
- help towards school trips costs swimming transport costs other school costs and support

In addition, during the time the child is currently eligible for free school meals as confirmed by Herefordshire Council he or she is also able to claim:

- A free school meal daily from Year 3 onwards
- Free transport if we are your nearest school and over 2 miles away from your home
- 1 school sweatshirt each year
- 1 PE kit comprising black shorts and red T shirt each year

**This can help families considerably and will greatly enhance a child's school experience.**

Although all infant children will be offered the universal free meals, it is very advantageous to the school and children for families qualifying under the benefits below\* to still apply for benefit-related free school meals - **ask in office for form or download from the council website This can be found at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)**

This will also enable these children to continue to have free school meals and enjoy the other benefits when they leave the infant classes and join Year 3, provided their families are still eligible.

Many thanks.

*Free School Meals can only be awarded if you or your partner is in receipt of one of the following qualifying benefits:*

- a) Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance*
- b) Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- c) Universal Credit if **NET** earnings do not exceed £7,400*
- d) Pension Guarantee Credit*
- e) Child Tax Credit, where Working Tax Credit is **NOT** in payment **AND** your annual income does not exceed £16,190 (as determined by HM Revenues & Customs)*
- f) Working Tax Credit 'Run On' (A 4 week payment when your employment has ceased or your working hours reduce below 16)*
- g) Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999*



Reminder

# SUMMER FETE SATURDAY 7TH JULY FROM 12

**On Friday 6th we are having a  
WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY  
In return for donations for our fete.**

Jam jars filled with goodies for the tombola  
Good quality raffle prizes  
And of course CAKES for our very popular cake stall

Please send in donations on Friday morning.

Please do come along to the fete there is plenty going on for everyone.

Don't forget to take part in the children's craft competition Build an animal or vehicle out of vegetables

Other activities include

Guess the weight of the sheep  
Welly wanging  
Splat the rat  
Dancing from the Aspire Dance Group  
Lee Taylor Karate display  
Penalty shoot out  
BBQ  
Pizza from Jimsie

And lots more

All the money made goes back into school and benefits all our children.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

To: The Children in Rowan Class  
Eardisley CE Primary School  
c/o Miss K Evans

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The Queen wishes me to thank you for your kind messages and the colourful picture, painted by Isabelle, you sent following the death of Her Majesty's corgi, Willow.

The Queen greatly appreciated your thought for her at this time, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive the lovely photograph of you all with your splendid class corgi, Snuffles.

I enclose some information which I hope you will enjoy, and I am to thank you again for writing as you did.

*Fery Forison.*

Lady-in-Waiting

*27 June 2018*