

EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Giving Children Roots and Wings



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 6th October 2017

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

Dear Families

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service 2017

Thank you to the very many families and friends who joined us for our Harvest Festival service at Eardisley church this week. The children had prepared some very thoughtful and well-considered presentations about Harvest to share. Thanks to the generosity of Eardisley's families, we were able to make a substantial contribution to the Community Food Bank. At harvest time particularly, we remember and try to help those with less. In addition, the service raised £80 for our school charities this year, Farm Africa and Huwe School in Tanzania.

Batik Painting

Thank you to our fabulous FOES team we were able to give all the children an amazing Batik experience on Friday last week. Everyone worked with Manu and Edi, our artists-in residence to witness the magical process of batik – and to create three truly beautiful paintings for our new hall walls. The children had a wonderful time, and so did our artists who complimented us on how engaged and well behaved all the children were.

Blessing by the Bishop of Hereford

Bishop Richard, the Bishop of Hereford, will officially 'open' and bless our school hall on 20 November 2017 at 10.30 am. We are very lucky to have him visiting our church school and look forward to this special occasion. Do come and join us if you are able.

Pupils2Parliament

Children in Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to take part in the prestigious Pupils2parliament debate this week. The topic under discussion was 'being a British citizen'.

The Chair, Roger Morgan, (former Children's Commissioner for England) is always most complimentary about our children's philosophical thinking. We look forward to seeing their views recorded in the written report that goes to parliament.

The Eardisley Hedgehog

Our postman brought in a tiny and very poorly baby hedgehog last week... you will be glad to know that Mr Bluett took him to the vets, and our hedgehog has now gone to live at Help for Hogs, a rescue centre in Shobdon, that cares for sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs.

A Warm Welcome to... Mia who joins us in Oak Class. We hope that she will be very happy indeed at Eardisley CE Primary School.

Congratulations to Jack 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

Willow, Beech and Oak Expectations Meetings

Please remember the expectations meetings being held next week:

Monday 9 October, 2.30pm Willow Class
Wednesday 11 October, 2.30pm Oak Class
Thursday 12 October, 2.30pm Beech Class

If you would also like an individual meeting about your child, please contact your child's class teacher to make an arrangement.

Rowan Class Parent Meetings

Tuesday 10 October. Appointment sheets for this were sent out yesterday.

ATTENDANCE – September 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	Sept 17
Whole School	98.0%
Oak Class	98.6%
Beech Class	97.8%
Willow Class	98.3%
Rowan Class	96.5%

Parking

Thank you to all the parents and carers who park responsibly and don't use the school car park at dropping off and collecting times – the safety of the children is of utmost importance and we do really appreciate your co-operation in this. We have 2 school buses and quite a few children and parents who walk through the car park – having parents' cars using this as well is a real danger. Please do be considerate in this matter and unless you have authorisation from Mrs. Knight please refrain from using the car park at these times.

School Website

Please remember to look at our School Website from time to time. We put recent photos of what the children have been doing onto the site under Videos and Photos.

Clubs

Art Class – please remember that there is no Art Club next week (11th).

Gardening Club – Next week, (12th) a new group for Gardening club will start – Aimee, Kuba, Jack M and Lottie L. Please remember your gardening clothes.

Yoga Club – advance warning

There will be no Yoga Club on 6th November and 27th November.

Next term, the Club will be open to KS2 children if they wish to join.



Please find attached to this letter a leaflet giving information and instructions on preparing a shoebox gift. If you do wish to take part please can all the filled boxes be returned to school on the Monday after half-term – 30th October? Thank you.

Please read the instructions carefully, especially as to what can and can't be included in the boxes.

Further supplies of leaflets are available in the office, please ask if you would like any more.

Message from Year 6

As you all know, Year 6 is coming to the end of their journey at Primary School. In the next 9 months we will be trying to raise money for our leaving celebrations. There will be raffles and other things to buy so keep a look out for our weekly stall which will appear in the mornings or afternoons in the playground and if wet we can be found just inside school. Please come and find us wherever we are.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you.
Ben Preece (and Year 6)

Parent Governors

Please remember to nominate someone for our 2 Parent Governor vacancies. We have extended the closing day to Friday 13th October so please do give this important role some thought.

If you require a further copy of the information and nomination form, please contact the office. Thank you.

Reminder - School Nurse Drop-In Session

Our School Nurse, Georgina Rutherford, will be holding a drop-in session for parents on Tuesday, 17th 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.



On behalf of the Friends Of Eardisley School we would like to welcome you and your children to our school. We hope that your time here is a happy one and that your children experience the very best that our unique village school can offer.

Friends provide additional financial support to Eardisley school, which in turn, allows our children to have those little, or sometimes, bigger **extras** which they may otherwise have to do without. Our existence relies purely upon parent's involvement and support throughout each child's time at the school.

Who We Are

Our new committee members for the 2017-2018 school year are:

- Chair: Yvonne Harter
- Secretary: Kelly Gore
- Treasurer: Cat Halton
- Committee Members: Liz Ingram, Suzanne Noble & Lucy Jones

How We Raise Money

We organise a series of varied activities throughout the year aimed at children, parents and families. These events range from cake sales to fetes and promise auctions.

What Else We Organise

- Refreshments at school events such as carol concerts and school productions
- Summer Fete
- Christmas Fayre and Santa visit
- Refreshments for sports day (for children and supporters)
- Movie days

How The Money Is Used

All money raised goes towards directly benefitting the children at Eardisley School. Here are a few of the things we have contributed to over the past 12 months:

- The plastering of the hall which will allow for better acoustics and an overall more comfortable space for the children to do group activities
- Revamping the Rowan Class Outdoor learning area
- Key stage 1 trip to Bristol aquarium
- Paid for an artist to attend school to teach all children
- Transport for swimming lessons

Ways You Can Help!

1. Attend our meetings (*MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK*)
2. Help to organise our school events
3. Come along to our school events
4. Volunteer at our school events
5. Voice your idea's

Remember all your fundraising helps every child including yours

FOES Christmas Fundraising

Christmas is fast approaching and we are always looking for unique ways to raise some school funds whilst having fun. This year we are getting crafty and producing some fantastic Christmas extras designed by your children.

The children have been designing a Christmas picture in school which will be sent home with an order form. The individual designs can be turned into Christmas cards, postcards, wrapping paper or sticky gift labels for a small cost.

Simply fill in your order forms and return to school and we will do the rest.

Designs will be coming home with an information leaflet in the next few weeks so please check book bags and return any orders to the school office ASAP. All orders will need to be returned to school by **FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER**.

If you would like to see a sample pack or find out more information please contact Kelly Gore on 07805 340270

***FOES Meeting – Friday 13th October at 3.30 pm at school. All welcome. ***

Rags2Riches

FOES have organised another Rags2Riches collection after the wonderful success of the previous ones. It would be appreciated if the filled bags could be dropped off at school first thing on **Wednesday, 18th 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.

Message from Mr. Jennings, Lady Hawkins' School

It was a great pleasure to welcome many of you to our Open Evening last week, and to see so many Year 6 pupils in school for our taster day. I am aware however that, due to a number of reasons, some of you were not able to attend. We would, therefore like to offer you the chance to come to Lady Hawkins' School, to meet with Mrs Bennison (Head of Year 7) and myself and have a tour of the school, at 5.30pm on Monday 16th October.

Safeguarding

Books for children - Dementia
Grandma Forgets by Paul Russell

The number of people with dementia are steadily increasing, this currently reflects 1 in every 14 of the population aged 65 years and over (Source: Alzheimer's Society (2014)). Many of these people will have grandchildren. Until now there has been very little to help explain to children the effects of dementia. Paul Russell has written a moving book for children drawing on his own experience watching his mother's deteriorating condition.

Further information: Grandma Forgets (Amazon) <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grandma-Forgets-Paul-Russell/dp/192533547X>

Eardisley Artists

An 'old boy' of Eardisley CE Primary School, the artist Duncan McKellar has been in touch. Duncan worked with our children a few years ago to create a fantastic moving 'streetscape' of Eardisley – we still have the artwork displayed in school! He is now involved in an art project that he wishes to share with us. He writes:

The artwork is going to take place in the U.S. Specifically the U.S/Mexican border near a town called Bisbee.

The basic idea is to have 100 people standing 10 meters apart in a straight line each wearing a mirrored mask. These masks will reflect the sun creating a 1 kilometre dazzling beam of light. A ray of hope. Along with the photographic documentation a short film will accompany the piece. A dedicated website and 'Kickstarter' campaign has been set up to crowd fund the project.

Take a look here to see how we are getting on - <http://reflect-arayofhope.com/>

What's happening next week?

Monday	Willows Expectations 2.30 pm Netball Club Yoga Club Computer Club	Thursday	Beech Expectations 2.30 pm Rainbows – after school Gardening Club KS2 Dance Club
Tuesday	Mother & Toddler Group am Rowan Parent/Teacher meetings Football Club	Friday	Brook & Border Tournament KS1 Multiskills Club 3.30 FOES Meeting
Wednesday	Swimming Oak Class Oak Expectations 2.30 pm KS1 Dance Club 4 – 5.30 Multi-Skills/Orienteering at		



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).

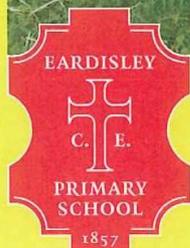
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Open Afternoon and Teddy Bears' Picnic!

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1.30-2.30PM

If you'll be ready to start school in 2018, come and see what Eardisley CE Primary School has to offer! See our fantastic school 'at work', meet the friendly staff and children – and then join us for a very special Teddy Bears' Picnic and story. Bring your teddy along to join in the fun!



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