

EARDISLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Giving Children Roots and Wings



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 8th September 2017

Dear Families

Welcome back to Eardisley CE Primary School and to the new school year! I hope that you have all had very good summer breaks. We have had a great start to the term at Eardisley. All our new children have settled in beautifully and are already part of our special family here. Everyone is looking smart in their new uniforms and grown up in their new year groups and classes.

Mrs Emma Mills has joined our super teaching team after her wedding this summer, and she is teaching with Mrs Knight in Willow Class.

We are all enjoying our smart new facilities here this term. The children described our newly-plastered school hall as 'heavenly!' One child said, 'I love being in our new hall: it's like being amongst the clouds'. We will have an official opening in due course, so watch this space! Rowan Class outdoor area is a thing to behold and we are very grateful to everyone who helped with this.

Thank you and very well done to all the children and their families who took part in the summer holiday reading and writing challenges. We were able to present some lovely prizes to the winners and special certificates to everyone who took part.

h.Art at Eardisley Church

We are very pleased and proud to be exhibiting some of the beautiful art work created by our children during h.Art this year. Do pop in to Eardisley Church to see their work alongside the exhibits by local artists.

Willow, Beech and Oak Expectations Meetings

We would like to invite all our parents to meet with us and find out more about their child's new year group and class. Meetings are as follows:

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

There will be an opportunity to meet with Miss Evans on Tuesday 10 October. Appointment slips for these will be sent out shortly.

As well as our termly parent meeting opportunities, please remember that if at any time you would like to meet to discuss any matters, we are more than happy to see you!

All good wishes

Bridget Knight

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NOTICES AND INFORMATION

School Start and Finish Times

The school day starts at 8.55 am for everyone and a teacher is on duty from 8.40 am in the playground. If wet, we open the doors for children to come in to their classrooms from this time. Please do not drop off children before 8.40 am. If you have any difficulties with this, please speak to Mrs Knight as we cannot be legally responsible for children before this time.

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 and it would be appreciated if parents are on the playground to collect at this time.

Please note that we appreciate that on the odd occasion parents can be delayed when picking up and in these circumstances please let us know that you are running late so your child is not worried unnecessarily.

Bizzie Lizzies may be able to help with before and after school care if you are finding it difficult to drop off and collect at normal school times 01544 327947.

Please also see our Collection Policy which is on the school website for more information.

Parents of children travelling on the school bus

Our Teaching Assistants do a sterling job sorting out the children travelling on the bus each day. However, especially with the start of clubs week beginning 18th September, we would really appreciate parents keeping us informed of travel arrangements. If your child has different arrangements from one day to the next, please let the office know. As far as we know, your child will be put on the bus unless we hear to the contrary.

House Groups

All the children at Eardisley CE Primary School belong to a House Group. This year, we will be awarding a special House Trophy to the House that has, collectively, collected the most House Points. House Points are awarded for excellent effort, behaviour, manners and work. Each House is headed up by a House Captain as well as a teacher representative. From time to time, House Events take place, such as special curriculum days and Sports' Day when all the children work and learn in their House Teams. These are always great fun and encourage our special 'family feel'.

Garrick

House Captain – Frank

House Teacher Representative -Mrs Mealand

Kilvert

House Captain – Gracie

House Teacher Representative -Mrs Small

Gwynne

House Captain – Amber

House Teacher Representative -Mrs Mills

Elgar

House Captain – Bella

House Teacher Representative - Miss Evans

Clubs – see slips at end of letter

Details of clubs were in the letter sent home on Tuesday.

Please note that Gardening and Art Clubs are now full for this term, no more slips will be accepted.

We have an addition of Library Club on a Thursday lunchtime for Years 1/2. A slip is at the end of the letter.

We are planning to restart clubs the week after next beginning 18th September – apart from Art Club which will start on 27th September.

Please note that all clubs are open to both boys and girls.

All slips to be returned by Wednesday 13th September to secure a place. We cannot accept late slips so please do not ask after the deadline.

Where clubs are oversubscribed we will divide the groups to try to ensure that all children asking for a place will get a turn at some point in the year.

We are one of very few schools who do not charge for our clubs but the school does have to pay for some of these clubs to take place. Other clubs are run on a voluntary basis by people who give up their time expressly. We do expect children to commit to at least a half term of attending clubs. Should any club numbers fall below 6, we will cancel the club.

Please note: there are occasions when we have to cancel clubs due to staff/volunteer absence. We try to give as much notice as possible but sometimes this is unavoidable.

Clubs do not normally run in the first or last week of terms.

If you would prefer to receive school newsletters by email or read the letter on the website rather than a hard copy, please complete and return the slip at the end of the letter. Thank you.

Please be kind enough to let staff know in advance if your child cannot attend a club for any reason.

Please don't forget to phone in to make sure the club is running if the weather is uncertain. We will send out a text message if the club is definitely cancelled.

If your child has any food allergies, please ensure that both school and JP Catering are informed.
Jo Morris who runs JP Catering will be happy to discuss how she can help. They can be contacted on 07557 362600 during the school day or email julietclark@btinternet.com.
Thank you.

Asthma

If any of our new children suffer from asthma, please ensure that the school is aware of this – this also applies to other children in school who have been newly diagnosed.



School Photographer

Please note that the School Photographer will be visiting school on **Friday, 22nd September**. She will be taking individual and family group photos. If you would like to bring any younger children along to have their photo taken with their siblings please come to school for 8.30 am. Please be prepared that you may have to wait for your turn. Due to time restraints, we can only include siblings and not adults in the photos.

All children will be photographed but you will be under no obligation to purchase prints – although they do make ideal Christmas presents for friends and family!

School Uniform

Please remember that uniform can be obtained from Clubsport in Kington, Tesco online and Schoolwear For Less. Clubsport now also have Eardisley School book bags – although they are currently waiting for further stock.

Message from Schoolwear For Less

Thank you for ordering Schoolwear For Less uniform.

Please allow 21 days for delivery and keep an eye out for your email saying your order is on its way. Don't forget to label your uniform to avoid lost items.

Need more uniform? Place your order today at schoolwearforless.com allowing 21 days for delivery to your chosen address.

Attendance

Pupils' welfare is of paramount importance to us and we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment. We really appreciate all that our parents do to support good attendance and we will try to support parents in every way that we can. We understand that each family's circumstances are different and work in partnership with parents to provide the best education for every child.

Please be aware that the school is not able to authorise holidays taken in term time, except in exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority issues Warning Notices for 10 sessions of unauthorised holiday time (equivalent to 5 days) and can do this for an accumulation of 10 sessions – not just holiday taken in one go.

The national average for attendance is 96% and a child is deemed to be Persistently Absent if their attendance falls to 93% or below.

It is helpful if medical appointments can be taken where possible outside of the school day.

Please let us know if ever we can help in any way with any attendance matters.

What's happening next week?

Monday		Thursday	Rainbows – after school
Tuesday	Mother & Toddler Group am	Friday	
Wednesday			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 20 th September	Swimming starts for Oak Class
Thursday 21 st September	Kington Walking Festival (more details to follow)
Friday, 22 nd September	School Photographer
Tuesday, 26 th September	Year 6 Taster Day at LHS (unconfirmed)
Thursday, 28 th September	Welly Walk (more details to follow) Open Evening at Lady Hawkins School
Friday, 29 th September	Artist in school
Sunday, 1 st October	11.00 am Eardisley Church Harvest
Monday, 2 nd October	2.00 pm School Harvest Festival
Monday, 9 th October	2.30 pm Willow Class Expectations Meeting
Tuesday, 10 th October	Rowan Class Parents' Meetings (separate letter will be sent in due course)
Wednesday, 11 th October	2.30 pm Oak Class Expectations Meeting
Thursday, 12 th October	2.30 pm Beech Class Expectations Meeting
Thursday, 19 th October	Conkers!
Friday, 20 th October	Break up for half term
Wednesday, 1 st November	1.30-2.30 pm Open Afternoon for new pupils
Monday, 6 th November	Flu vaccine day – Years 1/2/3/4 (more details to follow)
Tuesday, 14 th November	Year 5 Taster Day at LHS (to be confirmed)
Tuesday, 5 th December	Infants' Nativity Play pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service in evening
Friday, 15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

School-Home Communication

Please do not send home a hard copy of the weekly letter.

I will read the letter on the school website

Please email the letter to me on the following email address:

Email address

Print name

Library Club – Thursday lunchtimes Years 1/2 (numbers limited to 10)

My child/children would like to attend: Library Club

Signed

Child's Name



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

My child/children would like to attend: Netball Club

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

Signed

Child's Name

YOGA CLUB (YRS R/1/2) – MONDAYS 3.15-4.15 P.M.

My child/children would like to attend Yoga Club

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

SignedChild's Name

Computer Club (YRS 3-6) – Mondays 3.15-4.15 p.m.



My child would like to attend Computer Club and I confirm that I can collect him/her at 4.15 p.m.

Signed Child's Name



FOOTBALL (YRS 3-6) – TUESDAYS 3.15-4.15 P.M.

My child/children would like to attend Football Club

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

Signed

Child's Name

DANCE CLUB (YRS R,1-2) – WEDNESDAYS 3.15 – 4.15 P.M.



My child/children would like to attend Dance Club

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

Signed

Child's Name

STREET DANCE CLUB (YRS 3-6) – THURSDAYS 3.15 – 4.15 P.M.



My child/children would like to attend Street Dance Club

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

SignedChild's Name

Multi-Skills club – Years R-2 3.15-3.45 (earlier finish) Fridays

My child would like to attend Multiskills Club and I confirm that I can collect him/her at 3.45 p.m.

Signed

Child's Name

Knitting Club (YRS 2-6) – Tuesday Lunchtimes

My child would like to attend Knitting Club

Signed

Child's Name

ECO Club (YRS 1-6) – Monday Lunchtimes



My child would like to attend ECO Club

Signed

Child's Name



Choir Club (Years 3-6) Thursday lunchtimes

My child would like to attend Choir Club

Signed

Child's Name

MATHS GAMES CLUB – Friday lunchtimes Years 3-6

My child would like to attend Maths Games Club

Signed

Child's Name