

The Ewyas Herald



Friday 6th July 2024
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Good morning

Welcome back. I always love the return to school. It is a time of excitement, possibilities and the chance to feel excited about the amazing academic year ahead. It is also a time when there are very understandable worries and anxieties about changes, the unknown and new things. The smiles and engagement from the children in the past few days has demonstrated what great attitudes they have and how well they have settled.

This is a very exciting year in many ways. For me personally, being in post at the start of the academic year gives the chance to feel excited about all that we have planned. In my assembly to the children on Wednesday we talked about what we need to bring with us to school. We focused on listening and being eager to learn, on having a positive attitude, and on being determined and showing grit so that when we come up against something we find difficult we keep going and don't give up.

With this in mind, there is a lot we are working towards within the school to recognise the great work that is being done. This will include working towards becoming a 'Healthy School', a 'Values school', and an 'Attachment Aware school' as well striving to achieve a Silver award for School Games (progressing from achieving a Bronze award last year).


The term has already seen all staff engaging with training on the Solihull Approach. This is an approach which focuses on understanding children's development from day one and how the school can support all children to achieve their best and is in line with our approach to behaviour management.

This year we will also be working alongside the local authority to develop how we include and support all children, with a particular focus on neurodiversity and additional needs, a group that Herefordshire recognises have not always had the opportunity for their voice to be heard. Herefordshire's Parent Carer Voice will be running a series of 'Tea and Coffee meetings' at the school (the first will be on Monday 23rd September at 3:30pm). All are invited, with a special focus on any parents or carers of children with additional needs. A letter from Parent Carer Voice will be sent out in the coming weeks with additional information.

This year we will also be developing a new website to help support how events, information and updates are communicated and re-launching the Walking Bus with a different start location. We will now meet in Elm Dale and there will be rewards for the children who take part. This will start on Friday 13th September and more information will be sent next week.

Finally, please try to attend the Meet the Teacher session on Wednesday 11th after school where you will have the chance to find out more about the routines and expectations in your child's class and speak with the teacher. If you are not able to attend, please contact the class teacher who will be able to provide information and answer any questions you may have.

Richard Foster
Head teacher



WANTED:
Adults to listen to reading!
If you are interested or know someone else who might be, please contact the school for more information.

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Year R	Dulas	Mrs Sophie Jones	Mrs Judith Humphreys
Year 1 am	Dore	Mrs Jane Jones	Mrs Julie Cole (Mon, Wed, Thurs) Mrs Jenny Watkins (Thurs, Fri)
Year 2 (+1 pm)	Monnow	Mrs Karen Adjei	Mrs Julie Jones (Tues)
Year 3 & 4	Wye	Mr Sam Davies	Mrs Gill Generalovic Mrs Julie Jones
Year 5 & 6	Severn	Miss Jess Bolton	Mrs Cathy Chesworth (Tues - Fri)

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On behalf of governors, I'd like to welcome all parents / carers - returning and new - to our school. I hope you are all settling in to the new school year. We would like to get to know you all and for you to know who we are.

Governors' duties are strategic. We work with staff to ensure your children get the very best all-round education. We check the finances are secure and the money is being spent in the best interests of the children; we oversee the policies that determine how the school is run; and we oversee children's learning outcomes. We also set the strategic direction of the school and we take seriously our commitment that everyone, staff and pupils, keep safe, feel safe and are happy. Our vision of "Happy and Hardworking, Healthy Head & Heart" exemplifies this.

Our round of meetings starts soon. One of our first tasks will be to reflect on how well we as governors are doing and how we can improve. To this end, we have recently sent you all a short questionnaire so we can judge how much you know about us and what we do. Please take the time to fill it in - your views are valuable.

Your parent governors, Lauri Lloyd and Rachel Dyson, are your link to us, so please get in touch with them about anything of a general nature that you want to bring to our attention. Please be aware though that our role is strategic and they are tasked with bringing a parental perspective to our work. They (and we) are not operational, and anything relating to your own child or the day to day running of the school should be discussed in the first instance with school staff.

Please support our brilliant PTFA committee. They work extremely hard on behalf of us all to create a wonderful community spirit and raise a lot of money for the benefit of all our children. Governors thank them!



We were disappointed that no one volunteered to join our governing body to fill the parent governor vacancy. It requires a time commitment but it is rewarding knowing that you are contributing to the strategic direction of the school. If you think you may be interested, contact the office or any governor for more information. We also have one co-opted (non-parent) vacancy so if you know anyone please ask them to contact me.

Ann Jenner (Chair)

High school transition: Fairfield High School are taking bookings at the moment for the 19th, 26th and 27th of September for tours of the school. Further information is available on the Fairfield High School website.

A massive thank you to Mr Evans (Lauren & Albie's dad) for renewing the steps outside pre-school during the holiday for us.



After School Clubs—Autumn 2024

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
KS1	Film Club Mrs Humphreys	Book Club Mrs Adjei	Activity Club	Fine Motor Club Mrs S Jones	Activity Club
KS2	Drama Club Charming Theatre Co	Book Club Mrs J Jones		Sports Club Mr Davies	

School Diary

SEPT	Date	Time	Event
	11th	3:20	Meet your child's teacher in school—please come and say hello (unfortunately not Class Wye as Mr Davies is poorly) Parents of Class Wye are duly invited the following 18th to meet Mr Davies)
	12th	AM	Guitar, drum and ukelele lessons will restart
	18th	AM	Flu Nasal Vaccination whole school (please make sure you have submitted your response to NHS whether to accept or decline the immunisation)
	18th	3:20	Class Wye parents to meet Mr Davies
	20th	AM	School photographer - individuals and siblings.
	23rd	3:30	Herefordshire's Parent Carer Voice - 'Tea and Coffee meeting' at the school. All are invited.
	24th	PM	Full Governing Body meeting

2024-2025

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School Open
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 Teacher Training Days/Bank Holiday