



The Ewyas Herald

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week is Children's Mental Health week and we have been thinking about how the children can build resilience, grow and develop by having a better understanding of themselves. Schools across the country have taken part and our week started with Mrs Jones leading an assembly.

A child's life is different now to when I was growing up with technology playing such a big part of everyday existence. While I know I run the risk of saying, 'It was much better in my day', the more I read and find out, the clearer it is that social media can have an incredibly negative impact on the lives of children.

Next week, on Tuesday 11th February, it is Safer Internet Day. The focus this year is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. For me the most important aspect of this is to help the children think about whatever they see and read and be able to make a decision about whether what they are seeing is actually real and true. This is not easy for anyone, and especially not for primary aged children which makes them very vulnerable.

They are vulnerable in a number of ways. Firstly, we need to think are they safe as not all users of internet platforms are who they say they are and there are dangers in this. Secondly, the children are seeing images that are not a true reflection of real life, but as they are young, they are not able to recognise this to be the case. This can impact on a child's self-esteem.

Technology is not going to go away, and I passionately believe we can not ignore what is a growing problem around the world. Children's mental health has been significantly impacted by technology and social media. If we compare it to the dangers of water. We can't tell people to always stay out of the water, but we can teach them to swim. This is the approach we need to take with children. Talking with your children about the internet, having sensible boundaries which mean they are using devices in a safe and monitored way, and not letting devices and phones make us miss out on the lovely times that go so quickly with our children.

Food Hygiene

Last week the school was inspected by the Food Standards Agency. I am very pleased to report we received a 5 star rating for our hygiene practices. This is testament to the care and diligence with which all food is stored and served. Well done to all of the staff involved.

Wellies - a reminder that children can bring in a pair of wellies which can stay in school so the children can use the field all year around.

Mr R Foster

Don't forget: 6th March World Book Day - dress up as your favourite word.

Governor News

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy time for governors so far this year. We start off by planning the year ahead, in terms of monitoring and meetings. Then we're into full swing talking to teachers, leaders and children to make sure that they are learning what is required; that they are enjoying their learning experience; they are happy and healthy and of course that they are safe.

We have had two full governing body meetings with another being due next week and I am pleased to say that everything is on schedule. We have seen some truly fabulous learning opportunities and I know that more are planned that will enrich children's lives while they are here.

We have also had finance, personnel and standards meetings. Our team that looks forward to longer term plans and possibilities are still looking at the feasibility of joining a MAT or forming other collaborative links with local schools, of improving our wrap around care provision, and of considering options for closer ties with our Pre-school.

As always our PTFA are incredible and we thank them for the difference their fund-raising activities make to our children's experience.

Ann Jenner
Chair



Well done to the 20 pupils across the school who have 100% attendance for the year so far. Attendance has mostly dropped again over the last two weeks and with it, Class Severn has slipped to the bottom of the table. Overall the percentage is down as well to 95.53% quite a way off our target of 97%.

Percentage Attendance with Authorised and Unauthorised absences for each class for the year to date.

		Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences
Class Wye	↓	96.15%	3.38
Class Dore	↑	95.83%	3.58
Class Dulas	↓	95.34%	4.28
Class Monnow	↑	95.26%	3.86
Class Severn	↓	94.92%	4.34
Total Percentage	↓	95.53%	3.89

Find this newsletter and lots of other useful information on our school website:
www.ewyasharoldprimaryschool.co.uk/

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Headlice

We are increasingly concerned about the recurring outbreaks of head lice that we are suffering from in school. This is an unpleasant and infectious condition. The children concerned are often worried and their work does suffer as a result.

Would you please check *carefully* on a daily basis that you, your children and other members of your family are not infested and that if they are, that the head lice are treated before your child returns to school.

There are wide ranges of treatments available that include shampoos, combs and conditioners. Should you require further information we suggest that you contact the local surgery or School Nurse – Mrs D Perkins Tel: - 01432 550489 for detailed advice.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star and Value certificates in assembly last week and today.

	Last Week		This Week	
Reception:	Jonty	Winnie	Isla	Alex
Year 1:	Arlo	Rubin	Jaxen	Ellie T
Year 2:	Mia	Ryan	Harper	Reggie M
Year 3:	Tom E	Rowan	Rory	Bella
Year 4:	Henry S	Daniel W	Callum	Eljah, Pari, Elizabeth & Daniel W
Year 5:	Robin	William H	Lloyd	Zach
Year 6:	Freddie H	Lizzie	Jude	Ella



On Tuesday 4th February, 4 children from Year 4 visited Kingstone Primary School for a times table competition. The competition involved filling out a blank multiplication grid in the quickest time, matching the times table to the correct product and playing a version of 24 (where the quickest child won a point).



The children were exceptional role models and impressed other schools with their 'great sense of sportsmanship and perfect manners'. Overall, they came 3rd in what was a fiercely contested tournament. Well done all!!

Advanced warning to parents of children who travel on Laura's bus - she will not be operating on 14th February, so parents will need to make other arrangements for getting their child into and home from school please.



Help us raise funds this half term by donating to our School Textile bank

Everything you donate raises funds for our children.

- ✓ Clean clothing
- ✓ Pairs of shoes ✓ Bras
- ✓ Bags ✓ Belts

ENVIRONMENT

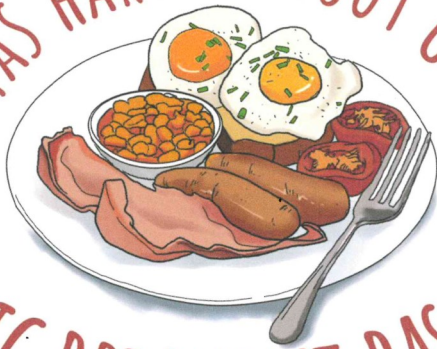
WORD SEARCH

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- RUBBISH
- POLLUTION
- RECYCLE
- POPULATION

EWYAS HAROLD SCOUT GROUP BIG BREAKFAST BASH!



Tell your friends and family and join us for a slap-up cooked breakfast, Scout style!

Sunday 2 March 2025 10am – 12 noon
Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall

Suggested Donations:

£10 Adult

£5 Child

Under 5s free
cash or card on the door

Sponsored by
Pengethley Farm Shop



In aid of



To help with catering please let us know if you can make it, what time slot and any dietary needs.

Time slots:

10am – 11am or 11am – 12pm

Please email

adam@jislproductions.co.uk



Charity No.1097172

Dore Community Transport, a local charity, is looking for a co-ordinator to work on a job share basis.

The job will be based in our office in Ewyas Harold where two coordinators work together with the primary role being to take telephone bookings, schedule journeys and liaise with clients and volunteer drivers to organise the delivery of these journeys.

The job involves requires knowledge of IT including Excel and will suit a methodical person with good communication and customer service skills.

We are looking for someone to work 3 days a week, between 9.00am to 12 noon, and the pay is £13.50/hour.

A DBS check is required for the successful candidate.

This job will suit someone looking for paid employment while at the same time helping a local charity provide an essential service to the community.

For further information and an application form please email Clairedoretransport@outlook.com or ring 0345 2020144 between 9.00 and 12 noon

The closing date for applications is the 14th of February

FEBRUARY HALF TERM - INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

at Hereford Leisure Pool

Our 4-day Intensive Learn to Swim Course is for beginners aged 4+. Sessions focus on building confidence in the water.

When? 17th - 20th February

GOOD TO KNOWS...

- Sessions run Monday to Thursday
- Sessions start 8:30am or 9am
- Sessions last 30 minutes

£30

For 4 sessions



Find out more at www.haloleisure.org.uk. Pre-booking required - call 01432 272512 or pop into Reception



Ewyas Harold Scarecrow Festival



Bank Holiday Weekend 24th – 25th May

Volunteers Wanted

IDEAS.BUNTING.REFRESHMENTS.INFORMATION HUB.COLLECTING AND COUNTING VOTES.HELPING SET UP SCARECROWS AROUND THE VILLAGE.TAKING PART.

If you would like to help make Scarecrow Festival 2025 a great success please let us know by giving your name and contact details to a steward at Ewyas Harold Craft Centre or emailing us at ehcraftcentre@gmail.com

COMING SOON:

13th February - Glow Disco.
Whole school disco starting at 3:30 to 4:30pm in school hall. £3 per child which includes a 'glow accessory'. Admission can be paid for on School Money and to help with preparations, PTFA would be grateful if you could pay in advance.

14th February - Cake Sale
After the School celebration assembly in the church, PTFA will be holding a Valentine's themed cake sale.

8th March - Joules Outlet Sale - Ticket Exclusive Event
Community event where everyone is welcome. Tickets available from the event; Ewyas Harold Primary School Fundraising Facebook page Or by scanning this QR code

Friday 4th April - Easter Bingo.
Community event where everyone is welcome. More information to follow on Ewyas Harold Primary School Fundraising Facebook page.

PTFA DATES

Ticket Exclusive Event

joules

Outlet Sale

clothing, homeware, footwear & accessories

Saturday 8th March 2025

**Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall,
Ewyas Harold, Hereford, HR2 0EL**

VIP Access 12 - 12:30pm £8 limited availability
General Admission 12:30 - 2pm - £5
Tickets on the door - £10 subject to availability

Refreshments will be available to purchase in the side room after your shopping.

All ticket sales go to Ewyas Harold School PTFA

Scan to book here

School Diary

FEB	13th	3.30pm	PTFA Glow Disco in School Hall (Choir Club & Community Club cancelled)
	14th		No bus service for those children normally with Laura Apsee
	14th		Reception Class pupils only - Super hero day.
	14th	2:40pm	Celebration Assembly in church - families are very welcome. This will be followed by a PTFA Valentines Day themed cake sale for everyone. Last day of half term
	17-21st		Half term week
	24th	8:40am	Back to school
	24th	3:20pm	Golf after school club starts for those who have successfully got a place
MAR	6th		World Book Day - dress up as your favourite word.
	8th	12:30pm	PTFA Joules Outlet Sale—Memorial Hall
	10th & 12th	3:30pm	Parents Evenings
APR	4th		PTFA Easter Bingo
	10th		Easter Service in Church