



Dear Parents and Carers

As we start the Easter holiday, I wanted to take the opportunity to update on some of the many actions we have taken in school to address the areas OFSTED recognised as needing to improve. The work done in school has been fantastic and has had a direct impact on the children's experiences and opportunities.

There has been a lot of focus on developing the curriculum. At heart, the curriculum is everything the children study and learn while in school. This includes lessons such as maths, English or history. It also includes how they are taught to be healthy, hardworking and thoughtful citizens. It includes the Forest School sessions, the trips to Dulas Court and the weekly swimming sessions. The curriculum the children now study has a clear progression and builds as they move through the school. Key concepts are returned to so it is embedded and retained.

All teachers are leaders of curriculum areas, they become the champions for this subject and help ensure the progression is clear and there are a range of opportunities for the children to broaden their understanding. We have engaged with a range of external advisors to help develop the staff's skills and the experience required to carry out this role effectively.

There have been many changes to the processes and procedures for helping children who have additional needs and we now have much closer links with external agencies (such as the school nurse team, speech and language therapists and the local authorities special needs support team). As well as this all staff have received training in how to best adapt lessons and the school environment to help ensure all children are able to achieve their potential.

As with all head teachers, I am both aware and excited by the fact that a school is never a finished article. My philosophy of leadership is that we all need to embrace improvement and engage with self-reflection so we can keep striving to be better than we currently are. At times however, stepping back and acknowledging the hard work that has been done is a valuable exercise. I hope you will agree that the staff at Ewyas Harold have embraced the opportunity to improve the experiences and opportunities of all children who come through the gate in the morning and bid me a cheerful (if sometimes tired) 'Good morning'. There is still a long way to go, but we have made a fantastic start on the journey.



As a school we are very proud of our links to the local Fire Service and earlier in the year we were recognised for this by Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service who awarded the school the Chief Fire Officer's Employer Award. I feel the school's ongoing support for Mrs Chesworth shows the children how we should value those in the emergency services. This week Mrs Chesworth has been driving a fire engine to the Ukraine. As a school we are incredibly proud of her commitment to helping others and we wish her the very best on her journey.



We would like to invite you to a coffee afternoon with a focus on Special Educational Needs (SEN) on Thursday, 8th May between 2-4pm. This event will provide an opportunity for parents to meet, share experiences, and discuss any concerns or questions regarding SEN support at our school. As well as Mr Foster (the school's SENCo), a member of the Speech and Language Team will be available. Please join us for this informal gathering with refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, if any of you are watching the London Marathon on the last Sunday of the holidays, keep an eye out for me as I make my way around the streets of the capital. I have had the good fortune to run the London Marathon on a number of occasions and it is always a celebration of effort, support and achievement.

Mr R Foster

Dear children, staff and grown ups

Thank you so much for all of your kind words, gifts and well wishes as my time at Ewyas Primary School comes to an end. This is a truly unique school which embodies community values and support and I shall miss you all very much. As I reflect upon the last nine years I do so with both a smile and a tear. I wish you all the very best.

Jane Jones



Find this newsletter and lots of other useful information on our school website:  
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# Year 1 latest and last visit to Dulas Court



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

	Last Week		This Week	
Reception:	Alexander	Poppy	Wynter & Alex	Leo
Year 1:	Riley	Hugo	Georgia	Fred
Year 2:	Atlas	Sebastian	Grayson	Evie D
Year 3:	Amelia	Tom	Louis	Rory
Year 4:	Violet	Pari	Henry S	Elizabeth
Year 5:	Robin	Daniel G	William H	Eliana
Year 6:	Evan	Brody	Millie	Jude

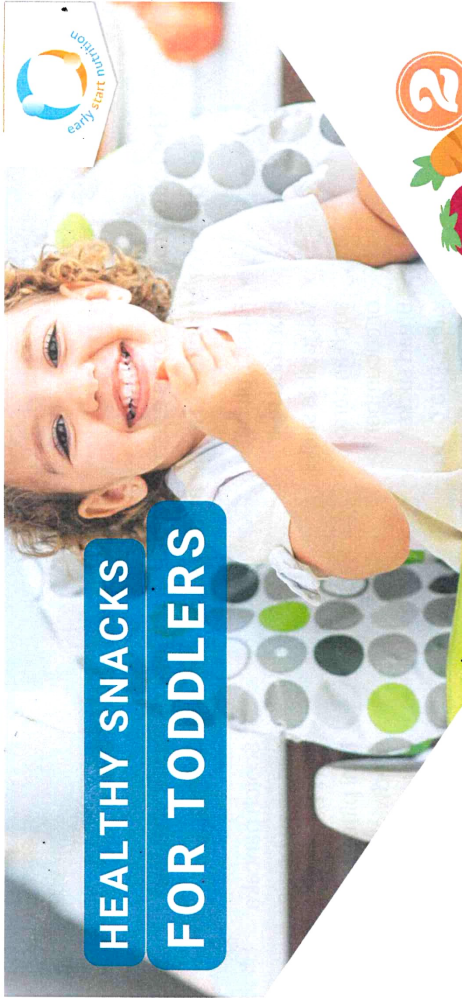
Whole school attendance has crept into a new bracket of 96.10%, well done everyone. Keep it up! Class Dore have swooped into the lead overtaking Monnow - but only just!

Well done to the 11 pupils across the school who have 100% attendance for the year so far.

Percentage Attendance with Authorised and Unauthorised absences for each class for the year to date.				
			Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences
Class Dore	↑	96.41%	3.13	0.46
Class Monnow	↑	96.40%	2.89	0.71
Class Wye	↑	96.11%	3.08	0.81
Class Severn	↑	96.03%	3.18	0.79
Class Dulas	↓	95.78%	3.74	0.48
Total Percentage	↑	96.10%	3.22	0.68

## School Diary

APR	14-25th		Easter Holiday
	28th		School closed for training day
	29th		Back to school & start of after school clubs (including Drama just this Tues)
May	1st	10am	Year 1 & 2 start swimming every Thursday until end of Summer Term.
	1st	PM	Class Dulas (Reception) Forest School sessions every Thursday
	5th		School closed for Bank Holiday
	8th	2-4pm	SEN Coffee afternoon
	9th	AM	School photographer - Class Dulas & Severn Individuals & whole school class groups
	22nd	All day	KS2 (Yr3-6) Hay Festival Trip
	24-26th		Scarecrow Trail in the village
	26-30th		Half term holiday
June	2nd	8:40	Back to school
	12th	PM	Sports Day
	16-19th		Yr5 & 6 Residential Trip



# HEALTHY SNACKS FOR TODDLERS

**1**



Snacks are a great opportunity to provide toddlers with extra energy and nutrients between meals

**3**



Vary snacks from day to day to ensure your toddler gets important vitamins and minerals to help them grow, learn and play

**4**



Vegetables, fruits, dairy foods (and non-dairy alternatives), pulses, eggs, fish, meat, bread, and other cereals, can all be included as snacks

**2**



Offer your toddler 2 to 3 healthy snacks each day. For example, in the mid-morning, mid-afternoon and evening (optional)

**5**



Involve your toddler when making snacks to encourage learning about food.

Eat together so your toddler can copy and learn from you



**6**



Plan for snack time when you are out-and-about.

Pack a lunch box with your toddler's favourite snacks and cut them into sticks or fingers which are easy to manage

**7**

Limit high fat, salt, and sugar foods including biscuits, flavoured yogurts, sweet spreads, and other confectionery

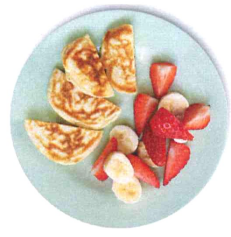


## Top tips for 1-4 year olds

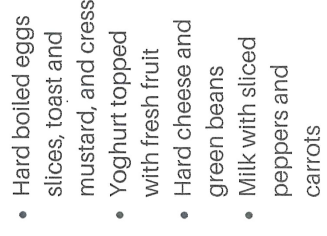
The following are some examples of the variety of foods you can offer for snacks at home and in early years settings:



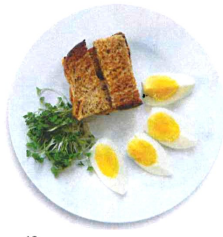
- Fresh fruit but not dried fruit
- Vegetable sticks such as carrot or cucumber
- Bread sticks with pinto bean or red lentil dip



- Scotch pancake and strawberries with banana
- Mini pitta bread sandwiches with a variety of fillings
- Chopped peppers with dips based on yoghurt, cream cheese, or houmous



- Hard boiled eggs slices, toast and mustard, and cress
- Yoghurt topped with fresh fruit
- Hard cheese and green beans
- Milk with sliced peppers and carrots



- Ground nut butters on rice cakes or oat cakes topped with chopped fruit
- Fish-based pâté or dips such as tuna with sweet potato wedges



## Ideas for snacks to take out and about:



- Chapatti and carrot sticks
- Puffed wheat and mango
- Rice cake, orange and cheese fingers
- Crackers and mango



- Scotch pancake and banana
- Milk, blueberries, and mandarin slices
- Peppers, carrots, and milk

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## Children's Easter Holiday Workshops

Wednesday 23rd April

10am-11am: Hand Stitched Mug Hug

11am-12pm: Hand Stitched Book Mark

1:30pm-2:30pm: Needle Felted rainbow

2:30pm-3:30pm: Needle Felted Easter Egg

Thursday 24th April

10am-11am: Plushie Doughnut

11am-12pm: Hand Stitched Easter Bunny

1:30pm-2:30pm: Good Luck Magic Potion

2:30pm-3:30pm: Night Light Jar

Friday 25th April

10am-11am: Colour Transfer Tee Shirt

11am-12pm: Colour Transfer Tote Bag

1:30pm-2:30pm: Magic Wands

2:30pm-3:30pm: Plushie Dinosaur

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## Ewyas Harold Scarecrow Festival



Bank Holiday Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ehcraftcentre@gmail.com)

## Easter Craft Fair at Dulas Court Care Home

Join us for an Easter Gift shopping afternoon on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April,**  
**from 2.30-4.30pm**

At: Dulas Court Care Home, Ewyas Harold, HR2 0HL

Various local Craft stalls, Refreshments and a Raffle, raising money for  
Dore Community Transport and The Resident's Fund.

**FREE ENTRY, EVERYONE WELCOME!**

*of Happy  
Easter!*