Ewyas Harold Primary and Pre-school

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Issue 4

Head Teachers News

Dear Parents and Carers

As the autumn sets in and the excitement about pumpkins and Halloween begins to grow, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the fantastic school and community that we are all lucky to be a part of. As you know, I will be leaving Ewyas Harold at half term. It has been a genuine privilege to lead the school, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of such a caring and supportive team.

During my time here, it has been a privilege to watch children grow in confidence, achieve great things and embrace the values and ethos we have developed together. Leaving a school knowing it is in such a strong position, with fantastic opportunities ahead, makes the departure a positive one.

One of the aspects that has made my time here so rewarding has been seeing the community come together time and again. Whether this was helping each other during the flooding or supporting the children at our Harvest, Easter and especially Christmas services. The sense of belonging that exists is something that will stay with me and the children long into the future. I know that the school has a bright future ahead. My sincere thanks go to the staff team who have embraced the opportunities and changes that have been introduced. I am delighted that Mrs Carpenter will be joining after half term. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit earlier this week and greatly valued the opportunity to meet more of the children.

While I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for me, I feel sad that I will no longer be on the gate each morning welcoming every child into school. At the same time, I leave with immense pride in all that we have achieved and happiness when I remember the many entertaining and very happy memories that I have experienced.

Thank you for making my time here so enjoyable and rewarding. I wish all our children, families, staff and Mrs Carpenter every success and happiness for the future.

Mr Foster

A Note From The Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

We were all invited to attend the celebration of Harvest Festival last week, led by years 3 and 4. It was lovely to see the church packed with proud parents, grandparents, siblings and carers and the children beaming as they spotted their families, The youngest being accompanied in and out by their 'buddies'. As ever the singing was strong and 'catchy' and the children confidently conveyed the meaning of the celebration and how we can all be kind and caring to one another, to look out for those less fortunate and to take care of our environment. Thanks to all who donated food which will be distributed locally by the food bank.

Next Friday we say goodbye to Mr Foster and thank him and the staff for their hard work in making Ewyas Harold Primary School the happy, caring, inclusive school it now is. We wish him well in his new post and look forward to welcoming our new Headteacher, Mrs Carpenter after half-term.

With best wishes

Liz Hall

Governor

News from Pre-School

This week we have been learning all about Autumn. We visited Twilight Pumpkin Farm and picked our own pumpkins and learned all about how they grow. There were very funny, weird and wonderful shaped and coloured pumpkins.

There were also some very funny looking scarecrows!

News from Dulas

Dulas have been really busy this week. We have learnt how to do tuck rolls in PE, we looked at where animals sleep, eat and how they clean themselves and compared to humans. The class think we have more comfortable beds!! In geography we have been exploring different landscapes around the world, looking at hot and cold, hilly and flat and where we would like to visit. We all want to visit the Niagara Falls.

News from Monnow

In Monnow class we have been enjoying our music lessons taught by Encore. We are learning new songs and playing instruments.

During English we have been writing our own stories based on our first day at school.

For DT, we are making our own chairs for baby bear. For this task, we would welcome small cardboard boxes and tubes, straws and masking tape as donations.

News from Wye

Class Wye have had a busy week with lots of exciting learning taking place. In English we have been writing and acting out our own playscripts. In Science, we have been learning about dental hygiene, using disclosing tablets to see any plague buildup on our teeth, there were plenty of purple and smiley mouths on Wednesday!

The children have also been continuing to enjoy their Forest School sessions with Mrs Adjei, Mrs Culpin and Mrs Howard on Tuesday afternoons.

News from Severn

Class Severn have settled back into their learning brilliantly following their residential, showing great enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their work. In Geography, we have been busy planning a fieldwork project to investigate and compare population in Hereford and Ewyas Harold, developing our geographical enquiry skills and thinking about how we can collect and present data.

We also had some exciting sporting news on Tuesday, when Mrs Chesworth and Mrs Smith took Pari, Elijah, Henry S, Henry B, Dan, Tom and Jack to Withington Primary School for a football match. The boys played brilliantly, securing a fantastic 4–0 victory! They demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the match, and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done, boys!

News from PTFA

Don't forget the Halloween Fancy Dress Party at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall on Friday 23rd October

Including the Parents Bake Off Competition!

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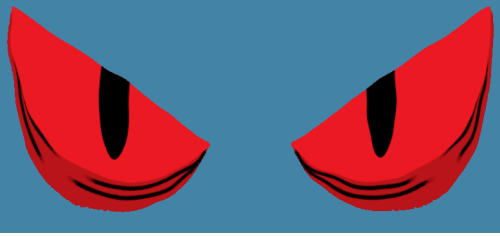

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star and Value certificates in assembly

	Last Week		This Week	
Pre-School			Arabella	Daisy
Dulas	Hollie	Ernie	Brock	Mabel
Monnow	Oscar	Winnie	George	Rupert
Wye	Isaac	Fred D	Olivia	Arlo
Severn	Sarah	Bella	Henry S	Amelia

PE & Forest School Timetable

From 7th Sept	PE	PE	Forest School
Dulas	W	Th	F
Monnow	M	W	Th
Wye	Th	F	Tu
Severn	Tu	F Swim	

PTFA Fundraiser

Fancy Dress Halloween Party

FRIDAY 23RD OCT **3:30 - 5 PM**

At: Memorial Hall

School and Preschool welcome

£5 for first child £2 for siblings

You can prepay on MyChild App or pay cash or card on the door

Children attending after school club first can pay £2 per child

Drinks, Sweets and Accessories

prices from 50p to £2

Fancy Dress is optional

There will be a best fancy dress competition

Children can get changed at the end of school into Fancy dress

Parents must accompany children

We will be selling tea, coffee, cake.

You can also take part in our parents bake off competition

NEW ACCEPTING CARD & CASH PAYMENTS

PTFA Fundraiser

Parents Bake Off Competition

At the Halloween Party

FRIDAY 23RD OCT **3:30 - 5 PM**

At: Memorial Hall

- **3:30-3:50 Deliver your entry**
- **3:50-4:00 Judging**
- **4:00 Winner announced and prize**
- **4:00-5:00 Sale of all entries with a cup of tea to raise money for the PTFA**

Bake theme: Halloween

Type: Cakes, biscuits, sweet treats

Judged on: appearance and theme

NO NUTS please

Dear Parents/Carers

I am currently offering acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, drum and keyboard lessons at your child's Primary School. I will have instruments available for pupils to use during their lessons, if you don't wish to buy one straight away.

The lessons will take place during the school day and will last for twenty minutes - pupils can be taught either individually or in pairs. The cost of *paired* lessons will be £8-00 each and *individual* lessons will be £12-00. All tuition fees will be paid in advance at the start of each half term via BACs. Please use your child's name and school as the reference.

Account name: Gary Gray Sort code: 60-83-71 Account no: 46261397

If your child decides not to continue with their lessons, a full half terms notice is required, or payment for that half term, in lieu of notice. (Please note); that this is a rolling/continual agreement, until the undersigned gives notice to cancel music lessons. All missed lessons must be paid for; this includes swimming lessons, school trips or absence through illness. Every effort will be made to catch up missed lessons, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Please complete and return this registration form to me via email.

Kind regards

Gary Gray (Music Tutor) Tel. 01981-251447 Mobile: 07443-539117
e-mail: gray.gary@live.co.uk

To be returned to school:
I would like to book lessons for _____ Year: ____

Please tick which type of instrument your child would like to learn:

Acoustic Guitar: ☐ Ukulele: ☐ Drums: ☐

Electric Guitar: ☐ Bass Guitar: ☐ Keyboards: ☐

Please tick which type of lesson you would like to book:

Paired lesson: ☐ Individual lesson: ☐

I have read and understood the conditions listed above, regarding payment of lessons and missed lessons. All lessons are paid for via BACs.

Signed: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Tel._____ E-mail _____

Address: _____

Attendance

Wow - excellent improvement on attendance across most classes.

And LOOK at those percentages!

We are currently above our target of 97% - keep up the good work!

Percentage attendance with authorised and unauthorised absences for each class for the year to date		Unauthorised Absence
Class Dulas	97.23 %	1.29 %
Class Monnow	97.14 %	0.00 %
Class Wye	97.08%	1.26 %
Class Severn	96.93 %	1.13 %
School Total	97.08 %	1.03 %

Book Fair

Advanced warning! The Scholastic Book Fair will be back in school from Thursday 5th Nov to Wednesday 11th November

Poppy Appeal

Merchandise for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be on sale after the half term holiday. Please support this worthy cause and send in a donation for your child to buy something, if you can.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Diary Dates

OCT	23rd	3:30–5:00	PTFA Halloween Party (including Parent Bake Off) at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall
	26th – 30th		HALF TERM WEEK
NOV	2nd		BACK TO SCHOOL
	5th – 11th	3:00–4:15	Book Fair in school
	9th & 11th	3:30 –5:30pm	Parent's Evening
DEC	7th & 8th		Yr 5 Bikeability
	11th	9am	Rock Steady Concert
	14th	Lunchtime	Reception & KS1 Christmas dinner
	15th	Lunchtime	KS2 Christmas dinner
	17th	PM (time to be confirmed)	Carol Service in St Michaels Church – all welcome
	17th		Last Day of Term (Thursday)