Ewyas Harold Primary and Pre-school

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Issue 5

Head Teachers News

Dear Parents and Carers
Fudge and I would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the support we have enjoyed during our time at Ewyas Harold. Fudge has decided that this is the perfect opportunity to retire from his role as school dog. He has loved being stroked, scratched and, of course, treated! Seeing the joy on so many children's faces when they spot him around school has always been a real delight and is something that will stay with me as I move on to a new challenge.
I know Fudge will leave with many happy memories. He'll be more than content to put his paws up at home, enjoy some leisurely walks and indulge in plenty of long, curled-up naps. He is incredibly grateful for the gentle and thoughtful way he has always been approached, and the children should be very proud of the calm, kind and respectful way they treat him.
I would also like to take this opportunity to share my sincere thanks to all the staff, governors, parents and members of the wider community who have contributed to making the school the positive, caring and purposeful place it is today.
I am a firm believer in the philosophy of the All Blacks rugby team: that no one truly owns the jersey they wear; instead, they are its custodian for a time before passing it on to the next person. With that in mind, I look back on my time here with great pride.

Together, the staff, children and wider school community have ensured that the Headteacher's jersey is ready to be passed on to its next custodian who will take the school on the next stage of its exciting journey.

Mr Foster

A Note From The Governors

Dear Parents and Carers
I am not sure I can quite believe that it is half term next week! This first part of the term seems to have flown past but the leaves are falling, the clocks go back this weekend and Halloween events are underway, all of which heralds autumn is truly here. Half term is a time to relax and reflect but for the school, it is also a time of change.

We say a fond goodbye to Mr Foster who has been with us since February 2024. We are very sad to see him leave but we wish him well in his new role at Lord Scudamore Academy. But equally we say a very warm welcome to Mrs Carpenter who joins us as our new Headteacher after half term. She is very excited to be joining us and taking forward all the good work already underway in the school.

And this next half term should see us join the Orchard MAT. Another change but one that I believe will really benefit the school and the wider community.

For all the changes, there are, however, things that remain solid and constant – above all, our unwavering commitment to delivering the best learning experience for our children and ensuring that they thrive and deliver their full potential. That is central to everything that we do as governors, and we will not lose our focus on that.

Wishing you all a great weekend and half term holiday.
Hilary Hall Governor

News from Pre-School

There have been spooky goings on at Preschool this week. Lots of pumpkin potions and spooky spiders made. The children have been making lots of crafts and practising their fine motor skills picking out spiders from their webs!

News from Severn

This week, we have begun rehearsing for our Young Voices concert in January. We are looking forward to being part of such a fantastic experience and have started practising our songs, building our confidence and getting ready to join thousands of other children for this special event. We can't wait to see how our rehearsals progress!

In PE, we have been putting all our hockey skills to the test as we rounded off our unit with some exciting hockey matches. The children had the opportunity to show off their developing skills, teamwork and sportsmanship, using everything they have learnt throughout the unit.

Well done, Class Severn, for another brilliant week of learning and working together.

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 Compeitition!

More information on page 3

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

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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

Attendance

Monnow go top of the leaderboard - Well Done. There is Improvement in attendance and we now have three classes above our target - which is fantastic. Keep it up folks!.

Percentage attendance with authorised and unauthorised absences for each class for the year to date		Unauthorised Absence
Class Monnow	97.35% ▲	0.00 %
Class Dulas	97.24 % ▲	1.29 %
Class Wye	97.13 % ▲	1.28 %
Class Severn	96.93 % ▶	1.13 %
School Total	97.14 % ▲	1.00 %

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.

Diary Dates

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)