

Ewhurst News



Dear parents/carers,

This is our last newsletter for the school year and I write it with a profound mixture of emotions. First and foremost I want to say a huge thank you to the amazing staff here at the school. Everyone has poured in so much love and dedication to the school. It truly is a labour of love being in this community. Today has a particular significance, as five of our teaching and support staff are leaving us. Collectively they represent 47 years of dedication to our school! That is quite amazing!! I would like to honour each of them individually, although I recognise that a few short lines do not do justice to the contribution each has made.

Sarah Macey

It is hard to put into words the impact that Mrs Macey has had on the school in her 22 years with us. This is what one parent wrote to me: "Now at the end of Secondary school, my children look back and have very happy memories of being in Mrs Macey's Reception class. They especially remember the nature and wildlife in the classroom, watching with wonder the frogspawn develop into tadpoles then frogs and the butterfly emerging from the chrysalis. They also remembered enjoying lots of time outside, even when it was raining, toasting marshmallows and playing in the mud kitchen in the Jubilee Garden. She has endless energy and patience and has always been so generous with her time. Many of her Mothering Sunday mornings were spent accompanying the children to the church to lead their "It's Mother's Day" song and prayers. My children were so lucky to have had her as their teacher. Thank you Mrs Macey for all your years of teaching."

Gemma Stevenson

Mrs Stevenson has poured so much love and energy into her 11 years at Ewhurst, negotiating several challenges along the way, not least giving birth to two wonderful children. She has cared deeply about the school and is so supportive of the staff as well as children: a true team player! Although I have only worked alongside her for one term, she fitted back into the school seamlessly after maternity leave.

Sarah West

Mrs West joined us 7 years ago and has worked tirelessly during these years to give her pupils the very best education possible. Like Mrs Stevenson, she navigated the challenge of a new born child, as well as the pandemic. Recently she has served as our 'Senior Teacher', taking hold of the reins in the Headteacher's absence with real skill and determination. Like the other staff, the hours she has put into the school has been nothing short of amazing!

Becky Johnston

Ms Johnston has, in her two years with us, given the school a real boost in its provision for pupils with SEND. As with her teaching, she has led this area of school life with impressive passion and left the school in a very good place in terms of inclusion. Her flexibility to step into Holly Class full time last summer was an immense gift to the school.





Laura Dibble

Miss Dibble has given the school a real strength in depth during her 5 years with us. This year she has been a huge support in Cherry Class and has also taught in the various classes on Tuesday afternoons, while at the same time acting as our Music subject leader.

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I am sure you will all join me in wishing all our leaving staff the very best for the future. I hope they will all keep in touch as part of the Ewhurst alumni!

Our other main leavers today are Cherry Class. They did a superb job singing and sharing their memories at this morning's Leavers' Service. We wish them and all other leavers in Reception and Year 1 well in their new school and hope they will keep in touch.

Finally, I wish everyone a lovely summer holiday. Please keep safe and, for those returning in September, I look forward to seeing you with big smiles

at the school gate on Tuesday 5 September!

Take care and God bless,

Mr. Walters Autumn Term 2023

September

Fri 1st INSET DAY Mon 4th INSET DAY

Tues 5th Holly and Cherry class return to

school

Wed 6th Apple class starts school

Mon 11th from today Apple class pick up 3pm



Awards -21/07/2023

Well done!

End of Term Awards

Guardian Angel

Apple Class Austin
Holly Class Daphne
Cherry Class Alice

<u>Achievement</u>

Apple Class Elliott & Sersha
Holly Class Scarlett & Adam
Cherry Class Siena & Benjamin

Sporting Award

Apple Class Mattie & Wilf
Holly Class Ralph & Kiera
Cherry Class Evelyn & Henry



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