



# Ewhurst News



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Dear parents/carers,

It has been a wonderful week at school with lots going on as usual. We are still receiving visits from prospective parents wanting to look at the school, in advance of the 15 January admissions application deadline. This week Apple Class had a fun Forest school afternoon. It was great to watch the children explore the Jubilee Garden looking for different coloured items – they all seemed so interested and curious about the world around them.

Next week we are holding a Science Week, which provides more opportunities to awaken curiosity among our pupils. On Monday we will have a visit all day from Ian at Science Wizards. For the finale there will be a special event in the playground at 2.50pm and parents are very welcome to join us and watch. We will open the side gate a little earlier at 2.45pm. Pupils will be dismissed as usual at 3pm. On Thursday we will have the Wonder Dome coming to our school – a fascinating mobile planetarium which will help us explore the wonders of our solar system. Finally, next Friday afternoon, Science Week will conclude with a carousel of science investigations in different classrooms, run by the teachers.

In these cold, icy and stormy winter months we have been very mindful about the importance of keeping everyone safe while here at school. Last week we taught the children a special 'lockdown drill' in cases when we all need to stay inside the classroom, for example if there is lightning or extremely high winds. We receive daily weather alerts from the government so we can be prepared for any extreme weather conditions.

Some parents have asked about Clubs. The Recorder Club is continuing on Tuesday lunchtimes. If there are any more children wanting to join the Club please let us know. We will run some more Clubs after half-term, so please keep an eye out for a separate email about this.

Keep safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Walters

**Science Week 2024**

- I can explore the natural world around me and make observations.
- I can say why I think something happened and share my ideas with other people in my group.
- I can ask simple questions and recognise that they can be answered in different ways.
- I can use my observations and ideas to suggest answers to our questions.

**Spring Term 2024**

**January**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Science Wizards  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Wonder Dome |  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Drop ins all classes  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Full Governing Body Meeting  
 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Holly & Cherry Forest Schools

**February**

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apple class Forest Schools  
 Wed 5<sup>th-9<sup>th</sup></sup> Well-being week  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Holly & Cherry Forest Schools  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> School finishes at 3pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half-Term  
 Mon 19<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY  
 Tues 20<sup>th</sup> All children return to school  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Apple Class Forest Schools  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Drop ins all classes  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Parents Consultation  
 Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Magic Show

**March**

Mon 4<sup>th-8<sup>th</sup></sup> Book Week  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Holly class Assembly (with parents)  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Cherry Class Assembly (with parents)  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Drop ins all classes  
 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Church Service  
 Bonnet Parade @9.15am  
 End of Term 1.30

**April**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> All children return to school

**Awards –12/01/2024**

**Well done!**

**Star of the Week Award**

Apple Finn  
 Holly Elliott  
 Cherry Leo

**Headteacher’s Award**

Apple Edward  
 Holly Wilf  
 Cherry Olivia

Attendance Award  
 The class with the highest attendance this week is:



**Cherry Class**

Congratulations!!

**Science Wizards – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Parents are invited to come at 2:45 on Monday afternoon to watch the finale of our Science Wizards Day on the playground. The children will be dismissed as usual at 3pm.

**Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

The government provides universal free school meals for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools. However, although meals are provided free of charge, it may still be beneficial to you (if you meet the criteria) to apply for the FSM Entitlement (known as Pupil Premium). For every child in receipt of this entitlement, the school receives an extra £1455 in funding and this money is used to support that child to access free school trips, Forest Schools, swimming sessions, after-school clubs and theatre visits, and it is an important funding stream for every school. The qualifying criteria for Pupil Premium are:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seeker’s Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that their annual income is less than £16,190 and they are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

**Reception and Year 3 applications**

The deadline for your application is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Please apply via the Surrey Admissions portal. Thank you.

