

EWHURST CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

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Newsletter 5

As we are only too aware that a year has passed since the very first national lockdown. I am very mindful that we are all experiencing a range of emotions that may include loved ones we have lost, lost days at school, lost days with friends and families, lost opportunities to hug family. Covid has touched everything and everyone. Anniversaries can be a moment of new beginnings, moments of significance. As the Archbishop of Canterbury said on Tuesday as a community we can build and strive for what we long for of life and hope.

I spoke to Cherry class on Tuesday and as they held a candle they took the opportunity to reflect on what they have missed but also what they have gained in the last year. The children also reflected on the anniversary at 12 noon as the Ewhurst church bell tolled.

Some of the things that the children have missed include seeing family and friends, overseas and in this country. They have missed playing football and swimming in particular. The positives from the last year include being outside more, exploring the countryside, going on long walks, getting a puppy and spending more time with family.

I would like to thank you all as part of our school community for the support you have given the children of the school in the last year. Together we have kept the children safe, cared for and educated.

Looking ahead to the summer term we have much to look forward too, and in particular school swimming which will begin on Thursday 10th June. There will be two school sessions each week until the end of the summer term which is a wonderful and very rare opportunity for such young children. At the beginning of next term, you will be sent a 'swimming letter' with further details. Maypole dancing along with other sporting activities to celebrate the Olympics are also planned.

We also wait in anticipation of further guidance for schools when and how we are able to interact with you our families and welcome you back into the school site.

Red Nose Day - Sports Relief - Friday 19th March

The School Council chose to support this charity. Thank you to everyone supporting the school council with their donations. We have managed to donate £128. What a fabulous achievement. A big thank you to everyone!

Parents Evening

The staff teaching team really appreciated meeting everyone albeit still remotely. There was a 100% in Holly class and a wonderfully high attendance in Apple & Cherry classes. Please do keep posting reading diary entries on tapestry and other home learning. Reading remains a key life skill to be acquired through perseverance by most children. More books will be distributed for holiday reading.



Easter Pause morning – Tuesday 30th March

The whole school will be undertaking a range of activities during the morning, which aims to deepen the children's understanding of the Easter story and what the main events mean to Christians.

Easter Bonnet Parade: Thursday 1st April

We will be holding an outdoor Easter Assembly in each bubble which will include our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade as we are unable to have the service in church. All children who wish to participate are asked to make a hat or bonnet at home.

Ewhurst C of E Infant School



Ewhurst Village Easter Trail
Something for all the family to enjoy!

Note: Challenge can be taken between Sat 3rd April 2021 and Sat 17th April 2021

With lots of us enjoying the wonderful environment that we are so lucky to be surrounded by, why not add to the adventure and sign up for The Ewhurst Village Easter Trail Challenge. When you sign up you will receive 6 clues. Each clue will lead to a letter from the alphabet that you will find in windows. When you have ALL six letters, rearrange the letters to create a word that is Easter themed. When you have completed the challenge, write the word with your name and contact details and put it in a sealed envelope. Place the envelope in the PTA post box which will be at school drop off when you return after Easter. All correct entries will win a small prize.

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In the past we have been overwhelmed by the range of wonderful creations, and hopefully the children have made a start designing and making their bonnets. The children are invited to wear their creation to school and if possible could you provide a bag in your child's backpack in which the bonnet can be put afterwards for ease of transport home. There could be the possibility of eggs being awarded and the Easter bunny may make a visit too!



PTA Easter activities

We are looking to celebrate Easter and raise money for the school through the following events,

- Win a Family Easter Hamper | Raffle
- Ewhurst Village Easter Trail | Collect the letters to win a prize
- Easter Activity Bag, packed with fun and an e-ticket for a craft workshop!

Easyfundraising

We have now raised £4,482.13 through the easyfundraising link. It is such a quick and easy way to raise funds for the school – [please visit the easyfundraising page in the Parents section of the school website.](#)

Surrey Safer Travel Survey

Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are undertaking research with parents on primary aged pupils' modes of travel to and from school across the working week. The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they are used and why that type is used by their child, and if their preferred type of travel has changed or been influenced by Covid-19 coronavirus. The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools to continue to encourage safer and more active ways of travelling to school through education and training to influence changes in behaviour that improve our children's physical and emotional wellbeing, the impact on our environment and air-quality, as well as road safety and congestion outside the school gates. [Please complete the survey by Friday 16th April by following this link https://www.surreysays.co.uk/iai/41377978](https://www.surreysays.co.uk/iai/41377978) .

Easter activity bags from our parish church community

Next week the children will bring home a bag full of Easter activities prepared by the children and youth team of the parish.

Explorers Summer Term (first half) Booking Form

Thank you for returning booking forms so promptly. Debbie will be allocating places based on the criteria in the booking letter and will confirm places before the end of term. Due to the financial year end, **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE PAYMENTS FOR NEXT TERM EITHER ONLINE OR BY CHILDCARE VOUCHERS UNTIL AFTER 1ST APRIL.**

End of term pick up times: Thursday 1st April

1.15 pm for Apple Class
1.20 pm for Cherry Class
1.30 pm for Holly Class

On Sunday it is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week for Christians, We have uploaded a number of wonderful activities for you to enjoy with your family. [Please click here to access it.](#)

With best wishes,
 Yours sincerely

Jane Dyer
Headteacher

PS Don't forget the clocks 'leap' forward this weekend too!

19/03/2021 – PE

Star of the Week

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Archie	Thalia	Peake

Headteacher's Award

Noah	Alexander	Leonie
William Cha	Amelie	Sebastian P
Layla	Bonnie	Sofia

26/03/2021 – Playground Awards

Star of the Week

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Benjamin	Imogen	Harvey

Headteacher's Award

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Oscar	Amy	Florence
Alice	Charlotte	Hania
Amelia	Charlie	James



Ewhurst C of E Infant School Easter Holiday Fun!



**Easter Activity Bag, packed with
fun treats and an e-ticket for a
workshop!**

Join the e-party this Easter with an
hour filled full of fun! Share your
creativity with your friends this
Easter holiday!

The workshop will be held online on
Friday 9th April, from 3-4pm.

Each pack will include sundries for the workshop.



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