

EWHURST CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Newsletter 6

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Today, I celebrate 20 years of being Headteacher of Ewhurst School. It is an honour and a privilege to serve this school community. My driving force for providing the very best education and lifelong learning opportunities for young children has been my mission. I believe that these three years at Ewhurst provide strong foundations for every child's future education.

This is the final day of another quite extraordinary term. Together as a school community we have ensured that the children have flourished during this period. The children have shown great commitment and resilience to learning new things and adapting to changing circumstances and arrangements. Easter always brings new hope and during Spring we see that life renews in the glory of the world in which we live.

Easter Pause Morning

The children in Cherry and Holly classes enjoyed three activities this year; creating 'hot cross buns prayer plates', re-telling the Easter story through dance and making an individual Easter garden. The children imagined that they were eye witnesses at each of the main events of Holy week. Children in Cherry class made the following comments, 'I enjoyed making the Easter gardens', 'I enjoyed when we did the paper plates and we did a picture and a prayer around it' and 'I enjoyed being in the hall with Mrs Beavis and doing a dance and when Jesus died he took all the sins away and they died as well'. Comments from Holly class included 'We celebrate because he(Jesus) took all the bad choices away and he came back alive', 'Easter wasn't about chocolate and the Easter bunny it's also about Jesus. Apple class enjoyed using their senses and responding to the natural world around them in the Jubilee Garden. Aliya said 'This is my first Spring here in the UK. It's my first Easter too, they don't really have Easter in Borneo'. George said 'I've seen a bumble bee. He's looking around the garden too!' Evelyn said 'Look at all the new buds on that tree!!'. William Ca said 'It's already warming up!'. Rosie said 'The birds singing makes me happy'. Benjamin said 'On the way to school I saw a brown blackbird, that is the mummy blackbird and it made me happy'. Noah said 'On my Apple tree there are lots of white flowers'. Apple class also wrote some 'thank you' prayers for a prayer tree and made Easter story booklets.



Easter Bonnet Parade and end of term assembly

Today was a joyful occasion with children parading into school wearing an Easter bonnet. It was wonderful for everyone to see the creations. Even though we are unable to hold our end of term service in church I held an outdoor service for Holly and Cherry classes. The children were able to appreciate the beauty of the world of which we are a part. Each child had a bag containing some objects from nature, leaves, stones and twigs which were used to tell a very special story that Christians all over the world are thinking about right now! It was a time of reflection. This year, I had the privilege of judging the Easter Bonnet parade and the winning bonnet in Apple class was created by Johnnie, in Holly class by Chloe and in Cherry class by Florence.

The Easter bunny made a lunchtime visit to the children and left extra-large eggs this year for everyone to enjoy!

Easter Lunch

Debbie, ably supported by the PTA provided a special Easter themed packed lunch today which was greatly enjoyed by the whole school. We are so very lucky to have such a skilled cook providing lunch for the children.

Explorers Update

Thank you to the fantastic uptake of places for Explorers next half term. We are at capacity currently with the bubble arrangements. We will be reviewing our current arrangements as soon as we are able which may provide further flexibility to welcome other children to the club.

New Parent Governors wanted

Can you help? Please look at the attached flyer and contact Nicki Bartlett or Heather Hadfield for a chat.

SCL Club Energy after school club (Summer Term) CHERRY & HOLLY classes ONLY

We have just received the flyer for club and it will begin on Tuesday 20th April. It is attached.

Please book online at www.wearescl.co.uk. It would be helpful to email the office if your child will be attending for end of the day arrangements. Thank you

French Club for CHERRY & HOLLY classes ONLY

Thank you everyone who expressed an interest in this club re-starting on site. We have been notified that the club will re-start after the May half term. Further details will be sent out next term.

Road Safety

We are extremely grateful to Claire Moore for organising a road safety club leaflet specifically designed to develop essential skills for keeping safe near roads every term. Do take time to read the information in this wonderful leaflet. [Please follow this link to access it.](#)

Schools Admissions 2021

If you applied online for a school place for September 2021, you will be notified via email and able to view admissions online during the evening of **Thursday 16th April**. Once you have received this email you **must** log on to your Admissions account to accept or decline the school place by 30th April – receiving the email does not count as accepting the place. A letter will only be sent out on Friday 16th April to parents who applied on paper or to parents who applied online who cannot be offered their first preference.

COVID19 response during the holidays: Contact with the school

I have been asked by the DfE to ensure that parents, carers and staff are familiar with the following arrangements as listed in the **attached procedures** and protocols during the below regarding **positive COVID-19 cases during the school holidays**. Please do make yourself aware of this information. Thank you

Home learning for Easter

Each class has sent home some activities for your child(ren) to enjoy during the holiday time along with additional reading books.

Chloe and Elsa's sponsored run, walk and cycle over the Easter holidays

Chloe from Cherry Class has come up with a great idea to raise funds for our school over the Easter break. The school is **175 years** old this year and Chloe and her Cherry Class pal Elsa are going to run, walk or cycle 5km every day for the 17 days of the Easter Holidays. If they manage it, they will run, walk and cycle 85km each, or 170km in total!!

Chloe and Elsa would love it if you could sponsor them [via this Virgin Money Just Giving link to our 175 year fundraising page](#) - a link can also be found on [our school website \(News and Events/175th Anniversary\)](#) in the paragraph entitled How can you help us celebrate). All proceeds to the school. This is a **HUGE** effort for two seven year olds, and they're so excited to see how much sponsorship they can raise! Please help as much as you can!

Summer term arrangements

All protocols and bubble arrangements stay unchanged for after the Easter holidays. We will be reviewing all arrangements when we are able following government guidance.

Staff thanks

I am indebted to a wonderful group of people, the school staff, who are committed to providing delightful learning environments, and a creative curriculum in which your children develop skills and strategies to become independent life-long learners. The work that has been undertaken during the last term has been exceptional and I thank everyone for responding so readily to the impact of the pandemic on our children. Thank you as parents and grandparents for your unstinting support of your child(ren) and Ewhurst School and for living our values.

I wish you and your families a restful Easter break.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Jane Dyer
Headteacher

100%
Attendance for
the Spring
Term:
Apple: 93%
Holly: 66%
Cherry: 50%
Whole school:
74%

<u>Awards</u>		
<u>1/4/2021 – End of term awards</u>		
Apple	Holly	Cherry
Achievement		
Eric	Thalia	Hania
Alice	Ted	Harvey
Guardian Angel		
Aspen	Lilian	James

Pause for thought: At this glorious time of year keeping looking up and reflect on the world we live in and look forward with hope.

Summer Term 2021 – Main Dates

Monday 19 th April	Term starts
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day (no children in school)
Monday 31 st May	Bank Holiday
31 st May to 4 th June	Half term
Thursday 10 th June	School swimming starts
Tuesday 22 nd June	Whole School photo
Thursday 24 th June	Full Governors Meeting @ 7.30pm
Week 5 th to 9 th July	Feeling Good Week
Monday 5 th July	Whole School Trip to Wisley
Weds 21 st July	Leavers' Service
	End of Term @ 1.30pm, maybe varied a little by class