

EWHURST CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

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Newsletter 2

We are certainly welcoming some warmer weather and hope for more soon! In Assembly we continue to look at the symbol of a rainbow as a sign of hope. The colours are representative of a range of meanings for example **Red is the colour of love**, **Orange is the colour of waiting**, **Yellow is a happy colour, can think about or be thankful for things that make you happy today?** **Green is the colour of new growth, can think of a new skill you wish to learn this term?** **Blue is a peaceful colour, can think about how you might be a 'peacemaker' today?** Indigo is a sad colour: think or pray about someone who is sad, or ill, or lonely, **Violet is a royal colour, the colour of leaders: what good decisions will you make today?** Cherry class are making into a display with examples for everyone to see.

The well-being of all our pupils continues to be a focus and this week we are looking at developing resilience further. One of our school values is perseverance so the children learn over time what this means in learning new skills. In Apple class, the children have been persevering with throwing and catching skills along with extending their writing with traditional tales. In Holly Class, the children have enjoyed testing materials, planning and building their pirate ships. This has needed a lot of perseverance and resilience as the materials that they chose were sometimes difficult to attach. The children have also been writing the whole story of 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' which has needed a lot of concentration for a sustained period of time. The children have also felt challenged with their maths, learning new concepts and not giving up when it gets tricky. Cherry class have needed to persevere with measuring problems to solve in maths this week. They have also needed resilience to write a story independently for a sustained length of time.

This week in Assembly with Rev. Clare we remembered Ascension (going up) Day when Jesus went home. We look forward to leaning about the gift of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost next week.

Leonie's challenge

As you may have heard Leonie in Chery class has been inspired by Chloe and Elsa to undertake her own challenge and will be cycling 55km!

She will complete the ride over 2 days (accompanied by her Dad!) So, if you would like to sponsor Leonie then please do so through the [school's Virgin Money giving page](#).

Thank you for this courageous challenge and thank you Leonie for raising money for Ewhurst School.

Leonie's Downs Link Challenge

To help raise money for her School, Leonie is cycling the length of the famous Downs Link cycle way...all 55km to the beach in Shoreham! If you would like to sponsor her please go to:

<http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ewhurstschool175>

Ewhurst CofE Infant School
Celebrating 175 Years

Facemask change in policy from 17th May

In line with the government policy, facemasks are no longer required for staff in classrooms. We still await government guidance to reduce protocols further.

Swimming 2021

School swimming will be starting on Thursday 10th June. Please make sure that your child(ren) has their **NAMED** swimming costume/trunks, towel and swimming hat in school in a named bag. We operate a strict no kit, no swim policy. No goggles (unless your child can put them on independently), no baggy swimming trunks (bermuda shorts) nor bikinis, and please make sure your child can put their costume on by themselves. Thank you to everyone for sending in your swimming level forms but can we please have **all swimming donations as soon as possible**. We require donations to keep swimming!

Whole School Photograph – 22nd June

We will be having a whole school photograph on the 22nd June, please make sure your child(ren) are wearing their school jumper or cardigan. This photograph only happens once every 3 years! Thank you.

Volunteer Parents in School

In anticipation that we can welcome volunteer parents/grandparents back into school from 21st June please check that your school DBS is still in date or apply to undertake this process. We would therefore be grateful to hear from any parents/grandparents who would like to help in school with reading or to help on a school trip. Please let the school office know and we can email out the information you need to do to apply for this.

Explorers Booking Forms: June/July 2021

These are being sent out today – please ensure that they are returned by **Friday 21st May**. Bookings will not be taken if payments are outstanding for this half term.

RE-SCHEDULED - 21st May at 9.30 a.m.

Relationships, Health and Sex Education: Microsoft Teams Meeting

From September 2021 every school is required to incorporate age appropriate relationships, health and sex education as part of our PSHE and/or science curriculum. This already happens in our school but we have recently reviewed our policy and curriculum following the guidance given by the Diocese of Guildford. At this meeting you will have an opportunity to view some of the new material in our curriculum and to ask Mrs Macey or myself any questions

Golden Boot Challenge: June 7th to 2nd July

We are again taking part in this challenge organised by Surrey County Council this year, as we have for the last eight years. It is run in a way that makes it possible for everyone to take part - every day each child will be asked how he or she travelled to school, and the aim is to engage families to consider 'greener' ways of safely travelling to school. A point is awarded to each pupil who walked, scooted, cycled or travelled by public transport to school. We are aware that some pupils have no alternative to the car, and each pupil who used car share or park 'n' stride/scoot/cycle also scores a point. This is a popular option - parking at one end of the village (not from the village car park!) and either walking/scooting/cycling the remaining distance. The 'Golden Boot' trophy will be awarded to the class who changes the most to greener options used to travel to school. Please make sure that bicycles and scooters are stored safely near the library door.

Families Surrey West Magazine

This issue has loads of useful info for parents: What's On, Days Out, Parks & Playgrounds Listing, Children's Theatre, Soft Play – when are they opening, Family holiday ideas, DIY Father's Day gifts, parenting articles and lots more. [Here is the link to the digital May/June issue.](#)

Ewhurst Churchyard

I am aware that the churchyard and in particular around the Yew tree is an area in which children enjoy playing. I have been contacted by a local resident concerned that some children are using the gravestones as climbing apparatus. I would be grateful if you could ensure your child(ren) uses the graveyard with the respect it deserves.

PTA Update

To all the parents, the PTA Committee would like to say a huge thanks for your ongoing support. As we have said many times before, this year has been particularly challenging for us to raise funds for our lovely school. You might be wondering if we will have a Summer Fair this year and unfortunately because of the uncertainty we have decided to cancel it. We have instead been cooking up some new ideas and would like to share a few details with you below. We do hope that you can continue to support us as the funds raised make such a big impact on the school.

- Friday Tuck Shop – Every Friday this summer term bring your pennies to buy a treat after school at our tuck shop in the churchyard, outside the Wilson Room. Starting from Friday 21st May.
- Art Workshop – We will be organising an exciting Art Workshop for the children after school in the Wilson Room. There will be two separate dates available for the class bubbles. Dates and info to follow via WhatsApp.
- Summer Hamper Raffle – we will have some fantastic goodies for grabs in our Summer Raffle. Tickets will go on sale after the half term break.



Pupil Wellbeing

We continue to provide additional activities in your child's class to support personal, social and emotional development. As I have already mentioned, we are currently focusing on resilience, so I'm attaching our Growth Mindset Tips for Parents which you may find useful.

Hot weather

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. Sun hats (named) are essential this term. Please try to ensure that suncream (long lasting), if needed, is applied **before school. At this time, we continue to limit the number of items children bring into school. As in our sun policy, children need to apply suncream independently.** Children are encouraged to play in the shade, but the amount of shade cover is limited in the playground. After half term it is anticipated that Apple class will use the Jubilee Garden for lunchtime play.

School Council Update

The council members met with Debbie to discuss lunchtime menus. This week every child has voted on a choice of main meal and a pudding. The most popular choice was meatballs with broccoli followed by pancakes! Debbie will be cooking this menu on Thursday 27th May. Playground posters are being created to demonstrate use of playground equipment.

Lunchtime Awards

I am now presenting weekly awards at lunchtime, for children eating well, using cutlery appropriately, being courteous to their friends and adults and being a good friend in the playground.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Jane Dyer
Headteacher

Summer Term 2021 – Main Dates

Friday 28 th May	Inset Day (no children in school)
Monday 31 st May	Bank Holiday
Week 31 st May to 4 th June	Half term
Monday 7 th June	Golden Boot challenge begins
Wednesday 9 th Jun	French Club starts
Thursday 10 th June	School swimming starts
Tuesday 22 nd June	Whole School photo
Thursday 24 th June	Full Governors Meeting @ 7.30pm
Tuesday 29 th June	Olympic Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 29 th June	Olympic Football Tournament
Week 5 th to 9 th July	'It's good to be me' week
Monday 5 th July	Whole School Trip to Wisley
Tuesday 13 th July	Olympic Sports morning
Weds 21 st July	Leavers Service
	End of Term @
	1.15 pm for Apple Class
	1.20 pm for Cherry Class
	1.30 pm for Holly Class

Awards

7/5/21 – Mathematical Mastery

Star of the Week

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Dougie	Alexander	Peake

Headteacher's Award

Layla	Ted	Hania
Alexander	Florence	Florence
Aspen	Cedric	James

14/05/21 – Living the School values

Star of the Week

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Oscar	Amelie	Sofia

Headteacher's Award

Felix	Lily	Ollie
Herbie	Bonnie	Chloe
Alice	Matthew	Sebastien D