

EWHURST CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

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As we are only too aware, the month of May has been unusually cold and wet this year with so many flowers, trees and vegetables being behind. However, I am delighted to report that the weather had not delayed the arrival of swifts in Ewhurst. Every year, they can be heard screeching high above the school on 17th May. We have also had blue tits nesting in the bird box on the back of the Dove centre wall. Holly class have been watching the parents fly in and out!

The School Council organised the menu for today's lunch following a whole school vote. The children enjoyed a main meal of meatballs with broccoli followed by a decorated ginger bread man biscuit (sadly, pancakes were not possible at this time of year!). Thank you to Debbie for cooking such a delicious lunch.

From Monday 7th June, the governors have agreed that the school will move to a whole school 'outdoor' bubble so at morning play all the children will be able to play together. Explorers will also be able to mix outdoors as a whole school bubble. However, indoors each key stage will remain in their existing bubbles until guidelines change.

Next half term will be very busy with sporting activities to celebrate the Olympics. It is an opportunity to consider how inspirational many of these competitors are in their disciplines with constant effort, hard work and using a growth mindset required to be selected to represent their country. The staff are finalising the plans tomorrow.

Swimming update

Teaching and Explorer staff members have been undertaking the pool safety award as part of the school's policy. In line with our risk assessments for swimming, we are required to comply with Swim England guidance and the Safety Training Awards (STA). To be COVID secure adults are **not** allowed in the water with the children. This year we are employing a swimming teacher called Molly, who is very experienced teaching young children who have no or very little experience of water. The emphasis for all children at this time will be gaining water confidence. The class staff will also be in attendance supporting the children from the side of the pool.

Explorer swimming will not start before 17th June and this will be risk- assessed following the start of school swimming. Molly will be supervising the Explorer swim each Thursday.

Leonie's cycle ride

As you may have heard Leonie in Chery class is undertaking her own challenge and will be cycling 55km in half term. 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.

Early Bird Breakfast Club – opening on 21st June

We are delighted to announce that the school will now be operating our own in-house Breakfast Club, alongside Explorers to provide wraparound care for the children of Ewhurst CE Infant School. Initially the club will be open for a maximum of 8 pupils on a first- come- first- served basis. Please note: The opening will only happen in line with the next stage of the government's roadmap. [For the Booking forms please click here](#).

New Parents' Evening

On Tuesday we welcomed 25 families to the school at an introductory meeting via zoom. They and the staff are very much looking forward to their children joining us in September.

Swimming

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) or bikinis, and please make sure your child can put their costume on by themselves. Please do practise changing to swim kit in half term.

Golden Boot Challenge: June 7th – July 2nd

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 which 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.

Lollipop volunteers

Our unsung heroes following our return to school are the parental volunteers who do a fantastic job keeping everyone safe as you cross to and from school. Thank you to Helen McLaren, Angela Tarratt, Rosanna Guest, Vicky Heath, Kashell Fowle, Jon Rapley and Amanda Mtemi and thank you to Angela Tarratt who co-ordinates the rota. We are very grateful for all your help.

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

Parental Survey

Today, you will receive a link for you to complete a survey on how your child(ren) are flourishing at Ewhurst in this academic year. We welcome feedback to aid school strategy planning for the future by Monday 14th June. [To access the survey you can follow this link.](#)

Letter from Co- Chairs of governors

Please see attached.

Pause for Thought...

Rainbows have been explored in this term's Collective Worship as a sign of hope. Orange is the colour of kindness. Consider how you can show great kindness this half term to others.

Wishing everyone a restful half term enjoying some glorious weather.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Jane Dyer
Headteacher

Awards

21/5/21 – Handwriting/spelling/phonics

Star of the Week

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Siena	Amy	Sebastien D

Headteacher's Award

Freddie	Orlaith	Leonie
William Cha.	Charlie	Elsa
Charlie	Olivia	Alfie

27/05/2021 Individual Awards

Star of the Week

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Evelyn	Lilian	Sebastian P

Headteacher's Award

George	Imogen	Florence
Benjamin	Axel	Hania
Amelia	Charlotte	James