

## EWHURST CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

### Newsletter 6

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As the Summer Term draws to a close, we have today celebrated the achievements of our Cherry class children as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey. Even though this last academic year has been challenging living in a pandemic, the partnership between the school and parents enables each child to be guided on an individual pathway, as he or she develops into a confident independent learner. All of our six Christian values of friendship, honesty, respect, community and perseverance are lived out daily in our school and arching above all these is our key value of love which shines through our children as we saw in the Leavers' Service. Today we said farewell to Mrs Symonds as she retires after 17 years of dedicated service at Ewhurst School. Miss West has spent a year with Cherry class and we are really delighted that she is moving to a very local school, Cranleigh CE Primary School so we will be keeping in contact and she will be teaching Yr 4 with former Ewhurst children!

Today, Cherry class helped me bury a time capsule which can last up to 200 years. Each Cherry class child has contributed a memory of their time at Ewhurst. We have included a collection of letters from past pupils spanning 10 decades. A whole school photo along with newsletters (and a face mask!) have also been included so that anyone finding this may see a snapshot of education in 2021 at Ewhurst.

This last year working in any school has been very challenging, but at Ewhurst it has been equally rewarding. Welcoming all the children back into school following 'lockdown' was a highlight and opportunity to ensure the children thrive in our safe, nurturing community.

Swimming in our own pool has been incredibly special, but it has been challenging without the wonderful parental help as in past years. However, we did it and the progress that many children have made is remarkable. Molly, our swim teacher, has never seen such rapid progress in such a short period of time for so many children.

The 2021 Olympic Games have been celebrated with three competitive events, swimming, triathlon and track and field. The children were part of a mixed aged team representing a continent. They experienced an opening and closing ceremony and the awarding of medals. The European Team were awarded the gold medal, the Americas the silver and Africa the bronze. The results were close and every child has been celebrated for their individual achievements.



Some quotes from Apple class; Alice – I Like doing the egg and spoon race, running and swimming. Freddie – I've enjoyed running; it makes me feel happy. Evelyn – I like cycling a lot. I enjoyed the cycling. Arthur – I liked swimming and getting some points. Arabella – I've put my medal in a little area where I keep my toys and I know it won't get lost.

Holly class commented, 'We loved all of the events but some of us wanted to share these thoughts with you'. Imogen- 'I liked the swimming gala because I liked the game we played all together at the end'. Axel - 'I liked the bike race, the running race and the swimming races during the triathlon because it was really fun to work as a team'. Lilian - 'I liked the swimming gala and the triathlon because it was fun doing something we have never done before'. Amelie - 'I loved the opening ceremony parade being

together with the whole school'. Ted - 'I liked the opening ceremony because we got to hold lots of different flags. The racing was really exciting'. Olivia - 'I liked the swimming gala and triathlon because it was fun doing things from the Olympics. I can't wait to watch the real Olympics'.

In Cherry class Peake said 'I enjoyed the triathlon because we all got to do everything, and the finishing times were really close'. Chloe said 'In mixed up morning I enjoyed the tennis because I got to teach children who did not have much experience and it might inspire them to go to different clubs'. Sebastien D said 'I liked the running in the triathlon because everybody used the perseverance value'. James said 'I liked it when we practiced the different sports morning events'. Leonie said 'I liked the swimming in the triathlon because we had to work as a team. Elsa said 'I was proud that everybody had a go at the triathlon and they persevered'.

### **Cranleigh Library Summer Reading Challenge**

Please find attached an invitation from Cranleigh library to take part in their summer reading challenge: Wild World Heros. It is free to take part and an excellent opportunity to maintain your child's fabulous progress in reading while you are away.

### **Cranleigh Parish Council/ Cranleigh Arts Centre**

Cranleigh Parish Council is running a 'design a bollard' project in conjunction with Cranleigh Arts Centre (**a template is attached**). All of the local schools have been invited to take part and design a bollard for Cranleigh village – with Cranleigh as a 'loose' theme. The winning designs will be painted onto the bollards throughout the village. Please submit via post or email to the Cranleigh Arts Centre, 1 High Street, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8AS or [openexhibition@cranleighartscentre.org](mailto:openexhibition@cranleighartscentre.org). Don't forget to include your name and school when you send in your design.

### **Looking ahead to September.**

It is intended to revert to the school times for the whole school with the playground gate opening at 8.45am and pick up at 3.00pm from the playground.

The staff for each class are listed below:

- Apple class -** Mrs Macey (class teacher & senior teacher)  
LSA: Mrs Dennison (Full time)
- Holly Class -** Mrs Beavis, job share class teacher (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning) with Mrs Stevenson (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)  
LSA: Miss Dibble (mornings)
- Cherry Class -** Mrs West (Monday – Wednesday) & Ms Johnston (Thursday – Friday)  
HLTA: Mrs Martin (mornings)
- Tuesday pm -** Holly and Cherry Class will have PE led by Sports Stars UK  
Mrs Martin will lead intervention groups each afternoon except Tuesday

### **Photographs/Videoing i.e. Leavers Service**

Please could I remind parents that all photographs and videos of school events are for home use ONLY and MUST NOT appear on any social networking sites. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Parental Help**

A special thank you goes to our lollipop volunteers Angela Tarratt, Rosanna Guest, Amanda Mtemi, Helen McLaren, Kashell Fowle, Vicky Heath, Sammie Perry, Sofia Randall, Katie Cooper and Jon Rapley for keeping the children and their families safe.

### **PTA Art workshop**

The art class was a great success and all the children enjoyed it. We might do another one in the autumn, all being well, when we don't have bubble restrictions. The PTA committee has worked very creatively in finding ways of raising money for the children of Ewhurst School and have raised £5,000 which is a tremendous amount. I am very grateful to the committee members Claire, Sofia, Angela and Laura.



### **Ewhurst Governors**

We have a committed governing body who provided exceptional level of support during this ongoing pandemic. They continue to undertake the usual governor responsibilities that support curricular developments for your children in a church school, and I am very grateful to them all. They are: Tim Hurley, Chris Ansell, Mike Turner, Lisa Warmesley, Clare Barber, Heather Hadfield, Rev Clare Shepherd, Ariela Fish, Celine Mougenot-Salt, Andrew Welsh and Karen Stanley.

[175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary website](#) <<<please click

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the amount of £5, 000. That has been raised so far- a terrific amount in these last 3 months.

### **School Website**

The website holds a wealth of information and photographs of our summer events. A montage of these photos of this last year has been created to provide you of a snapshot. [You can see and download it here.](#)

### **School Heating Project**

In the summer holiday new radiators will be installed throughout the school which is a project the governing body is delighted to have gained funding support from Guildford diocese. The governing body are still required to fund 10% of the total cost.

### **Reflections from a Headteacher!**

I have been very blessed with so many people, staff, governors, parents and members of the church and village community who have supported me over the last 21 years in creating the vision in which young children will flourish. I have been so grateful for the wonderful send off the children and parents gave yesterday. To hear singing for the first time was so special after so long. The personal song from Apple class and the acrostic poem from Holly class along with and recommendations of how to spend my retirement from Cherry class will be a lasting memory. I will look forward to eating the apples from the apple tree and enjoy the vouchers in due course. Thank you so much for your generosity.

These last 16 months has been extraordinary, the tireless exhausting pressure of an unprecedented situation has been managed through Christian love and commitment shown by the staff team and the governing body. This has led to consistency and continuity of the curriculum and learning activities as much as possible so the children have flourished.

I now pass on the baton to the next custodian of Ewhurst School and I'm sure with the depth of experience from within the staff team your children will continue to thrive.

I could not have done this job alone so I thank you for trusting me and supporting me in the journey.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing holiday.

Yours sincerely,



**Jane Dyer**  
**Headteacher**



#### **100% Annual Attendance – 2020/2021**

**Apple** - Archie, Johnnie, Felix, Arabella, Arthur, Alex, Siena, Noah, Flora,

**Holly** - Chloe, Lily, Olivia, Bonnie,

#### **Whole School Attendance:**

**100% Attendance for the Summer Term:**

Apple: 61% Holly: 66% Cherry: 57%

**100% Attendance Sept 2020 – July 2021**

22% of the school

#### **Awards – 16/7/2021 Independent Learners**

##### **Star of the Week**

<b><u>Apple</u></b>	<b><u>Holly</u></b>	<b><u>Cherry</u></b>
<b><u>Layla</u></b>	<b><u>Orlaith</u></b>	<b><u>Hania</u></b>
<b><u>Headteacher's</u></b>	<b><u>Headteacher's</u></b>	<b><u>Headteacher's</u></b>
<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Award</u></b>
<b><u>Dougie</u></b>	<b><u>Amelie</u></b>	<b><u>Alfie</u></b>
<b><u>Alex</u></b>	<b><u>Lilian</u></b>	<b><u>Florence</u></b>
<b><u>Herbie</u></b>	<b><u>Ted</u></b>	<b><u>Harvey</u></b>

### **End of Year Awards**

<b>Apple</b>	<b>Holly</b>	<b>Cherry</b>
Achievement – Alex, Siena	Achievement – Chloe, Charlie	Mabel Edwards Cup for Boys - Peake Mabel Edwards Cup for Girls - Chloe
Guardian Angel – Herbie	Guardian Angel – Charlotte	Guardian Angel – Florence
Sport – Freddie, Rosie	Sport – Florence, Alexander	Sport –Hania, Sebastien D
		Creative Writing – Isobel

#### **Autumn Term September 2021**

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Inset Day (no children in school)
Thurs 2nd	Inset Day (no children in school)
Fri 3rd	Holly and Cherry class back to school
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Staggered intake for new Apple Class (all part-time)
Mon 6th	Explorers starts
	Breakfast Club starts
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Stars UK After School Club starts
Weds 12th	French club starts