

## What a great start to the year ....

We could not be **prouder of our youngest children**. Our new Reception children have surpassed all of our expectations. They are a bunch of superstars who are already showing such courage and determination! **Starting school is a big deal as there is so much to take in** and I think there will be some very tired little people this weekend!

**Year 1 and 2 have been terrific** and have loved having assemblies back in the hall again. On Wednesday we talked about having a growth mindset and thinking about the power of the word 'yet'. *I can't do it .....YET!*

Please **do not use the car park at drop off or pick up** unless you have a blue disabled badge or permission from the office. The staff car park may be used at pick up **from after school clubs and Explorers**, but please **park considerately** and remember space will be very limited due to staff parking.

The great news is that parents can use the **Village Hall Car Park**. You can then walk up through the church and down the church steps and across the crossing; what better way to enter a church school!

At the beginning of each academic year the class teacher **shares with parents the class topics and expectations** for the year including home learning. This year the meetings will be held on these dates in the school hall.

**Apple Class 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2.30pm**  
**Holly Class 24<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm**  
**Cherry Class 20<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm**

Unfortunately the British weather is a little unpredictable and for that reason we do need all children to have a **named jumper/cardigan and coat in school every day**.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs McConnell,

## Who's who?

Each week we will introduce a different member of staff or governor to you so that you can put a name to the face! This week we start with Mrs McConnell.

**Mrs McConnell – Interim Headteacher**

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I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as Interim Headteacher at Ewhurst. The governors, staff, parents and children have given me a very warm welcome. I have two boys who are about to turn 6 and 9. My husband is a gardener and as a family we enjoy walking our dog Snoopy. I enjoy listening to music and I am very partial to watching the odd musical at the theatre!

## We desperately need more volunteers to help man the crossing

Can you spare 20 minutes once a week to help the children cross the road safely? If you can please give your name to the office. The training will take place at school and will take about 45 minutes.



We are a **NUT FREE** school. This is to protect children and staff with allergies.



Please **do not** bring dogs into the school playground. This includes dogs on leads and dogs in arms. Thank you!

**Staffing for the forthcoming term****Apple Class:** Mrs Macey (Class Teacher), Mrs Dennison LSA (all day),**Holly Class:** Mrs Beavis (Class Teacher) Mon/Tues Weds am, Mrs Stevenson (Class Teacher) Weds, Thurs, Fri, Miss Dibble LSA am**Cherry Class:** Mrs West Mon/Tues/Weds (Class Teacher), Mrs Johnston Thurs/Fri, Mrs Martin (HLTA all day)**Autumn Term 2021****September**

Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	French club starts
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holly and Cherry visit church tbc
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting Cherry Class @2.30pm
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Curriculum Meeting Apple Class @2.30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting Holly Class @2.30pm

**October**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Drop ins
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Drop ins
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closed
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup>	Half term

**November**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children back at school
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Drop ins
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Drop ins

**December**

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Drop ins
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of term, pick up @1.30

**Spring Term 2022****January**

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children back in school

**PPA time:** Every Tuesday afternoon Apple & Cherry class teachers are released from class responsibilities to take time to plan, prepare and assess for the following week. At this time Cherry class will undertake PE activities delivered by Sports Starts coaches and IT activities led by Mrs. Martin. Holly class will also have PE with a Sports Stars coach and Mrs Beavis. Mrs Beavis and Mrs Stevenson have PPA on a Wednesday morning as part of their job-share. Apple class will be led by Mrs Dennison and Miss Diddle.

**Certificates awarded out of school**

If your child receives a certificate, medal or trophy for an out of school activity, such as swimming, football or dancing, these can be awarded at Celebration Assembly on Friday. We do not give out certificates for 'party' events. We like to encourage the child to tell us what they needed to do to achieve the certificate, thus providing a conversation in which the child and the rest of the school acknowledge the effort and improvement required. Please email the office a photo of the certificate or a photo of your child holding the certificate or trophy to the school office by Thursday in preparation for the Friday assembly.

