

A blustery week, full of rain, puddles and not much petrol!

The children's **Harvest Assembly** was delightful and videos of the performance are on your child's Tapestry journal. I know that many parents will be disappointed, as was I, that due to the weather we could not have you in. We are **committed to getting 'back to normal' and flinging the doors wide open for all**, which I know parents are keen for too. However, I have to take into account the **children and their own well being**. It has taken the children a while to settle back into the routine of going into the hall for assembly. If I had then put an additional 50-70 adults in front of them, in the confined space of the hall, I think it would have been overwhelming for some. However, we have a plan!

In order to get the children used to visitors and parents in school again I am proposing that we **open up Celebration Assembly** to parents, one class at a time. The parents can watch the assembly, so they can see what happens and the **class with parents** in will do a **small feature** e.g. a song, story etc. This will enable children to get used to having parents in ready for events such as the **nativity**.

After each assembly I will be around for anyone who wants to catch up with me, although please remember you can email me at anytime.

Friday 15th Oct 9.15am – Cherry parents

Thurs 21st Oct 9.15am – Holly parents

Fri 5th Nov 9.15am – Apple parents

Details of Parents' Evening will come out in the next few weeks.

We are looking forward to **welcoming volunteers back to school**. All volunteers will **need a new DBS** due to the length of time out of school, please ask the office for details.

The staff are **very excited** to have you all back in for **Book Looks** today and the **Learning Alongside** next week. Mrs McConnell,

Who's who?



Mrs Stevenson
Year 1 teacher

Hello! I'm Mrs Gemma Stevenson, I teach in Holly Class Wednesday to Friday. I have worked at Ewhurst Infant School for ten years and I love the community feeling that comes with a small school. I'm so excited we are able to invite you back in to our school to celebrate your children. I have a daughter called Florence who is two and a half and my husband, Ben, is deputy head at Tillingbourne Primary School. As a family, we love spending time outside, whatever the weather! I love to craft and sew and have recently taught myself to crochet using YouTube. I also love to sing so I'm really pleased that we can sing at school again. If your child tells you I have been singing Disney songs in the classroom, it's true!

Snowmen needed!



Many of you sent in pictures of your snowmen to News and Views this spring. The new charity, the Friends of St Peter & St Paul (FSPSP) would very much like to use some of these for village Christmas cards this year. If you are willing to send FSPSP your snowman pics - or any other snowy pics - you will be acknowledged on the card and get a free pack of your cards. Please e-mail your pics as jpgs, with as high a resolution as possible, to geoffjane67@gmail.com before Friday 8 October.

Thank you - all proceeds from the sales will be used by FSPSP for repairs to the village church

Easyfundraising website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

As the time for Christmas shopping is upon us, please do consider using the easyfundraising website if purchasing online. It is very easy to use and raises money for the school. The school website has more information, and you can follow the link from there. So far we have raised over £ 4572.78 easyfundraising by 91 supports since started for school funds, which is wonderful.

Have you returned the Christmas pudding label drawing template?

Deadline is 8th October

Autumn Term 2021**October**

Sun 3 rd	Church Harvest Celebration at 10.30am
Wed 6 th	Learning alongside your child
Thurs 7 th	Year 1 Forest Schools
Fri 8 th	PTA Tuck Stop
Thurs 14 th	Year 2 Forest Schools
Thurs 14 th	PTA AGM – Dove Centre
Tues 19 th	Individual School Photos
Fri 15 th	Drop ins
Thurs 21 st	Year 1 Forest Schools
Thurs 21 st	PTA Tuck Stop
Fri 22 nd	School closed
w/c 25 th	Half term

November

Mon 1 st	INSET Day
Tues 2 nd	Children back at school
Thurs 4 th	Year 2 Forest Schools
Fri 5 th	PTA Tuck Stop
Wed 10 th	Advent Workshop –Cherry Class
Thurs 11 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 12 th	Mufti Day – Children in Need
Fri 12 th	Drop ins
Thurs 18 th	Year 1 Forest Schools
Fri 19 th	PTA Tuck Stop
Wed 24 th	Pied Piper Theatre Performance
Thurs 25 th	Year 2 Forest Schools
Fri 26 th	Drop ins

December

Thurs 2 nd	Year 1 Forest Schools
Fri 3 rd	PTA Tuck Stop
Fri 10 th	Drop ins
Fri 17 th	End of term, pick up @1.30

Spring Term 2022**January**

Tues 4 th	INSET Day
Weds 5 th	Children back in school

Thank you to all children and parents who have let us know they will be attending Harvest Celebration at church this Sunday. Please may we ask all adults to wear a mask in church. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday 19th October: Individual school photos. Have you returned the permission slip? PE will still take place on that day, children will come into school in their school uniform and change after lunch into their PE kit.

Awards – 01/10/2021**Playground awards****Star of the Week**

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Corinne	Eric	Axel

Headteacher's Award

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Maisie B	Aspen	Rafael
Olive	Alice	Olivia
William C	Benjamin	Florence

JOIN THE PTA 200 CLUB

A great way for you to support the school whilst having a bit of a flutter! Do sign up! More information attached.

St Peter & St Paul Ewhurst Harvest Collection for British Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine 2021 - last chance to donate!

They are collecting items to be sent to children of all ages in Ukraine in time for Christmas. The "most wanted" things are **winter gloves, hats, scarves, stationary items, socks & underwear, toiletries, toys, sweets and biscuits.** Last drop off at church 7 Oct.

