



Ewhurst News



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Dear Parents/carers,

It is a great pleasure to send out my first newsletter of the year!

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome I have received here at Ewhurst. I have been struck by the warm, family atmosphere in the school community. This fits in very well with our school theme for this half-term, which is 'community'. I have been speaking to the pupils during Collective Worship this week about the importance of being together as a school community and how we can care for each other when we need help.

There will be many occasions over the school year where we can come together as a school community. The first opportunity is our **'Meet The Teacher' session on Monday 19 September** at 2.15pm. Parents and carers are warmly welcome to come to the side gate, where we will take you into the classroom to meet your child's teacher. They will take a few minutes to explain their approach to learning in the class and the curriculum that we will follow this school year. They will outline any important routines we will be establishing and give you some key dates for any special events, such as Class Assemblies. We do hope we can see as many of you there as possible! The event will finish just before 3pm, so that you can collect your child immediately afterwards.

Also linked to our theme of community is the **Parish Fete on Saturday 17 September** from 12-4pm. As part of this event, there is a self-portrait competition. Pupils will be having a special art lesson in class next week when they will be completing a special self-portrait. These drawings will be hung up in the church on the 17th, with the prize-giving at 1pm.

Another date for your diaries is our **Harvest Pause Day on Monday 3 October**. We will be supporting the Cranleigh Food Bank this year and we will send you more details next week about what non-perishable items each class will be collecting, so that pupils can bring these in on 3 October.

Finally, we were all very saddened by the news on Thursday evening that our Queen has passed away. I will be conducting a special commemoration assembly next Monday 12 September to celebrate her life with the children. I will be using slides provided by the Diocese of Guildford for this (you can have an advanced look at these using this link: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/education/christian-distinctiveness/collective-worship/latest-collective-worship-resources>) I should be grateful if you would prepare your child for this in any way you think is appropriate. We are very mindful at this time about how different people, both adults and children, process issues around grief and death and as a school community we want to be sensitive and age-appropriate in our approach. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Best wishes,

Jonathan Walters



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

Autumn Term 2022**September**

Wed 14th French starts for Holly and Cherry
 Mon 19th Apple class full time, pick up 3pm
 Mon 19th "Meet the Teacher" @2.15pm
 Thurs 22nd Governors Business Meeting
 Mon 26th Phonics Workshop for Parents @2pm

October

Mon 3rd Harvest Pause Day with Church Service @9.15am
 24th – 28th HALF-TERM
 Mon 31st INSET DAY

November

Tues 1st All children return to school
 Wed 2nd Parents evening all classes
 Wed 23rd Pied Piper Theatre Performance
 Thurs 24th Full Governing Body Meeting
 Wed 30th Apple class Nativity @ 10am

December

Mon 5th Holly & Cherry Nativity @2pm
 Tues 6th Holly & Cherry Nativity @9.15am
 Sat 10th PTA Christmas Fair (TBC)
 Fri 16th End of term, finish @1.30pm

Spring Term 2023**January**

Tues 3rd INSET DAY
 Wed 4th All children return to school

Lollipop volunteer urgently needed

Are you able to support by making sure children and adults can cross the road safely? We only need once a week 20 minutes of your time either in the mornings or afternoons Do contact the office. Training will be 28th September at 9.

PPA time: Every Tuesday afternoon all class teachers are released from class to take time to plan, prepare and assess. At this time Holly and Cherry class will undertake PE activities delivered by Sports Starts coaches and Music activities led by Miss Dibble. Apple class will be led by Mrs Martin and Mrs Dennison.

Awards

Going forward we will award each class with one **Star of the week** for their hard work and one **Headteacher's Award** for behaviour.

These awards will begin on Friday 16 September.

Drop off

The gate opens at 8:45am, the **bell rings at 8:53am** for the gate to **close at 8:55am**. We kindly ask parents to leave promptly. Everyone coming late will access the school via the school office and are recorded as late.

Punctuality is very important to us as a school. We believe that every second counts! Thank you for your support.

Car park

The car park at school is for **staff use only**. Parents dropping off at breakfast club may use it until 8:15am at the latest. Otherwise please use the village car park and walk via the church yard to the school. The main road is too dangerous as the walkway is very narrow. Thank you.

Illness

Should your child be poorly please inform the office by 9am with the reason of absence.
Thank you.

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 like to encourage the child to tell us what they needed to do to achieve the certificate. 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.

