



# Ewhurst News



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Dear parents/carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point in the school year! it has flown by...and yet when I look back so much seems to have happened. I hope you will all take some time this half term holiday to rest and reflect on all the wonderful things that have taken place at school during the past 5 months. For me, there have been so many highlights - in particular I remember the Christmas fair on a lovely sunny day in December and the Year 2 Advent Workshop at Guildford Cathedral. For these and many more occasions, we have been so grateful for the support of parents. A particular 'shout out' goes to the PTA, who have worked tirelessly to raise hundreds of pounds for the school. We have been blessed to have had support from the wider community too, with contributions from organisations such as Cranleigh Lions, Ellens Green Mission Hall Fund, Ewhurst Players and the Governors' band 'The Fabulous Nobodies' to name just a few. Just this week I wrote to the organisers of the Village Festive Market, which generously directed some of their proceeds to the school. Another highlight of the first half of this school year has been seeing the academic progress and social development of our wonderful pupils. This week's Holly Class assembly was an example of how the children are growing in stature and confidence. We will continue to put all our efforts into this, of course. Our focus will continue to be on developing every child's skill in Phonics and early reading. It is from this base that pupils will have the best possible access to the whole curriculum and make rapid progress in all subjects. Thanks for your ongoing support with this: reading at home with and to your children at least three times a week will accelerate their progress even further. We will give even more attention to this in the next half-term, when we will celebrate Book Week (starting Monday 27 February) and World Book Day (now moved to Friday 3 March). Please also look out for revised library times and systems after half-term.

The children's safety and well-being is our highest priority and this week we have had a special focus on online safety. The pupils have listened well and engaged in discussion enthusiastically. One topic we have been picking up from some of the older children is gaming and some have mentioned playing Roblox and Fortnite. The PEGI age rating for Roblox is 7+ and for Fortnite is 12+. I am attaching with this newsletter a parents guide for both these games, so you can make some informed choices. Finally, I thought you would welcome some reflections from the parent survey I issued just before Christmas. From the 39 responses we received, 31 said their child was very happy at Ewhurst and none said their child was unhappy. 33 respondents said they felt their child was very safe at the school. I asked for three words to describe our school and over a third used the word 'caring'. Below is a word picture of some of the other keywords used.

Thanks again for all your ongoing support! Have a wonderful half-term and we will see you all again on Monday 20 February!

Best wishes,

Jonathan Walters

warm community  
Small and friendly Happy  
community caring Small  
low level inclusive fun  
Supportive Kind helpful kind great staff  
Safe encouraging  
Friendly caring & fun  
lots of phonics

**Spring Term 2023**

13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	HALF – TERM
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Lent “40 Days of Kindness”
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	African Drumming Workshop
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Class Forest Schools
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Drop ins all classes
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Tuck Shop
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry class History Walk
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations Year 1,2

**March**

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations Year R,1& 2
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day Dress up
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Usborne Books Fair
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Apple Class Trip to Amberley Museum
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry Class at Sayers Croft

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day - MUFTI
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Apple class Tea for Mothers day
Week 20 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Science Wizards
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Working alongside
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cherry Class at Sayers Croft
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Drops ins all classes
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Tuck Shop
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Pause Morning
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term Service @9.15
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	School finishes at 1.30pm

**Summer Term 2023****April**

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	All children return to school
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**Awards –10/02/2023 - Well done!****Star of the Week Award**

Apple	Sersha
Holly	Ralph
Cherry	Alexander

**Headteachers Award**

Apple	Genevieve
Holly	Annabelle
Cherry	Henry

**‘African Activities’ – 22<sup>nd</sup> February (morning)**

We are very fortunate and delighted to welcome Kwame from ‘African Activities’ to Ewhurst Infant School again this year, where the children will take part in two workshops ‘Drumming and Storytelling’. We are sure this will be a very exciting and enjoyable morning for all the children. The workshops form part of our work with Uganda. **We owe special thanks to the PTA for funding this again.**

**Parent Consultations**

**If you have not already done so please sign up on the sheets in the office**

**SECRET – Mystery Readers**

Thank you to all the volunteers as mystery readers!  
Please do keep it as a secret from your child!

**Road Safety**

Please may we remind you of good practice when coming to and leaving the school. Our lollipop volunteers have noticed that children are not waiting at the top of the steps before crossing the road with their parents. There seem to be children running down the steps. Cars on this road tend to drive too quickly, therefore we also ask parents to walk over the car park at the village hall to the church grounds to get to the top of the hill which is by far the safer option. We had a report of a parent’s elbow being hit by a mirror, we do not want this to be your child.

**Pub Quiz**

The PTA organised that the School would benefit from the Quiz in the Bull’s Head last week: this raised £308.00! Fantastic!! It was a fun evening out, thank you to everyone that took part.

**World Book Day**

Has been move from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

