



Ewell Grove Newsletter



During today's whole school assembly we spent time reflecting on the importance of Remembrance. We shared how Remembrance is commemorated through ceremonies and events around the world. The children also took some time to think of ways to mark Remembrance that are special to them. Ideas from the children included planting a tree, writing a poem, creating a poppy or visiting a special place. On Wednesday Miss Grover and Miss McClenaghan took a group of children from across the school to Bourne Hall to 'The Garden of Remembrance'. During this important event children from schools within Epsom and Ewell contributed by sharing poems and planting crosses in the garden to remember those who have been hurt or died during conflict. This was a wonderful opportunity to consider the values of kindness, courage and resilience. Thank you to the children who were involved in this as your behaviour was impeccable and as always we were very proud of how you represented Ewell Grove.



Fantastic news! Thank you to the FOEG and our school community for contributing to our wonderful new patio and ramp in the Orchard. It is now accessible to all and is a brilliant space for the children to use during playtimes, lunchtimes and for outdoor learning.



Home School Link Worker *Worry Wise Workshop*

A huge thank you to all the lovely parents who joined today's workshop, it was such a warm, open session. One takeaway from the discussion was how much our children learn from watching us. When we try to stay calm, or at least pretend convincingly while sipping a much-needed cup of tea, we're actually helping them learn to manage their own worries. Taking small moments for self-care isn't selfish, it's showing our children that looking after ourselves is part of being human. You're doing better than you think!

Thank you from Miss Ahmed and Mrs Hooper.



A Love of Reading

This week Mrs Sala has recommended two stories you may like to share at home.



Magicali, by Jennifer Bell, follows the adventures of two best friends who discover they have the rare talent of creating 'magicores'. I enjoy sharing a chapter with my own children each night before they go to bed and I think I look forward to the next chapter just as much as they do!

Whatever Next!, by Jill Murphy, is a really exciting story to share with young children. It features a small bear who travels to the moon in a cardboard box rocket and provides the basis for any other adventure your imagination will allow. I can't wait to hear where your imagination takes you!



Parents Information Booklet



Calendar of Events



Subject of the Week – Art

We have been using art to explore other curriculum areas.

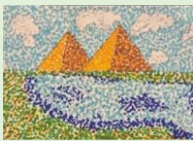
In EYFS, the children have explored mixing colours and using recycled goods such as toilet rolls to create pictures and firework patterns. Alongside this, the children have been exploring 2D shapes to make rockets.



KS1 children have been using art to retell stories. Dioramas have been used to demonstrate their understanding of habitats in geography and to study animals in science.



In KS2, children have been exploring history and science through art. They have been bringing topics to life through the use of clay, pointillism and sketching.



In preparation for Remembrance Day all classes have been exploring different ways to present poppies to commemorate those who have fallen.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our Local Governing Body. **Attached** to the newsletter this week you will find a letter detailing the process for nominating yourself and the timeline for this.

If you are keen to see the school develop and contribute to the local community we would love to receive your nomination.



On 1st September, the Department for Education (DfE) launched the [‘Best Start in Life’](#) website which has replaced the ‘Childcare Choices’ website. You are now able to find a broader range of helpful resources for your family.

Years 5 & 6 - Netball Friendly Match



This week our netball team competed in some friendly matches against Wallace Fields. We were incredibly proud of their determination during their games, where they encouraged and supported each other throughout. Well done to all involved!

Southfield Park Primary

We are thrilled to announce that Southfield Park Primary School, a short drive from Epsom town centre, has joined the Lumen Learning Trust family of schools. With a relentless approach to providing the very best educational opportunities within a nurturing environment for primary pupils in the Surrey area, this important step marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school communities. Bringing expertise, strong collaboration and high-quality practitioners to all of our schools, this new addition will further enrich our pupils’ learning experience.

While we embark on this journey with Southfield Park, we want to reassure you that our unwavering commitment to creating a warm, inclusive and supportive environment for every child remains stronger than ever. Our core values and our dedication to your child’s growth, wellbeing and success will continue to guide everything we do.

We will keep you updated on developments and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have.

Thank you for your continued support as we embrace these new opportunities together.

Christmas Performance Dates

Christmas performances will take place in the **School Hall starting at 9:15am.**

Nursery	Friday: 12 th December
Reception	Wednesday: 10 th December
Year 1	Thursday: 11 th December
Year 2	Tuesday: 9 th December
Year 3	Monday: 8 th December
Year 5	Thursday: 4 th December



School Photographer

Reminder - the school photographer will be at school on **Tuesday 11th November** and **Wednesday 12th November** taking both individual and sibling photographs.

Please can all children come to school both days wearing their full school uniform. If your child is due to have PE on either of these days, please ensure they are wearing their PE trainers.

For your information:



The Impact of News on Children

Internet Matters has recently produced a page explaining what can be done to help support children and young people navigate any news which they find worrying.

If you would like further information, please click on this [link](#).

Photographic Images & Names of Children - Parental Consent

Reminder: please can all parents / carers complete the attached consent form and return it to the school office by no later than **Friday 14th November**.

Thank you to all those parents / carers who have completed and returned their forms.



Attendance Policy

Please find below important information regarding Penalty Notices.

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not.

Dates

Day 1: Wednesday 24th Sept 12.15-2.15pm

Day 2: Monday 29th sept 6.00-8.00 pm

Day 3: Wednesday 1st Oct 12.00-2.00 pm

Day 4: Wednesday 22nd Oct 12.00-2.00 pm

Day 5: Wednesday 5th Nov 12.00-2.00 pm

Day 6: Monday 10th Nov 6.00-8.00 pm

Day 7: Wednesday 19th Nov 12.00-2.00 pm

Day 8: Wednesday 17th Dec 12.00-2.00 pm

With Emma & Sarah D

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Friends of Ewell Grove Events

November

Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th November	Krispy Kreme sale – pre-orders (online)
Wednesday: 5 th November- 4:00pm	Nearly new uniform - online orders close
Wednesday: 5 th November – 7:30pm	Nearly new uniform – sorting evening (volunteers needed)
Wednesday: 5 th November	Christmas Fair – parent / carer volunteers information shared with class Helping Hand Coordinators
Thursday: 6 th November (6:30 - 8:00pm) & Friday: 7 th November (8:45 – 9:00am)	The Little Recyclers (clothes collection fundraiser)
Friday: 7 th November – 9:00am – 11:00am	Christmas cards – order sorting (volunteers needed)
Monday: 10 th November	Christmas Fair Online Raffle – goes live
Monday: 10 th November – 3:15pm	Nearly new uniform – playground sale
Friday: 14 th November – 9:00am	FOEG Open Meeting (all welcome)
Friday: 21 st November – 3:15pm	Krispy Kreme playground sale (together with pre-order collection)
Friday: 21 st November	Helping Hand Coordinators – return Christmas Fair class volunteer rotas
Friday: 21 st November – 7:30pm	Book Club – 'My Sister, the Serial Killer' by Oyinkan Braithwaite
Monday: 24 th November	Santa's postbox opens

December

Wednesday: 3 rd December	Non-Uniform day and Christmas Fair donations (parent volunteers needed 8:45am – 9:15am)
Friday: 5 th December – 8:00 – 10:00pm	Wreath Making workshop (pre-paid tickets only)
Wednesday: 10 th December – 3:15pm	Collection of Christmas wreath kits (pre-orders only)
Thursday: 11 th December – 7:00 – 10:00pm	Christmas Fair prep evening
Friday: 12 th December – 4:00 – 6:00pm	Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto (Grotto pre-booked tickets only)
Friday: 12 th December – 7:00pm	Christmas Fair raffle drawn
Week commencing Monday: 15 th December	Nearly new uniform – order form goes live