



### SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS

We were delighted to welcome Mr Bodell, Headteacher of Blenheim High School, who came to talk to the Year 6 today. The children asked some fabulous questions such as ...

“Do you get lots of homework?” “To begin with students in Year 7 only get homework in English, Maths and Science. This equates to approximately half an hour per subject (1½ hours initially). The expectation increases over time.”

Further visits have been arranged for:

Epsom & Ewell High	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Glyn	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Rosebery	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October

You will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. Apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call them on 0300 200 1004.

### COATS AND GLASSES ON PE DAYS

**EYFS and KS1 children** (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2) children just need to wear their coats; they do not currently need to bring in a lightweight raincoat.

**KS2 children (Y3 to Y6)** should wear their coats to school but also bring a lightweight raincoat with them.



A reminder that any child who needs to wear glasses during PE must have a sports strap to use with them.

### OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Ewell Grove belonged to a scheme which runs jointly between local schools, Surrey Police and Surrey County Council. Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting on any domestic incidents that occur outside of school and might have an impact on a child in school.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school teaching staff, named a ‘Key Adult’ or “Deputy Key Adult”, is informed the next morning that there has been a domestic incident or if a child has been reported as missing. These school colleagues will be those who already have safeguarding responsibilities and are fully aware of the sensitive and confidential issues regarding such information.

Through sharing this information with the Key Adult or Deputy Key Adult, the school can ensure that the child is supported in the most appropriate way during the school day.

For more information see:

[www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

### FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE

[Bag2School](http://Bag2School) is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing. All the bags will be weighed and we will be paid for the total weight collected.

The last collection in February was a great success, raising **£248**. Our next Bag2School collection is scheduled for **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

So have a clear out of all your old/unwanted clothes and paired shoes (NO UNIFORM PLEASE). Put them into bin bags and drop them to us at school. When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

Due to restrictions on access into the playground, the following times are available for dropping of your bags:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm to 8:00pm**  
(the playground will be open for cars to pull in)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:10 am only**  
(AFTER the children have gone in)

**bags brought to school after this will not be accepted and cannot be left on our property**

Remember it is any clothing – this can include adults and children’s clothes, paired shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags, scarves, ties, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers), soft toys and jewellery.

**NOT** school uniform, pillows, duvets, rugs/mats or toys.

Bag2School pay £400 per tonne. Let’s try and beat our previous record of 770kg!

Thank you so much for all your support.

### CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling, Member of Parliament for Epsom and Ewell, is running a competition. The winning design will be used on his official Christmas card for 2020 and will be sent out to community groups, public services organisations, local charities and local business as well as the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet.

There will be prizes for both the 4-7 and 8-11 age groups and an overall winner, whose name, age and school will be printed on the inside of the card.

All entries should be submitted on A4 paper in felt tip pen – do not use glitter or glue. Write on the back: child’s name, age, year group and school.

**Entries must be submitted to the School Office by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

The best entry will be chosen by Mrs Keane and sent off to Chris Grayling.