



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As we reach the end of the Autumn term and look to kick 2020 into touch, I just want to thank the whole school community and to reflect on the achievements of the term. The school staff have worked so hard to create as normal a term for the children as is possible.

The governors really miss being in class and seeing the children and plans in action, but a snippet can be seen in their joy at being in school in the virtual school tour video on the website and the Christmas videos and work shared in Google Classroom.

The many adaptations needed and challenges of not being able to meet across year groups to plan, together with the roll out of Google Classroom and the new ways to communicate with parents, has required many additional hours from all school staff.

This is repaid and made possible by the wonderful children and the amazing support from the parents and carers in so many ways: following the government rules, getting your children to school on time, logging in and learning to navigate new technology, many thank you emails and verbal supportive comments, and the incredible fundraising support from all via FOEG. The new visualisers, made possible by the Smartie challenge, are in full use in the classrooms. Thank you to the FOEG committee and a special mention has to go to the Panto team!

So stay safe, have a lovely peaceful Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2021 for what will undoubtedly be another challenging term but with light ahead increasing as the days lengthen.

Rachel Tillen
Chair of Governors

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a **Parent Governor vacancy**. An invitation letter and application form will be sent out by ParentMail during the first week of the Spring Term. In the meantime, for more information please refer to the [Governing Board Recruitment Booklet](#) on our website under 'about us' 'governors'.

The Ewell Grove Players Panto
'PANTOMONIUM'

Thank you so much to everybody involved particularly:

Clare Clark (writer & director)

David Seeley (editor of the video)

The amount raised so far is **£1,800**

The panto will **remain free to view on YouTube**

<https://youtu.be/myeq6kR2WQw>

The link for donations to the school is also still up if anyone can spare any pennies to help buy the children of Ewell Grove School new computers.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/pantomonium>

COVID-19 PROCEDURES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst at school.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school please follow the instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace and DO NOT contact the school.

If you do need to contact school, as per the first bullet point, please email:

info@ewell-grove.surrey.sch.uk

Return to School: Please use the same email to let us know if you or your child have a confirmed case and will need to self-isolate when school returns.

Children return to school after the Christmas break on **Monday 4th January**.

SURREY LIBRARIES – FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Surrey Libraries have a number of resources to support learning on a new [YouTube channel](#). These include craft activities, Makaton sign language sessions as well as an origami and Lego club; all free to stream from home.

There is a schedule of new digital content including lots of exciting things coming over the festive season. The upcoming schedule is available on the Surrey County Council [website](#).

There is also a list of great resources from all over the web. We have a whole host of things to see including virtual museum tours, lesson plans, even a play from The Pied Piper Theatre Company to stream at home!

Visit [Libraries From Home](#) landing page on the Surrey Libraries Website to see the whole collection, as well as their usual online resources available to all members of Surrey Libraries, including magazines for children available through PressReader and RBDigital.

The Reading Agency launched a [Winter Challenge](#) to help children keep their enthusiasm for reading going over the Christmas holidays. The challenge started on the 1st December and is running until the 15th January.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

<p>Spring Term 2021 4th January to 1st April Half Term 15th to 19th February</p>	<p>28th June</p>
<p>Summer Term 2021 19th April to 21st July (children's last day is Friday 16th) Half Term 31st May to 4th June</p>	<p>19th July 20th July 21st July</p>