



Fox class enjoyed a visit to St Mary's church this week. Reverend Mark answered the questions the children had prepared about the church and the Christian religion. The children especially loved getting to see and wear the stoles used by the Reverend to symbolise priestly authority.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION 'PUNCTUALITY'

Please can we all be resolute about children arriving at school on time. We have an increasing number of children arriving late to school. For **main school**, the **gates close at 8:55am**, when staff return inside to start their own work. For **Morning Nursery 8:30am** and **Afternoon Nursery 12:30pm**

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thursday 26th January 2023 at 8:00 am

CAREERS FAIR

This term in PSHE, we will be thinking about our future aspirations and learning about a range of careers. As part of this topic, we will be hosting a 'Careers Fair' for KS1 and KS2 on **Friday 3rd February**. We are looking for volunteers to talk to children about their job. This could include bringing along any supporting information/uniform/equipment you would like to show/display; equally we would be delighted if you could bring yourself and just talk to the children. Further information provided once responses have been received. If you are interested in participating, please complete the ParentMail Form by 10:30am on Monday 23rd January – thank you.

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February**. Please click on the [link](#) to the Parent Meetings Letter for full details and how to book an appointment. The booking system **opens at 7pm on Sunday 22nd January**. This is a discussion between adults and therefore children should not attend.

BOURNE HALL MUSEUM – KIDS CLUB

- Florence Nightingale – Saturday 11th February
 - Cave Painting – Wednesday 15th February
 - Roman Army – Saturday 11th March
- For full details please refer to the **attached** flyers

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you are probably aware this week the National Education Union (NEU) voted to take industrial action. The first proposed day of action for eligible members in England is **Wednesday 1st February 2023**.

Please be aware that employees are not required to tell their employers whether they intend to take strike action or not. In essence, this means the leadership team at Ewell Grove may not know the full impact of any strike action until that morning; in the worst case children may need to be turned away at the gate.

Staff, who are not members of the NEU, cannot be compelled to provide cover for others taking industrial action. We all need to appreciate that other staff, who are not on strike, may still be very sympathetic to the cause of those who are. Ewell Grove will not put an employee in the position of being accused as a 'strike breaker'.

The other consideration that is also beyond Ewell Grove's control, is any knock-on effect of our own staff being unable to work on site because their own child/children cannot attend school. We will obviously keep you updated on the situation at Ewell Grove as and when we are able.

EWELL GROVE WORLD BOOK DAY

Ewell Grove will be celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday 1st March**. We recognise that some children love the opportunity to dress up and others don't; we also understand that not everyone wants to pay for a new costume every year. Therefore your child and family can choose how they would like to participate (or not) in World Book Day. This could be by bringing a favourite book to school, wearing a costume, headdress or pair of socks. You might even wear your pyjamas, because your favourite time of the day to share a story is bedtime.

We would ask that children do not bring in any 'props' such as swords, masks or anything that is not sensible for playtimes outside. If you do choose for your child to wear a costume please remember that this is a 'working day'; so nothing too elaborate. No football strips and school shoes/trainers must be worn. Costumes must also fit under a coat for playtimes.

FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE EVENTS

January	
Thursday 26 th	Junior Quiz 3:30 to 4:30 Years 5/6
February	
Thursday 2 nd	Cake Sale Year 3 and 4
Saturday 4 th	Your School Lottery
Monday 6 th	Meeting 7:45pm Orchard Room
Thursday 30 th	FOEG Social Meeting
March	
Monday 6 th	Meeting 7:45pm Orchard Room
Thursday 16 th *change of date	Cake Sale Year 1 and 2
Friday 17 th	Bingo Night – Adult Social Event
Thursday 30 th	FOEG Social Meeting