



FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE | Registered Charity No. 1064755
BUILDING COMMUNITY, ENRICHING EDUCATION, & RAISING FUNDS

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WELCOME FROM FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE (FOEG)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! We are especially excited to greet families who are new to Ewell Grove this week – if your child started Reception or Nursery this week and you missed receiving your Parents' First Day of School Survival pack, please feel free to collect one from the School Office.

About FOEG: Building Community, Enriching Education, & Raising Funds

Friends of Ewell Grove are a friendly group of parents, carers, and teachers who raise money for the school, and as Ewell Grove families you are all automatically members. By working together, we can achieve the most benefit for the children, and so **building community** is an essential foundation to all the work we do: none of it happens without the goodwill of our volunteers! We enjoy a strong sense of community at Ewell Grove, and our free social groups (coffee morning, book club, and 'Stitch, Knit & Natter') offer ways to get to know each other better. **Enriching education** and pupils' school experiences includes activities such as our World Book Day free book swap and improving resources like the EYFS outdoor learning space. **Raising funds** is our primary focus: our main project last year was to support the Orchard refurbishment. Our biggest events are the Christmas and Summer Fairs, but we also run quiz nights, school discos, cake sales, and more; watch our 2022-2023 review [here](#).

If you ever have questions or feedback about what we do, you can find us in the playground, come along to our next meeting or social, email foeg@ewell-grove.surrey.sch.uk, or pass a message via the Helping Hands Coordinators in your class WhatsApp group. To keep up with our events, you can:

- Check the playground noticeboards
- Look out for letters and notices sent out via ParentMail
- Join our Facebook group (link at the bottom of this page)
- Follow us on Instagram (friendsofellowgrove – launching this term!).

Dates for your diary - more information about these events will follow in due course.

Tue 12th Sept 9-11am	Stitch, Knit, & Natter
Tue 12th Sept 7.45pm	FOEG Open Meeting
Wed 13th Sept 3.15pm	Nearly New Uniform playground sale
Thu 14th Sept 3.30 - 4.30pm	Nursery and Reception Families' Welcome Picnic
Fri 22nd Sept 9.15 - 10.30am	Coffee Morning
Tue 26th Sept 3.15pm	Y5 & Y6 Cake Sale
Fri 6th Oct 7.30pm	Book Club ("Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus)
Fri 13th Oct 7.45pm	Quiz Night
Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd Nov	Bag2School collection



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You can support us every time you shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk

Volunteer with us

Extra pairs of hands are always welcome, however much time you can spare – thank you! This term we are trialling online sign-up sheets for volunteers; if you are able to help with any of the tasks below, please let us know via volunteersignup.org/FPDMC.

- **Nearly New Uniform: Wednesday 6th September 8 – 9pm.** Help sort donated uniform in the Orchard Room (the small building behind main school where after school club is held).
- **Welcome Picnic: Thursday 14th September.** Y1-Y6 parents/carers needed to set up (2.45-3.15pm), serve refreshments (3.30-4.30pm), and clear up. Children are welcome to help too.
- **Coffee Morning: Friday 22nd September.** Volunteers needed to set up (8.45-9.15am), serve refreshments (9.15-10.30am), and clear up at the end.

We are also seeking people to take on small organisational roles. The jobs can always be shared, so why not sign up with a friend? Please contact us (with no obligation!) to find out more.

- **Raffle prize ‘hunter’:** assist committee in liaising with businesses for raffle prize donations.
- **Coffee morning co-ordinator:** organise a speaker once per term and restock refreshments.
- **Christmas cards co-ordinator:** collate the children’s artwork (completed in school) to send to the company, then organise distribution of orders back to classes upon delivery.
- **Quizmaster:** for our quiz night – questions provided, or you could set the rounds as well.
- **‘Chief Elf’ (or Elves) – Santa’s postbox:** responsible for liaising with the North Pole to ensure safe delivery of the children’s letters to Santa and his replies back to school.

Other ways to support FOEG

Volunteering or attending our events are not the only ways you can boost our fundraising! Try these:

- **EasyFundraising:** sign up for a free account at easyfundraising.org.uk, nominate Ewell Grove as your chosen charity, and download the Donation Reminder (web browser plugin or via iPhone app) so that you can effortlessly generate donations for our school, at no added cost to yourself, whenever you shop online with over 7000 participating retailers.
- **Play our school lottery:** go to YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Ewell Grove to support us in their weekly draw. Tickets cost just £1 each for a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot! There is also a small cash prize guaranteed to be won locally, and a monthly bonus draw.
- **Buy name labels:** order from stikins.co.uk (quoting school number 6980) or stampstastic.co.uk (enter PTA code *KT171UZ* in the discount box), and we will get a donation for every order.
- **Businesses and employees:** we are always grateful for **event sponsorship** or **raffle prize donations**. Many companies also offer charitable giving schemes to their employees, such as **matched funding** (see tinyurl.com/MatchedFundingFAQs for more information). Please let us know if you or your employer may be able to help.

We look forward to a lot of fun (and fundraising) together this year!

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