



HALF TERM

The school will be closed from **Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October**. Children should return to school on **Monday 30th October**.

IS YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 6?

You will need to **apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2023**. Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email on 1st March 2024. Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 2023 POPPY APPEAL



Royal British Legion merchandise will be on sale in school during the week beginning **30th October**. Children will be given the opportunity to purchase these during the day.

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY

Teaching Assistant – If you are interested in becoming a Teaching Assistant at Ewell Grove, please read the Application Pack prior to completing the application form.

The Application Pack can be found on our school website under 'news & events' 'vacancies' or click on the [link](#).

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You should by now have received your children's photograph slips for you to order individual and sibling school photographs. Please note that the **Early Bird Discount ends on Sunday 22nd October at midnight**.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Reminder - All entries must be submitted on **A4 paper in felt tip pen** – do not use glitter or glue. **Clearly write** on the back: child's name, age, year group and school.

Entries must be submitted to the School Office by Wednesday 1st November.

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

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Reminder - The school's [Attendance Policy](#) states that no authorisation will be given for any family holidays taken during term time for any year group.

In addition, where a child is out of school for 5 days/10 sessions or more within a three-month period (this need not be consecutive) without authorisation from the Headteacher each parent would be liable to receive a penalty notice for each child.

Currently the amount payable is £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days.

If you wish to submit an application for Leave of Absence you will need to complete a [Leave of Absence Form](#) available on our website or from the School Office.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for attending Parents' Evening. If you were not able to attend please contact the school to make an alternative arrangement.

FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE EVENTS

Tuesday 31 st October 4:00 pm	Nearly New Uniform Sale <i>Deadline</i>
1 st November	Nearly New Uniform Sorting
2 nd & 3 rd November	Bags2School
Monday 13 th November 7:45 pm Orchard Room	FOEG Open Meeting
Friday 24 th November 7:30 pm Orchard Room	Book Club Piranesi – Susanna Clarke
Friday 1 st December 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto
Saturday 9 th December 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm	Christmas Pantomime Aladdin
Thursday 14 th December Time to be confirmed	FOEG Festive Social

FOEG Volunteers Needed

Nearly New Uniform Sorting – volunteersignup.org/APT8R

Christmas Fair - volunteersignup.org/MPTHW (we only have enough volunteers to run the refreshments and 3 / 4 games / tombola stalls.

Christmas Panto – tickets available at pta-events.co.uk/foeg

PERSUASIVE LETTER TO MRS KEANE

This week I was presented with a well written persuasive letter about an issue that is reportedly causing a '*commotion*' on the playground in Key Stage 2. The object causing disagreement was a 'Prime Keyring'. The children who had written the letter also presented data collected that demonstrated 70%, of those who were asked, agreed that the keyrings should be banned. I was informed that the original idea was for the keyrings to be placed onto a school bag, to help the owner quickly identify which was their own. However, it appears that the key rings are not staying on the bags, as intended, and instead the owners are taking them off to play with them in the playground. It is during this when they inevitably get lost the '*commotion*' begins.

When I met with the children objecting to the keyrings we did talk about 'fads'; whilst it might be keyrings now, it probably won't be very soon. However, we agreed that before banning the keyrings I would bring this issue to your attention. The children asked that you talk about keyrings needing to stay on bags, as well as never bringing anything into school that you will get upset about if it ever gets lost.

Attached is the persuasive letter I received which you may want to discuss with your child.

A Quiz-mas Cracker

This month saw the return of our sellout quiz night, and it was dads victorious with the West Side Beta Halves taking home the trophy and kindly donating the £80 cash prize back to FOEG. Huge thanks to Joe Proops, assisted by Lara, who took over the quizmaster reins to test our brains and paper plane making! Also, thanks to Jo and Emma for manning the bar, and to everyone who helped setup/clear up. In total the quiz raised a phenomenal **£1,600** for the school, which is a fantastic start to this year's fundraising for the new patio area.



Next Meeting

Monday 13th November
7:45pm
Orchard Room
All parents & carers
welcome

Ewell Grove Quiz winners "West Side Beta Halves"

Getting Winter Wardrobe Ready?

If you are having a clearout this half term, there are three events coming up where your unwanted clothing can help the school and our families. First up is our nearly new uniform sale: we will be taking **uniform donations** outside the school office from **30th October - 1st November**. If you would like to **request** a secondhand uniform item, please fill in our online form (details on ParentMail) before 4:00 pm on **31st October**. Next up is **Bag2School** on **Friday 3rd November**. They pay us by weight for second-hand clothes, paired shoes, towels, curtains, bed linen, soft toys and bags. Please see ParentMail for full details on when to donate. Finally, please hold onto any old **Christmas jumpers** as we will be selling these at our Christmas fair. Collection of these will be at school from **27th November**.

Coming up...

This Saturday (21st October) is the **deadline** to order Christmas Cards and gifts with your child's artwork. If you've lost your order form please email FOEG.

Our next **evening book club** for parents is on the **24th November**, where we will be discussing *Piranesi* by Susanna Clark over wine and nibbles. All welcome.

And finally, if your children fancy a half term project, **Santa's postbox** will be open for letters from **Thursday 16th November**. Thank you to Kirsty who is making sure the elves get their post this year.

Can you help on Friday 1st December?

Help is **DESPERATELY** needed for the Christmas Fair. Can you or a family member please spare half an hour to help on a stall (children can help alongside too)? We still need **15 volunteers** each for slots at 4:00 to 4:30 pm, 4:30 to 5:00 pm, 5:00 to 5:30 pm, and 5:30 to 6:00 pm.

Please sign up at: <http://volunteersignup.org/MPTHW> or speak to your class helping hand, or email: foeg@ewell-grove.surrey.sch.uk



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