



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the Spring Term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed time to relax with your family. Thank you to our parents and carers who sent gifts in for the staff, it was very kind and much appreciated.

## OPEN SCHOOL FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Please note that this is for adults only; no children or babies. For further information and details on how to book, please follow the [link](#) to our website.

## PARENT YEAR GROUP MEETINGS – SPRING TERM

Parent Year Group Meetings for the Spring Term will take place virtually.

There will be a link for you to join the meeting on **Google Classroom**.

Nursery	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am
Reception	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am
Year 1	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am
Year 2	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am
Year 3	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 1pm
Year 4	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 2pm
Year 5	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am
Year 6	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

## INSET DAYS

### Spring Term 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Summer Term 2024

15<sup>th</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
(children's last day is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July)  
Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## PIED PIPER THEATRE COMPANY

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – [The Pied Piper Theatre Company](#) will be performing 'Can Bears Ski?'. Morning Nursery class will be joining Reception, Year 1 and 2 for this event. This is funded the Children's Activity Fund.

## FRONT DOOR TO OFFICE

Over the Christmas break, we have installed a door lock on the outer main reception door. Please make sure to ring the doorbell to gain access to the office and push the door release button when exiting.

## HAIR

Please note that for safety reasons we ask any child, of all genders, with long hair to have it tied back throughout the course of the school day, but especially during PE and games lessons. Hair must be neat and tidy, hair gel should not be used and any hair accessories such as clips, slides, beads etc. must be kept to a minimum. Hair styles with patterns cut/shaved into them are not permitted.

## FRIENDS OF EWELL GROVE EVENTS

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 4:00pm	Nearly New Uniform <a href="#">Online Orders</a> Close
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 9:15am – 10:30am	'Blue Monday' Coffee Morning
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 7:45pm	FOEG Open Meeting
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 7:30pm	Book Club 'I Found You' by Lisa Jewell

## PARENTS EVENING MEETINGS

Parent Evening Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.

Further details will follow next week on how you will be able to book your appointment.

## PLEASE FIND ATTACHED

Home Start 4-Week Family Links Parenting Programme  
Epsom & Ewell Family Centre - Zones of Regulation Course  
[Epsom & Ewell Foodbank - Weekly Wishlist](#)

## ATTENDANCE / ABSENCE / TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Information on attendance and absence, including the leave of absence form, is available on our [website](#) under 'virtual office' 'attendance/absence'.

## Attendance/Absence

The expectation of Ewell Grove is that all pupils attend 100% unless there is a genuine reason for the absence approved by the Headteacher.

In the event of absence from school, **parents must contact the School Office before 8:30am**, giving the reason for absence and an approximate estimation of how long the absence is likely to last. This can be done by telephone or e-mail to school. If we do not hear from a parent then the absence will be marked as unauthorised. **Remember** to cancel your school dinner.

## Attendance Policy

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.