

Newsletter 12 – Tuesday 21st May 2024

Please keep reading all the way to the bottom to see information from Friends of Ewelme School about how you can help to raise money for our school!

Breakfast and After-School Club bookings

We are aware that demand for our breakfast and after school clubs is growing. We are really pleased that this service has proved so popular and, as a working parent myself, I appreciate how important this facility will be for many of you.

We are looking at expanding our capacity through additional staffing and will share more details if and when we feel able to start offering further places.

In the meantime, we please ask all parents/carers using our wrap around care provision to do two important things:

1. Please make sure your child/children are only left at school for after-school, or dropped off for breakfast club, if they have a booking via ParentPay. If in doubt, you can check the app to see which sessions you have booked. Please contact the school office if there is an emergency or last-minute change of circumstances. We always do our very best to accommodate your needs, especially in difficult situations or emergencies.
2. Please make sure you bring your child/children into the school building when dropping off at breakfast club rather than, for example, letting them out of the car on the street. It is very important that parent/carers are supervising their child/children's arrival at school for breakfast club and ensuring they have safely entered the care of school staff before leaving.

Year 6 I.M.P.S.

On Monday Year 5 and 6 were visited in school by The Injury Minimisation and Prevention Service, also known as I.M.P.S.

They learnt a range of new skills about how to respond in an emergency and how to administer basic care and first aid. This included a chance to practice their CPR skills on a manikin, learning how to place casualties in the recovery position, and learning about how AEDs work and where to find them. They



were also taught what to expect on a visit to hospital and where shown x-rays showing different injuries and learnt how these would be treated.



I am sure the children would agree it was an interesting and fun morning and they learnt lots of new knowledge and skills that could prove invaluable as they venture out in the world around them as they get older.

De La Pole class trip to The Springs Golf Club

De La Pole class have been trying out golf as part of their PE lessons with Mrs Seymour this term. To compliment this Mrs Seymour has arranged a trip to the Springs Golf course on Wednesday 26th June. The children will be given a tour of the facilities, see a proper 18 hole golf course and have the opportunity to try their swing on the driving range!

We are very grateful to the Springs for accommodating this visit, Mrs Seymour for arranging it and also to Moulsoford School for so kindly providing a mini-bus and driver to allow transport to and from the course free of charge.

Further information will be shared with De La Pole parents in due course.

Y3-6 Cricket Club

There are still plenty of spaces available for our key stage 2 after-school cricket club which will be running on Fridays from 3.30pm in term 6, starting on Friday 7th June.

Sessions will be charged at £4 each, £28 for the whole term. These can be booked via ParentPay. There was a technical issue with bookings but this has now been resolved so if you tried previously to book and weren't able to, please do try again now.

Peace Garden

With the weather finally improving, work has continued in our Peace Garden with new plants going into the beds and a variety of vegetables and salads being planted in the raised veg patches. Children in after-school club have been helping with watering and tending these plants and children in Key Stage 1 will also be helping to plant more veggies in the coming weeks.

Many thanks to the parent volunteers for their tireless efforts in the Peace Garden and, of course, FOES, without whose fundraising and support, none of these projects would be possible.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to our fabulous Year 6s for all their hard work, resilience and maturity during their SATs assessments last week. All the staff who helped invigilate the tests were impressed by their grown-up attitude and the focus and determination they all demonstrated. Mr Codd was so impressed in fact that he jointly awarded the entire class last week's achievement certificate!

After half-term, Year 4 will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check, while Year 1s will complete the Phonics Screening. Further information about these assessments will be shared with the relevant groups of parents/carers early in term 6.



Playtime building blocks

Please see below some lovely photos of the children enjoying the new wooden building blocks on the school field during their lunch break. Thanks again to FOES to their kind donation which made the purchase of this fantastic new play time resource possible.



Oratory Sports Club

Our multi-sports club at the Oratory continues to go from strength to strength, with the children trying out golf last time (see photos right) along with real tennis, cricket and badminton.

I am pleased to announce that the Director of Sport, Steve Tomlinson, who runs the sessions, has told us that these sessions can become weekly after the half-term holiday, meaning that the children can continue to attend, free of charge, every Monday up to and including Monday 15th July.

ParentPay will be automatically updated to ensure all children booked to attend the fortnightly sessions are added to the weekly register.

However, if there are any issues with your child/ children attending one of the newly organised sessions please let the school office know via email.



Festival of Voices

Our school choir are busy practising the songs for the Festival of Voices on **Friday 21st June**. The children involved will be leaving school at 2.15pm on that afternoon to travel by coach to Dorchester Abbey. They will stay there to practice as part of the massed choir and then have a 'packed tea' on the lawn outside. Therefore, any children participating will need to bring along a packed dinner to eat.



The concert will start at 6.30pm and finish by approximately 8pm.

Further information will be sent out to the parents/carers of participants shortly after half-term.

Camo Day



I am pleased to confirm that we have once again been invited to attend RAF Benson Primary School's CAMO Day, which will be taking place on Friday 28th June. Year 5 and 6 will be going along again, with parents asked to drop off at the guardroom of RAF Benson before the start of the day. More detailed information and timings will be shared nearer the time. Those at breakfast club will, with parents' permission, be transported to the base by school staff that morning.

FOES fundraising update:



Ways to Raise Money for Ewelme Primary School!

Thank you in advance for reading and for supporting our lovely School

1. SO Charitable Lottery



We have signed-up with **SO Charitable Lottery**, where you can buy a ticket for just £1 a week. 60% of your ticket price goes to Ewelme School and 10% to other causes in South Oxfordshire.

Match all 6 numbers and **win the JACKPOT of £25,000!**

Since joining the SO lottery, we have had 3 of our ticket holders winning **£250**, and over 20 winning **£25!** There is also the chance to **win a monthly giveaway**, all included with your £1 ticket! Please sign-up today!

[Support FOES \(Friends of Ewelme School\) when you play SO Charitable Lottery - SO Charitable Lottery](#)

2. Easy Fundraising



Making purchases from over 7,000 brands including **John Lewis, Argos, eBay, M&S, Sainsburys, Tesco?** Please do so through **easyfundraising!** We have registered with them which means many brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them, **raising valuable donations** for our School! It's completely free and easy to sign-up!

To start raising free donations go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-ewelme>

You can even send this link onto your friends and family to ask them to fundraise for us.

Please download the free desktop reminder app to help you remember to always shop online via easyfundraising [Donation Reminder Toolbar Download | Easyfundraising](#) and for your phone [iOS Donation Reminder | easyfundraising](#)

Dates for the diary:

Click here to see the school's online calendar: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/calendar/>

Friday 24th May – 3:15pm: End of term 5

w/c Monday 27th May – Half term holidays

Monday 3rd June – 8.45am: Start of term 6

Tuesday 4th June – First Forest School session for Year 5/6

Friday 7th June – 3.30pm: First after-school cricket club session (Y3-6)

w/c 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Checks

Friday 14th June – 2.30pm: The Children's Chase

Friday 21st June – Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey

Friday 28th June – CAMO Day at R.A.F. Benson (Y5/6 attending)

Tuesday 2nd July – Chaucer trip to Odds Farm

Monday 22nd July – Travelling theatre show for all children at village hall: 'Twisted Tales'

Tuesday 23rd July – 9.00am: Y6 Leavers' Service at church

Wednesday 24th July – 12.15pm: End of term 6

Upcoming events where time/dates are TBC (with further info to follow):

- 'Move up day' when children visit new classes/teachers
- End of term whole school shows – two evening performances at village hall
- Y6 treat day
- Cycling proficiency sessions and test for Y6
- Transition and settling in events for new reception starters for September 2024

Please visit the school website to view full term dates for 2023/24 and 2024/25:

<https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Ewelme-Primary-School-term-dates-2023-24.pdf>

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