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## Newsletter 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Welcome back for a new year here at Ewelme, the 587<sup>th</sup> year in our amazing school's history! It has been great to see everybody back in classes this morning, working hard, catching up with friends and learning new routines.

All staff have worked hard to plan and prepare interesting and fun learning opportunities and events for this term and in this newsletter you will find out more about what's coming up in the autumn term.

A particularly warm welcome to those children starting their first day here at Ewelme, whether that's in reception or another year group. I am sure our friendly and close-knit school community will make everyone feel welcome and settled.

Remember that general enquiries can be directed either in person or via email to Mrs Denton in the school office – [office.3752@ewelme.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3752@ewelme.oxon.sch.uk)

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, a mutually convenient time to meet can be arranged in person at the start or end of the school day or via email to the office address above.

### New classes

Please see below some photos of the new classes from this morning and a reminder of which staff are working where and when each class have PE.

More information about each class's topics for this term, and what they will be learning in different areas of the curriculum, can be found on our school website: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/curriculum/>

### Chaucer class – Reception and Year 1



Left:

Mrs Smith – class teacher

Mrs Hampson, Mrs Lawrence and Miss Davies – Teaching Assistants who will support Chaucer class at different points throughout the week.



Above: Our new reception children explore the outside area with Mrs Smith and Year 1 (as well as Miss Davies, Mrs Hampson and Mrs Lawrence) warm up for the day with their 'ready, steady, go' dance routine.

Chaucer's PE days – Monday morning with Mrs Seymour (specialist PE teacher) and Thursday afternoon with Mrs Hampson and Miss Davies (please ensure your children come to school wearing their PE kits on these days).

#### Roet class – Year 2



Left:

Mrs Rowley – class teacher on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Lawrence – class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays

Miss Davies – Teaching Assistant on Monday-Wednesday mornings

Right:

Roet class talking to Mrs Rowley, and her friend Footloose, about their summer holidays.

Roet's PE days –

Monday morning with Mrs Seymour (specialist PE teacher) and Thursday afternoon with Mrs Lawrence (please ensure your children come to school wearing their PE kits on these days).



#### Burghersh class – Year 3 and 4



Left:

Miss Lea – class teacher on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Mr Ottaway – class teacher on Wednesdays

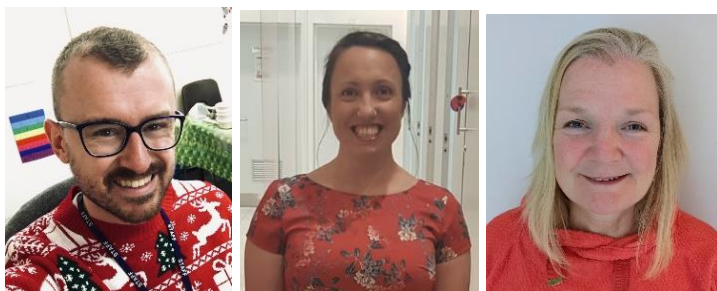
Above: Mrs Pearce, Mrs Tuffin and Mrs Lawrence, who will be supporting Burghersh class at different points throughout the week.

Right: Burghersh class telling their talk partners about their exciting summer holidays

Burghersh's PE days – Monday afternoons with Mrs Seymour (specialist PE teacher) and Wednesday mornings with Mr Ottaway (please ensure your children come to school wearing their PE kits on these days).



#### De La Pole class – Year 5 and 6



Left:

Mr Tayler-Codd – class teacher

Mrs Lawrence – class teacher on Wednesday afternoons, supporting in maths lessons Monday-Wednesday. Mrs Tuffin – teaching assistant on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings



Right:

De La Pole class listening very attentively to Mr Tayler-Codd!

De La Pole's PE days – Monday afternoons with Mrs Seymour (specialist PE teacher) and swimming on Thursdays (starting on 12<sup>th</sup> September and finishing on 12<sup>th</sup> December).

Please ensure children come to school wearing their PE kits on Mondays. Further information will be shared about swimming in a separate email to parents/carers.

### **Forest School**

We are very excited to be able to continue with Forest School this year and we will be expanding our provision to ensure all children will get 12 consecutive weeks of sessions (up from 6 weeks last year) in small groups of 12 or 13, except for De La Pole who will continue to visit as a whole class.

A huge thanks once again to FOES and the local resident whose support have made this possible.

See the timetable for the year on the right. You will notice that this year will start off from, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, with Year 3 and 4. A separate email will be shared with their parents/carers with further details.

### **Harvest Festival**

School will be holding our annual Harvest Festival on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am and all parents/carers are invited to attend. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletry items from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. These can be taken down to the school hall at the beginning or end of the day or when dropping off or collecting from breakfast/after-school club. The last opportunity to donate will be at the end of the day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

These donated food items and toiletries will be taken to Wallingford Food Bank following the service on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The food bank ask that all donations have a use by or best before date that is at least 3 months away. Thank you in advance for your support, I have always been very impressed and grateful for your generosity in the past.

### **Pick-up arrangements**

Please make sure you let the school know if someone who has never picked up from school before, or someone who does not normally do so, will be collecting your child at the end of the day. If there is an unexpected change of person collecting then please let the school office know about this change of plan so that staff and your child are aware. This helps make matching up the children with the correct adult at the end of the day easier and quicker and eliminates any confusion or uncertainty.

### **Dates for the diary:**

**Further dates will be added as events are arranged and/or confirmed. *Click here to see the school's online calendar:* <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/calendar/>**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – First Forest School sessions for Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Individual photos

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – First swimming lesson for Year 5 and 6 at Didcot Wave



Term and slot	Dates	Year groups
Autumn term Tuesday mornings	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 3
Autumn term Tuesday afternoons	(exc. Tues 29.10 – half term)	Year 4
Spring 1 Tuesday mornings	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (exc. Tues	Reception
Spring 2 Tuesday afternoons	18.2 – half term)	Year 1
Summer 1 Tuesday mornings	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (exc.	Year 2
Summer 2 Tuesday afternoons	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – half term)	Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival donations can be taken to the school hall

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 9am: Harvest Festival in Ewelme Church

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 9.30am: Open morning for prospective reception parents for September 2025

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30pm: Open evening for prospective reception parents for September 2025

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half-term holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 8.45am: Start of term 2

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Final Forest School sessions for Years 3 and 4

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Final swimming session for Year 5 and 6

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Whole-school trip to the pantomime at Oxford Playhouse theatre, 'Sleeping Beauty'

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 12.10pm: End of term 2

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 8.45am: Start of term 3

**Please visit the school website to view term dates for 2024/25: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/term-dates-2015-16/>**