

Newsletter

27th May 2021



ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL

Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full

Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing week we have had in school: sports days, a football tournament, the Y6 cinema trip and prom, School Parliament being the Headteacher for a morning ... the list is endless!

It is that time of year when we let the school community know about who is leaving us from the teaching team and any new staff joining us.



- After 20 years at the school, Mrs Tina Sebastik, will be leaving Reception. We will miss Tina's calm approach and natural flare with our younger pupils.



- Mrs Jenny Hammond, after 16 years at the school, will be leaving us to pursue tutoring. Thank you, Jenny, for your passion for pedagogy behind what we teach at ECS.



- After 5 years with us, Mrs CJ Hamper will be moving on from Reception. CJ has been an avid supporter of our Christian ethos and has brought many wonderful ideas to school to support this.



- Lastly, Mrs Carol Jenkinson, after 2 years is moving onto another school. We would thank Carol for the huge impact she has made to our sport provision here at ECS.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Tina, Jenny, CJ and Carol J the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

In September, Mr Ben Foley, our new Headteacher and Mr Oliver May, our new Deputy Head, we will be joined by Mrs Sarah Tutty, maternity cover for Mrs Fay Brown, and Mr Isaac Sawyerr, on our teaching team and Mrs Jane Johns as a member of our support staff.

The structure for classes next year is on the next page and we will send a parentmail out on Tuesday to let you know what class your children will be in. On Wednesday, in the morning, your child will meet their new class teacher and some of the support staff.

Important Announcement



Year 2 have been learning how we can make a difference by supporting charities. Jemima was so inspired by the learning that she put on a cake sale, supported by her lovely big sister Heidi. The girls worked super hard and raised £100 for WaterAid. We are so very proud of them.

Dates for the Diary

12 July – Break the Rules Day

12 July – Summer Disco Disco timings will be:

12.45-1.10 Reception

1.15-1.40 Y1

1.45-2.10 Y2

2.15-2.40 Y3

2.45-3.10 Y4

3.15-3.45 Y5

Y4 pick up will be straight after the disco at 3.10-3.15.

Y5 will go straight in to the disco at the end of the day (3.15) and so pick up for Y5 will be at 3.45pm from the schools main entrance.

26 July – 6th August – Holiday Club

INSET Days:

21st July

Today our wonderful school Parliament met with Mr Foley and they wrote us a report. Thank you to the children and Mrs Hunter.

We have agreed that for those that are watching the football on Sunday, we will have a drop off time amnesty. The gate will re-open between 10am-10.15am for a later drop off ... without any penalty (!). The school will be open at the usual time for everyone else including Breakfast club and 11+ morning classes.

Have wonderful weekend, enjoy the football

Best wishes

Caroline McLennan

Acting Headteacher

For snippets of daily news, don't forget you can follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

	Class Teacher	Support staff
YR Hargreaves	Mrs E Brindley	Mrs N Pearson
YR Inkpen	Miss K Fairhall	Mrs R Naylor
Y1 Donaldson	Miss L Brooks	Miss M Kelly
Y1 Butterworth	Mrs B Hunter	Mrs G Valter
Y2 Dahl	Mrs E Jones Mrs S Kainth	Mrs N Pecheva
Y2 Blyton	Mrs V Cotter	Mrs N Pecheva Mrs J O'Brien, Mrs M de la Touche
Y3 Morpurgo	Mrs S Valambhia, Mrs S Carter	Miss E Hunnable, Miss J Taylor
Y3 Rosen	Mr A Munro	Miss E Hunnable
Y4 Kipling	Mr I Sawyerr	Mrs L King, Mrs H Gibson, Mr P Anderson
Y4 Lewis	Ms H Brotherton Mrs M Kemp	Mrs C Leppard Mr P Anderson
Y5 Horowitz	Miss C Leach	Miss D Thornhill
Y5 Rowling	Mrs S Tutty	Miss W Clarkson Mrs E Whyte
Y6 Tolkien	Miss K Knothe	Mrs J Johns
Y6 Pullman	Mrs L Carleton Mrs C Skingle	Miss K Deacon Mrs E Whyte

In addition to this we have some additional roles:

- Mrs D Gill - play leader, breakfast and after school club
- Mrs G Valter - emotional literacy support assistant (ELSA)
- Mr J Peet - swimming and PE teacher
- Miss M Kelly - art teacher (PPA cover)
- Mr L Anderson - music teacher (PPA cover)

Holiday Club in Half Term

A reminder that you can still book your child's places for the Summer Holiday Club which runs from the 26th July to the 6th August.

Holiday Club is for children of all ages at the school. The children will have the opportunity to take part in various activities during the day. We are going to be doing craft activities and baking and well as opening the swimming pool for a daily splash around.

The children will be able to take part in other sports and have free time to enjoy the playzone. Once we have exhausted ourselves outside, we will be able to sit down to watch a film (popcorn will be provided).

An example plan for the day would be:

8.30 am Arrival
9.30: Free time
10am: Craft Activity
11am: Swimming
12.30pm: Lunch
1.30pm: Free time
2.30pm Sport or other activity
3.30-pm-5pm Film

Holiday club can be booked via ScoPay either full days or half days.

School Parliament Report

Today we started by greeting the children at the front gate and the back gate. We held boxes for the year 6's so they could put their phones into them, in case they were walking home without a guardian.

Once we finished welcoming the children we found a pretty patch of flowers and took some photos with Mr B. Foley.

While we were asking Mr Foley some questions, we were enjoying cakes and biscuits. We asked Mr Foley lots of questions such as: his favourite sport, his favourite animal, his favourite colour and his favourite food.

Also the year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children made pictures and slogans for posters to make sure that children are safe in the car park.

We loved seeing Mr Foley and can't wait to have him as our Headteacher in September.

Report by Freddie, Tino and Kaitlyn
Year 5 .

English News



Children in Reception have been busy independently creating their own books full of stories, tricky words and jokes.

This Week in PSHCE

Year 5 re-read Ada's Violin - a book where the main character lives beside a recycling centre and rubbish tip. Ada's life changes throughout the story as she is signed up for music lessons by her Grandma, receives her own violin, made from recycled materials, and eventually has the opportunities to travel the world and play concerts with her orchestra. She is a girl who looks at the positives in life but realises more and more what they are as things go on. They looked at what Ada was grateful for in her life and then considered our own lives. We decided life is better when you have a half glass full attitude and made a list of all the things in life - both big and small - that we are grateful for. It was really lovely to see the lists - including fantastic teachers!



School Parliament

As a Thank you to the School Parliament for all their hard work this year, including being part of the Headteacher interviews, they were invited to be part of the Management Team for a morning.

They did the school proud! They looked the part and gave all the families a wonderful welcome at the beginning of the day. They all had the opportunity to meet Mr Foley and asked him many interesting questions.

Please also see the report written by the year 5 children about the morning's proceedings.

The School Parliament this year have been creative, insightful and have represented their classes maturely and responsibly and we can't wait to for September when we can continue to support the school with new members.



Art



Look at the amazing drawings and paintings by Year 3 inspired by the art of Henri Rousseau.



Year 1 have learnt about adding white to create different tints of the same colour. Their amazing colourful flowers will be displayed in The Parade Claygate, at the weekend as part of The Claygate Flower Show.



Science Update

The Reception children have been learning about how to look after the plants in our growing area. They have been taking it in turns to make sure that all of the tomatoes, beans and wild flowers have been getting enough water and monitoring how tall the plants are growing. They have also been hunting and counting lots of ladybird larvae on the trees next to the Reception playground.



Geography

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In geography, Year 2 explored Cape Town and compared it with London. We looked at the similarities and differences between their physical and human features. We discovered that Cape Town is surrounded by beautiful physical features such as Table Mountain, the gorgeous coastline and vastly diverse

flora. We concluded that Cape Town has more physical features than London.

In the Community

BREAK THE RULES DAY-MONDAY 12th JULY

To celebrate it nearly being the end of term and disco day the ECSA are holding a Break the Rules mufti on Monday 12th July. See below the rules that can be broken.



Break as many or as few rules as you like! Each rule costs 50p to break, i.e. if you choose to break 4 rules it is £2. Buckets will be at both gates to accept cash. Contactless payment will also be available at the main gate.

Sports Day



Sports Day is one of our favourite events in the school calendar and we wanted to make sure the children had a great day after missing out last year.

On Monday morning Kipling, Lewis, Morporgo and Rosen gathered on the field to take part in 8 round robin events; javelin, long jump, sprint, hurdles, sack race, 'egg and spoon' racket and ball style, skipping and an obstacle course. The points system worked like golf and getting the lowest score as possible was the aim! Each and every child tried their very best and supported each other so respectfully. They concluded our session with a long distance 400m race around the track and relays in houses. The points were incredibly close, but Dignity ploughed through to win the Year 3 & 4 sports day and of course it wouldn't be a traditional sports day without an ice lolly!



The final Inter-house competition of the year saw the Year 5/6 children competing in a carousel of activities followed by some deciding distance and relay events on the track. There were some great athletic performances and we were also able to celebrate some individual displays of outstanding sporting attitude.

It was a closely run contest but overall winners were Hope! Congratulations to all Hope house members and well done to all those who took part so positively and enthusiastically.



This week's Trips

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Brooklands Museum as part of our Enquiry "How will we travel in the future?". Brooklands opened up especially for ECS and all the children did the school proud. They asked interesting and thoughtful questions and we can't wait to apply all our experiences from today, to our learning in class over the next few weeks at school.

It was a wonderful start to the week.



Year 6 enjoyed their trip to the cinema this morning as one of their end of primary school treats!

