

Ellwood School News



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Thank you

Thank you for all your support during the snow days last week. We tried to wait as long as possible to see if there were any changes to the weather or road conditions but unfortunately it was unsafe for pupils, parents and staff to travel safely on Monday and Tuesday. The staggered start on Wednesday really helped reduce the congestion. Even though we missed two days at school, we hope you all had a lovely time with your family, enjoying the snow and building some great memories!

Contacting Parents - School Closure due to snow

In the event of severe weather, the primary way to find out whether school is closed is to go to the Gloucestershire County Council website or use the link below.

<http://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>

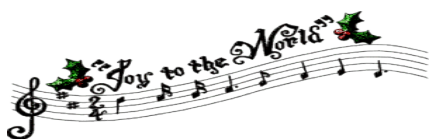
This lists the current status of schools closed in the Gloucestershire area.

In addition to this we will endeavour to text parents through parents to teachers text messaging service, through the school app (but if you have never opened the app then it should come through as a text), Friends Facebook page and on the school's website.

If for some reason you did not receive any notifications, please contact the school office to check that we have your most recent mobile number and contact details.

Carol Concert

Sycamore and Willow Classes performed beautifully on Monday afternoon, singing a collection of Christmas Carols. Many thanks to the children for singing so well and for all the parents and carers that came along to watch them.



Nativity

Well done to children Oak, Chestnut and Beech classes for their excellent singing and acting. Thank you for support with your child's costumes and learning their lines and thank you for providing us with such talented children to work with. They were all amazing!

Many thanks also to the staff in the KS1 team for all their hard work, effort and going above and beyond yet again.

The nativity was a great start to the festive season.



Singing at Forest Hills

Mrs Marshall and Mr Phelps took our choir to Forest Hills Golf Club to sing Christmas Carols to people who attend the Crossroads Living Centre in Cinderford. The choir sang beautifully and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to the children for making their day so enjoyable. Well done choir!

We would also like to thank Mount of Olive Church for kindly letting us use their mini-bus and to Mr Phelps for driving the children.



Oak - Reading Raffle

Oak Class are also participating in the Reading Raffle.

Congratulations to Ashton Cole who won the Oak Class reading Raffle this week. Well done!



Spelling Challenge

Well done to all the children who really worked hard and tried their best. Thank you for supporting your child with the learning of these words. Children need to be able to spell consistently to be working at the expected level for their age.

Well done and what a great start to the academic year.

Spelling

Pantomime - Wednesday 3rd January

Just a reminder that the first day back after the Christmas holidays we will be taking the children to watch Aladdin at the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth.

We will be leaving school at 1.30 p.m. and hope to return to school by 5 p.m.

Thank you



Ellwood's Got Talent

The children all had a great time at the Ellwood's Got Talent contest at school yesterday. We certainly have some very talented children here at Ellwood.

Many thanks to the school council especially Emily Morgan and Mollie Pittaway for organising this event, it was great fun! The event raised £50, which will be donated to the British Heart Foundation—what a fantastic result!

There were four categories in which the children could enter and we had lots of entries for each category.

The winners were as follows:

Performer KS2 - *Kit Newland*

Performer KS1 - *Isabella Caruana*

Athlete KS2—*Bodi Lloyd*

Athlete KS1—*Jasper Jay*

Entertainer KS1 - *Aiden Beard and Joshua Powles*

Entertainer KS1 - *Harry Powell and Jamie Chandler*

Artist KS2 - *Oliver Donoghue*

Artist KS1 - *Isabelle Stockwell*

Well done to our winners and everyone who took part!



Farewell Mrs Bowery

We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Bowery who will be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to wish her every happiness and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Ellwood Community Primary School. She will be greatly missed by all the children and staff of Ellwood.



Sycamore Class—TA

We are very pleased to let you know that we have a new TA, Mrs Genner-Morris, who will be starting in Sycamore Class, after Christmas. The children had a chance to meet her this week, which is great.

We would like to welcome Mrs Genner-Morris to our Ellwood team and look forward to working with her.

Ellwood School Christmas Reading Competition

From now until our return to school (on Wednesday 3rd January, 2018), please support your child with reading competition.

All children have been given a competition sheet. Each time they read, they should colour a round bauble on the Christmas tree and then ask an adult to initial and date the bauble. There are thirteen baubles in total. All children who show their completed Christmas tree on Thursday 4th January will receive a prize and a certificate. Readers will also be entered into a draw to win a class prize.

English Week

We are all really looking forward to our very first day back in school as we will be visiting the theatre to watch Aladdin. The show will be the stimulus for many of our English Week activities.

Book Fayre

We will be hosting a visit from 'Books for Bugs' (children's book fayre) on Wednesday 10th January in the second week of the new term. All books will be £2.50 and reduced books will cost just £1. We know that this is a very expensive time of year but you might wish to consider asking a family member to offer a book present for your child (to be chosen in January). Children might be fortunate enough to receive some Christmas money, which they might choose to save to buy a book at the fayre. As always, for hosting the fayre, the school will benefit from free books which will be shared amongst the classes. Many thanks for your continued support.

All the staff and governors at Ellwood Community Primary School would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Diary Dates

December 2017

Wed 20th Dec - END OF TERM - 2 p.m. finish
Please collect your child at 2 p.m.promptly

January 2018

Tue 2nd Jan - INSET DAY—closed to pupils

Wed 3rd Jan - Start of Spring Term
Pantomime Trip -Savoy Theatre Monmouth
(Children to be collected between 4.45 p.m.—5 p.m.)

Tue 9th Jan - Young Voices

All term dates are available on the school's website