

Ellwood School Updates

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Friday 24th January 2020



Spring Term



Diary Dates

- ⇒ **Tuesday 4th Feb** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 4th Feb** - Fizz pop Science club. Years 1-6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 4th Feb** - Gym (**Beech**)

- ⇒ **Tuesday 11th Feb** - Fizz pop Science club. Years 1-6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 11th Feb** - Gym (**Beech Class**)

- ⇒ **Friday 14th Feb** - Last day of term. (**Half term Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb**)

- ⇒ **Tuesday 25th Feb** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.

- ⇒ **Tuesday 3rd March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**)

- ⇒ **Thursday 5th March** - Provisional date for French pupils to visit (Pen pals).

- ⇒ **Tuesday 10th March** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 17th March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**)

- ⇒ **Saturday 14th March** - Gym Competition (Selected children only). More info to follow.

- ⇒ **Monday 16th March** - Provisional date for parents in school week.

- ⇒ **Friday 20th March** - After school clubs finish.

- ⇒ **Monday 23rd March** - No clubs this week.

- ⇒ **Tuesday 24th March** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 24th March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**)

- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April** - Provisional dates for parents evening.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**)

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Important Information

- ⇒ **Golf** - There is no Golf Club Thurs 6th February (next week). The next session will be Thursday 13th Feb.
- ⇒ **Cake Sale** - On Thursday 13th February, Harry Hurcomb will be holding a cake sale for the victims of the devastating fires in Australia. Cakes will be selling for 50p each, any donations of cakes welcome!
- ⇒ **Child pick up times** - Please make sure children are picked up from school and from clubs on time. Staff have to attend staff meetings, meetings with outside agencies, meet parents and go to other schools for meetings and courses after school, we cannot always be around supervising children who are late being picked up. We appreciate people are late on the odd occasion due to circumstances, however it cannot be an ongoing arrangement. Ellwood nursery offer an after school club if this is needed. They can be contacted on 01594 835624.
The school office closes at 3.30pm, office staff are also having to stay on later to supervise children who should have been collected, sometimes this has been up to half an hour. **As a reminder the office opening hours are; Monday 8:30-3:30pm, Tuesday 8:30-3:30pm, Wednesday 9:30-2:30pm, Thursday 8:30-3:30pm and Friday 9:30-3:30pm.**
- ⇒ **Trips** - We have been reviewing the trip contributions from this financial year and they have been poor compared to previous years. Unfortunately trips and activities will not continue to go ahead in the next financial year, unless all parents are prepared to make the contribution. This would be so sad for the children, as they absolutely love these activities, experiences and look forward to them and they really develop their cultural knowledge.

For future trips we will send home a pre trip letter to gauge the interest and to find out who is prepared to make a contribution, if this isn't sufficient the activities and trips won't be able to go ahead.

Unfortunately, we don't have additional funds to supplement this. We manage the school budget really well and ensure the children have a high adult to child ratio, good quality reading books and resources and a lovely environment to be taught in, but unfortunately the budget will not stretch to additional trips and activities, therefore we rely on parents to help and support this.

Thank you to all those parents who consistently help and pay for your trips and other activities, we couldn't do it for your child/ren without you.

Please check parent pay for any outstanding debts, as it is coming to the end of the financial year and we need to ensure all debts are cleared.

Important Notice – drop-off/collection times

Please can we remind parents to stand back from the infant door way when dropping off and picking up your child so parents and staff can clearly see the children entering and leaving the building. It will also enable staff to have a clear view of the playground at home time.

Once the children have entered the building, please move away from the entrance to allow other children to enter safely. Once your child has entered the building they need to stay in and not go back out to parents as this is a safety concern for staff who may not notice them go back out.

As we are now in the Spring term the children need to be developing their independence and should be coming into school on their own from the playground or bottom gate. If you have concerns or messages, please use your child's link book which is checked every morning. If your concern is urgent, please contact the school office.

Your child's safety is very important to us and we thank you for your ongoing support.