

Ellwood School News



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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Willow Class who achieved the highest attendance this week.

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

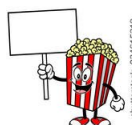
Penalty notices have been issued this term. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	99.5%
Chestnut	94.4%
Beech	96.3%
Sycamore	98.3%
Willow	99.6%

Film Night

We have a film night taking place 10th May which you should receive a letter about.

The cost of the event is £2.50 which will cover the cost of the film, popcorn and a drink and is being organised by Ellwood staff and the fundraising team.



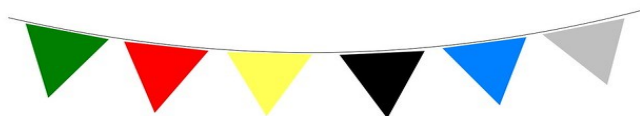
Healthy Snack

Reminder that KS2 children (Years 3—6) need to bring in a piece of fruit for a snack at break time.



Garden Party - Save the date!

A reminder that our open morning and garden party is taking place on Friday **14th June**. Open morning will be from 9:30 - 11:30 and the garden party will start at 1:30.



Wild Boar Sighting

WARNING!

Wild boar have been spotted in the school area. Please be careful!



Parent Governor

You will have received a letter this week regarding a new vacancy for a parent governor. The candidate will need to have time to dedicate to visit school, to attend meetings and to feedback to the full governing body. The role carries a lot of responsibility but will be very worthwhile.

SATs/Phonics

Please ensure your child is in school during SATs and Phonics weeks.

W/C 6th May- Y2 SATs

W/C 13th May- Y6 SATs

W/C 10th June- Phonics

Achievement Assembly Awards

This week's individual achievement awards were given to the following pupils:

Oak Class - Poppy May Burford

Sycamore Class - Alexa Hampson and Imogen Aston

Well done!



Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing award was given to the following pupils:

Oak - Angus Giles

Chestnut - Isabelle Roberts and Tyler-J Scotford

Beech- Bella Aston and Myami Scotford

We are proud of your writing achievements!



Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Oak - Angus Giles

Chestnut - Troy Jennings

Beech - Myami Scotford

Sycamore - Jack Patterson

Willow - Charlie Mitchell



Well done!

Good News!

We have been given a £500 grant from the Bell's foundation towards our end of Summer trip! Thank you to Mrs Marshall for submitting the form. Keith Morgan (local writer and poet) will be coming in to school to present the cheque.



Old pots & pans

If you have any old pots and pans lying around at home, please send them in to school for our music wall in our new outside area!

New Reception (EYFS) Outdoor Area

The new extended outdoor area and fencing look great and will really enhance outdoor learning. We are currently sourcing a new shed and play house!

Holiday Requests

We have noticed an increasing amount of holiday requests during term time coming in recently. Please note the request will not be authorised unless it is a significant circumstance. These include things such as close or immediate family weddings, funerals, medical appointments, open days at secondary schools. Any requests submitted outside of the schools rules and guidelines will have to be referred to the local authorities, who could and more than likely will, issue a penalty notice to each parent or carer of each child. This could also be a partner who lives in the same home as the child and/or a biological parent who doesn't live with the child.

We are sorry that there is no movement regarding this and as a school, we have to follow these guidelines and policies.

Cursive Handwriting

As some of you might remember, as a school we introduced Cursive handwriting throughout the school. We have recently monitored the handwriting across the school and are really pleased with the findings, particularly Year 1 and 2, as it was new to them in September. Well done pupils and well done teachers—Great job!

Reception (EYFS) Intake

We are delighted we are oversubscribed again for this year's Reception intake in September and currently have 20 children due to start with us.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs started this week and the number of children attending them is great to see! Thank you to the staff for volunteering after school and also to the external coaches.



School Administrators/Reception

Mrs Tait and Mrs Pole are really working well together in the busy office, keeping the school administration and finances in order.

Mrs Tait is in the office from 8:30—3:30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday from 12:30—3:30pm. Mrs Tait is available to deal with general queries and support for parents. Mrs Pole now deals with more of the financial queries and the operational tasks linked to the school. She is in the office from 9:30—2:30pm but can often be seen earlier or later than her working hours! Thank you for your hard work!

Phonics Screening Meeting Year 1 & Year 2 Results

Thank you to Mrs Rice for holding an informative session for parents after school yesterday. The purpose of the meeting was to give parents the opportunity to find out about the phonics screening test. Thank you to those parents who came along, which unfortunately wasn't many. If you were not able to attend and want to know more about the statutory tests your child will be completing in a few weeks please speak to Mrs Rice and she can give you some more information. Phonics is important for children to be able to read and spell and for children to be secure with certain sounds before going to year 2 to ensure they can read at the expected level and access the curriculum.

Diary Dates

May 2019

w/c 6th May	-	SATs - Y2
10th May	-	Film Night
w/c Mon 13th May	-	SATs -Y6
Fri 17th May - Mon 20th May	-	Manor Adventure - Y6
Fri 24th May	-	Break up for half term

June 2019

Mon 3rd June	-	Inset Day
w/c 10th June	-	Phonics Screening / Retest Phonics Screening