

Ellwood School News



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All Newsletters are also available
on our website.

Website

Please remember to look at our school website for useful information about school. For example, in the Policies section you can find the Behaviour Policy, Charging Policy, Internet user and Cyber Bullying policy to name a few. In the Parent Information section there is information about school lunches as well as the menu for this term, term dates and the Parent and Carer Code of conduct. This section also contains many useful links to other websites. Please spend a few minutes and take a look.

We are in the process of having a new website built which should be ready shortly. It promises to be a much improved and user friendly website.

Watch this space!

New PE Shed

Next month we will be having a new PE shed which is a much needed space for all our PE equipment. The new shed will free up some space in Willow class and in the Hall. The new space will also provide better storage for the lunchtime equipment and activities, which will make it easier for the Sports Leaders and Midday Supervisors, to set up activities and sports for lunchtime.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at school, please ask your child's class teacher. We prefer parents not to volunteer in their child's class for academic lessons but to work in other classes. However, if your child's class is involved in any trips, swimming, gymnastics, forest school etc then we are happy for parents to volunteer in their child's class.

Regular volunteers would need to have a DBS completed.

Please contact the school office for further information.

End of Term School Disco

Ellwood 'Friends' are holding an end of term disco in the school hall on Friday 10th February.

KS1 : 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

KS2 : 7.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

Entry cost £1.50 per child which includes free drinks.

More information will be sent out shortly, in your child's book bag.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Threadworm

Although we have had no reported cases of threadworm outbreaks at our school there have been some cases in other schools in the area. Please find some useful information below on how to treat threadworm.

Approximately 40% of primary school age children will get threadworms at some stage. They can easily infect the whole family. Threadworms do not cause serious damage but they are irritating and can be distressing and embarrassing for the sufferer.

What are threadworms?

They are tiny white worms about half an inch long that live in the bowel. Threadworms are spread by tiny eggs; these eggs are so small that they cannot be seen by the naked eye.

How will I know my child has threadworms?

The most common symptoms are:

- White threads around the bottom and in faeces
- Bedwetting
- Itchy bottom
- Disturbed sleep
- Tummy aches
- Loss of appetite
- Increased appetite

How could my child become infected?

Eggs from an infected person can stick to clothing, dust, carpets, bedding, towels etc. They can then easily be transferred to the mouth by finger sucking or nail biting.

What should I do?

Treatments can easily be obtained from your local pharmacist or GP; you can also get advice from healthvisitor or school nurse. Threadworms are NOT the result of a dirty home or bad diet, there is no reason to be embarrassed.

You can help prevent the spread of threadworms by:

- Washing hands and scrubbing nails before eating and after going to the toilet
- Keep fingernails short and clean
- Discourage children from scratching bottoms, biting nails, sucking fingers and picking noses.
- Wearing clean underwear everyday
- Keeping pyjamas and bedding as clean as possible
- Bathing or showering regularly
- Vacuum carpets and rugs regularly
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Can my child go to school?

Yes. But please notify us so that we can reduce the risk of infection to others.

For further information please visit the nhs website : www.nhs.uk

Parent View

Just a reminder to log into the Parent View website and register your views. You log in via the schools website or directly at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Carpark

We are sorry for the current state of the school car park. We are investigating and sourcing quotes to improve it but may have to wait for the warmer/drier weather before improvements are made.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

History of Ellwood Primary School

We recently received a letter from an old pupil of Ellwood Primary School Mr Peter Jones, who would very much like to find out any information relating to the history of the school. Please find below an email sent he sent to us:

I attended Ellwood School from 1947–1953, progressing to Coleford Secondary School

Good times were had during my years at Ellwood School. During the lunch break, we were allowed to leave the school, but had to return on hearing the bell and woe betide us if we were late, as then we were given the cane! How things have changed!

At the bottom of the football field there were three ponds, near to the coal tips and when they froze in the winter, we used to 'skate' on them at play and lunch times.

The Headmaster at the Junior School was Mr Harvey, and the teachers were Mrs Brookes, who also managed the Post Office which was on the opposite side of the school, when looking towards Milkwall and Mr Smith, who was a Sheep Badger and we used to see him rounding his sheep up at weekend in the forest.

At that time, the path through the forest from my home in Fetter Hill to Ellwood School was so wide that you could drive a car through and this was my route to school every day.

If you have any information or stories regarding the history of the school, please contact Mr Jones via email at congrat.pete@btinternet.com

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Beech Class for having the highest attendance so far this term.

Good attendance is central to raising pupil standards and attainment. Pupils must attend regularly and be at school on time every day the school is open, unless the absence is unavoidable. If your child is too poorly to attend school, please telephone the office before 9.15 a.m. on the morning of

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| Oak | 97.7% |
| Chestnut | 96.1% |
| Beech | 99% |
| Sycamore | 96.6% |
| Willow | 96.2% |

Mornings

Thank you for supporting the new morning routine, children are now settled in their classroom much more quickly, ready to start lessons. This new routine has also helped reduce congestion in the carpark and in the corridors in the morning.

Lunchtime

The new lunchtime routine is also working well for the children in Sycamore and Willow class.

Healthy snack - reminder

Can children please bring a healthy snack for morning break for example; a piece of fruit or muesli bar. Also please ensure children do not bring fizzy drinks to school.

Thank you.



Diary Dates 2017

February 2017

Fri 10th Feb - Gymnastics Competition—KS2 only
Forest of Dean 12 p.m.—3 p.m.
(More Information to follow)

K-nex Challenge (Y5 and Y6)

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KS1 6p.m. - 7p.m

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Break up for Half term

Mon 20th Feb - **Back to School**

March 2017

Wed 15th Mar - Class Photos and Leavers Photos

Thur 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Fri 17th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Sat 25th Mar - Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6)
(More information will follow)