

Ellwood School News



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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Beech Class for having the highest attendance 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 absence.

Please make routine medical appointments e.g. optician/dentist, outside of school hours, unless its an emergency.

Oak	96.5%
Chestnut	96.1%
Beech	97.1%
Sycamore	94.8%
Willow	95.8%

Holidays in Term Time

We are a little concerned as there has been an increase in families taking holidays in term time over the last month or so.

Holidays in term time are not permitted, as there are 195 non school days in which holidays can be taken. If families are continuing to take holidays in term time we may have to consider seeking further advice and make relevant referrals to outside agencies. Non attendance at school has a strong link and direct impact on progress and attainment of individual children. However, we are pleased to say that the majority of our children's attendance is good and we thank you for your support and for supporting your child by ensuring they are at school regularly.

Maisie Edwards—Gymnastics

On Saturday 17th June, Maisie represented Wales in gymnastics in the NDP Tumbling Regional semi finals, held at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham. She was up against 26 other gymnasts from Scotland, Northern Ireland and all regions of England.

She had to complete 3 different tumble routines which were all judged by a panel of British Gymnastics judges. Even though she did not medal, she is now placed 16th overall in Great Britain for her age group (11—12 girls).

Well done Maisie—what an achievement!!

Science Week

Next week is Science week. We would really appreciate any 'junk' materials such as small cardboard boxes, tubes, small yoghurt pots, pipes etc... Please send into school on Monday or Tuesday.

Many thanks

Mrs Clements

Three children will be involved in a Gloucestershire Science competition as well as investigating the longest squirt and how to win a throwing competition!

Year 5 and 6 will be having a visit from Suntory on Wednesday morning to find out about the science behind Lucozade.



Congratulations - Miss Gore

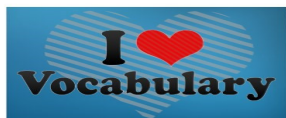
We would like to congratulate Miss Gore for being appointed as a teacher at Offas Mead School. This is an exciting opportunity for Miss Gore.

She has been an asset to the school and has thoroughly enjoyed working at Ellwood School with the children, staff and parents.

We would all like to wish Miss Gore every success in her new role and in the future.

Vocabulary

We are striving to help develop our pupils vocabulary and understanding of new words. Mrs Breakwell has been giving each class a new word to learn and use each week, both in spoken word and in writing, Please ask your child about the words they have been learning.



Transition Days

All the children had a great time in their new classes. The new teachers enjoyed their time and we look forward to them starting full time in September.

Friends End of Term BBQ—Friday 21st July Save the Date!

Just a reminder to save the date for the end of term BBQ, Friday 21st July 6 p.m.—8 p.m. at school.

If you are able to provide any help on the day, it would be gratefully appreciated. Please see one of the Friends committee.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly offered to donate a raffle prize. Please bring raffle prizes into the school office or give it to one of the Friends committee.

If you have offered to donate cakes, please bring these into school, on the day.

Thank you.



Country Dance Festival—Correction

Last week's newsletter listed the names of those children who danced at the festival. It should have said Maisie Barnett and not Maisie Williams. Sorry Maisie!

Sports Day—Reminder

Just a reminder that Sports Day will take place on Tuesday July 4th, starting at 12.45 p.m.

We are asking that children wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house.

Robin = red; Kingfisher = blue; Woodpecker = green and Goldfinch = yellow

Friends will be selling lollies and ice-creams at the end of sports day; prices ranging from 20p—£1. So please remember to bring along some change.



Plant Sale

To raise money for next year's seeds and compost, Mrs Rees will be holding a plant sale on Sports Day (July 4th).

If you have any spare plants, please could you pop them in the Garden on Monday or Tuesday.

Thank you.



Start of the Day—Reminder

Just a reminder that school registration is at 8.55 a.m. and lessons start at 9 a.m. prompt.

Therefore, children should be in class by 8.55 a.m. and the school gates will be locked by 9 a.m.

We have had a significant number of lates this year. If you are finding morning routines difficult, Mrs Charles our Family Support Worker may be able to offer some advice and support.

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

Spelling Challenge

Each year group has a list of spellings they are required to learn throughout the year. Due to the change in 2014 in the curriculum the requirements are much more demanding.

The children need to be able to spell the majority of them to be the 'expected' standard for writing. If the children are unable to spell the majority of these spellings they will not reach the expected standard for their year group in writing regardless of their other writing strengths. This is why it is so important that the children practice them as often as possible both in school and at home. Hopefully increasing their chances of applying them in their own writing.

Spelling

Love Your Forest

We had an assembly last week about littering in the forest and how to keep the Forest clean and tidy. It was great fun and children even got to meet some hedgehogs!

Year 5 children then had a workshop where they made tree people out of rubbish—they look fantastic!

Year 6 and Drama Club Production Friday July 14th

Year 6 and Drama Club are busy rehearsing for their amazing production of 'The Wizard of Oz'.

The production will take place on Friday 14th July at 6p.m. at Lakers School.

Details regarding tickets will be sent out closer to the time.



Parasols

We have just had delivery of some new parasols for the playground which should be up for next week—lets just hope for some sunny weather!

PSCO Visit

Last week we had a visit from some local PSCOs to talk to the children about Internet safety.

They will be visiting again later on this term to talk to the Year 6 children before they transfer to secondary school. As this is the age that children are vulnerable to being exposed to inappropriate material and strangers on -line.

Family Support Worker

Mrs Charles is our Family Support Worker and is here to help parents if they have an concerns or worries about their child e.g. emotional, behaviour or friendships. Or if you would just like someone to talk to.

Please just ask Mrs Charles.

Book Fair

Just a reminder that the Book Fair is running until Tuesday 4th July in Willow Class. Please come along and have a look. There are some great books!



Year 6 Transition Days

Most of the Year 6 children have been out this week visiting their new secondary schools. They have all really enjoyed the experience and had a great time and are now really looking forward to moving up to their new schools.

Diary Dates 2017

July 2017

Mon 3rd July	-	Book Fair continues
Tues 4th July	-	Sports Day - 12.45 p.m. start
Thurs 13th July	-	Sports Day (Reserve Date)
Thurs 13th July	-	Brass Mini Concert (Y4)
Fri 14th July	-	Wizard of Oz Production - Lakers School 6p.m.
Fri 21st July	-	Whole School Spelling Challenge
Fri 21st July	-	End of Term BBQ (6 - 8 p.m.)
Mon 24th July	-	Showcase afternoon (from 1.30) more details to follow
Tues 25th July	-	End of Term - 2 p.m. finish

