

# Ellwood School News

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All Newsletters are also available on our website.



## Dear Parents/Carers

A busy few weeks are ahead of us. Please do get involved with as many events/activities as you can!

## **BUILDING WORKS**

Building works are scheduled to begin at the school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Initial works will affect the playground area (outside the hall). A portion of the car park will also be used by the contractors. **IMPORTANT** - There will be no access to the playground via the front entrance. The car park pathways will be fully open during drop-off and collection times with clear signage. All classes will enter and leave the building through the lower school external doors.



## **Staffing**

Many thanks to Mrs Rees for covering Chestnut class in Mr Brown's absence.

## **Wake and Shake**

This term we are inviting children and parents to take part in dance routines before starting lessons. Weather permitting music will be playing from 8.50 a.m. with dances being led by staff.



## **2014-2015 Calendar**

We recently issued the 2014-2015 calendar, please note that the inset day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October has now moved to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to accommodate a specific Teacher training course. The updated version of this calendar is available from our website.



## **Friends of Ellwood – New Recruits Urgently Required**

The Friends of Ellwood exists to strengthen the school community. Its function is largely a social one, working in partnership with the school to organise social events and raising funds. Through money raised they are able to enrich the school experience for all stakeholders – students, parents and staff.

By taking part actively and supporting the efforts of The Friends of Ellwood, parents can find out more about how the school works, fundraise for extra items or services to enrich their child's education and be part of a vibrant organisation dedicated to enriching, improving and developing the school experience.



Every year The Friends have provided funds:

- Towards the cost of attending the Pantomime
- To each class for extra items
- To the school for extra equipment

To ensure that this vital part of the school community continues, new recruits are desperately needed! If you have the time to give please join The Friends of Ellwood. The more people involved the easier the roles become, everyone has a quality to give so don't stand back, be brave and join in.

If The Friends of Ellwood do not have enough members to continue, the effects will be felt by both the parents and the school. The costs of some trips are going to increase and the school will lose the ability to get additional resources not funded through the school budget.

**COFFEE MORNING - THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9AM - 10AM, in the school hall**

## Special Thanks to:-

... A big thank you for the wonderful donations of cakes for the Garden Party they were truly scrumptious. It was well attended although became an in house party. Donations of £96.78 were received and this will be put towards items that can be used for similar events, such as bunting.

... Mr Beard, Izzabelle's dad for the large plant pots to help brighten up the front of the school.

Thank You!

## Coleford Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation

You are invited to the Coleford Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation being held at Ellwood School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 3-5pm.

## Do you want / need printed newsletters?

We are always looking for more eco-friendly and cost effective ways to improve communication between the school and parents /carers. Please indicate on the reply slip below if you would be happy to sign up to on-line letters. The intention is to set up a parent e-mail base for electronic messages to be sent to. Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in receiving electronic communications.



## School Attendance

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 9.15am on the morning of absence.



Oak Class	96.6%
Chestnut Class	94.9%
Beech Class	94.8%
Sycamore Class	94.8%
Willow Class	95.3%

**WELL DONE OAK CLASS!**

## Sun Safe

We are hopeful that the Summer Term will be hot and sunny. Please remember to send your children in with hats, sun cream and a water bottle if this is the case.



A programme has been developed by the national skin cancer charity Skcin with the key aim to prevent skin cancer through education. Skcin was formed in 2006 to raise awareness about the dangers of skin cancer—the UK's most common and fastest rising cancer. Please see their website for more information <http://www.skcin.org>.

## Uniform Orders

Place your order before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August for delivery in time for the new school term. Free deliveries over £50 (they recommend that parents club orders together to take advantage of this, £2.95 for orders under £50. [www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com)



**ON-LINE LETTERS - REPLY SLIP**

I wish to be added to the on-line letters e-mail list.

Name (in capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's Names (in capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
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**JUNE 2014**

Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	- Cricket Festival at Newent
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 4 Viney Hill Trip - Friends Coffee Morning, 9-10am School Hall
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 6 Residential Weekend
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Country Dance Festival
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	- Indian Visitors in school this week
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	- KS1 Sports Afternoon, 1.30 pm - Year 4's Kwik Cricket Match, 12.30 pm - Parkend Football Tournament
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Country Dance Festival – Reserve Date
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	- KS2 Sports Afternoon, 1.30 pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	- Friends of Ellwood Summer Event
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 6 Lakers Induction Week Monday to Thursday

**JULY 2014**

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	- New intake visiting Oak Class, 1.30pm - Welcome to Wales Day – Monmouth and New Starter Evening
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- Year 6 Welcome Day Monmouth
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Year 6 Welcome Day Monmouth - New intake visiting Oak Class, 1.30pm
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Year 6 Monmouth Welcome Disco
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	- GPJ Semi-Finals, Forest E-Act 2.30pm to 5.30pm - New intake visiting Oak Class, 1.30pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	- New intake visiting Oak Class, 1.30pm
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	- GPJ Finals, if we are successful
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	- Informal Parent Consultations
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Leavers Disco - Provisional
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Year's 5 and 6 Play – Details to follow
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Leavers Assembly, Ellwood Football Club 1pm - <b>END OF ACADEMIC YEAR, 2pm FINISH</b>

**Ellwood Nursery** If you have children in Nursery please check their website or noticeboard for Inset days and Term Dates, there may be some differences.

