

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available  
on our website.

## Learning Walk

Mrs Milford carried out a learning walk around school this week and it was amazing! All pupils were working hard and engaged in their learning. The classroom environment was calm and purposeful.

Well done staff and pupils !



## Healthy Snacks

In line with our school's healthy eating policy we are asking parents to please ensure any snacks sent into school are healthy e.g. fruit, cucumber, carrot, plain breadsticks etc.

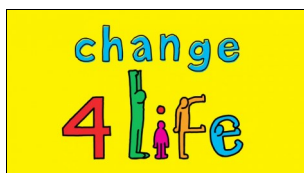
As you may be aware from recent news reports, an increasing number of young children have tooth decay and cases of childhood obesity is rising, partly due to the increased consumption of sugary foods, drinks and snacks.

Please do not send crisps, biscuits or processed sugary products in packets, into school for snack time.

KS1 children—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a range of fruit and vegetables at break time, which is provided by the government to encourage '5 a day' fruit and vegetables.

For more information / guidance about healthy eating please visit:  
[www.nhs.uk/change4life/about-change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/about-change4life)

Thank you for your support.



## Car Park

Please ensure you drive slowly and carefully in the car park.

Please be vigilant for children in the car park during pick up and drop off. The safety of our children and parents/carers is paramount.

Thank you for your support.

## Clubs

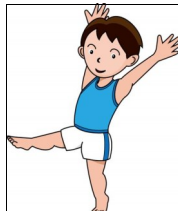
Please note, Drama, Multisports and Ninjitsu clubs are now full and we are unable to take anymore children in these clubs this term.

Thank you.

### **Gymnastics Competition**

The FoD Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition will take place on Saturday 24th March. A letter with further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Mrs Bishop is really pleased with the progress her gymnasts are making, which is great to hear with the competition fast approaching—keep up the good work!



### **Reading at Home**

Thank you for your support with home reading. We are really pleased to be giving lots of books away each week, as prizes.

Raffle winners this week are:

**Poppy Gomery, Leo Childs,  
Tegan McAuliffe and Alfie Pritchard.**

Well done!

### **Tights Request**

If anyone has any good condition unwanted girls school tights age 5–7, we would really appreciate them.

Please bring any donations of tights to the school office.

Thank you!

### **Achievement Assembly Awards**

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

**Oak Class — Corbyn Wainwright and Tyler J Scotford**

**Chestnut Class - Niall Edey and Frankie Jones**

**Beech Class - Luis Williams and Harry Bishop**

**Sycamore Class - Tommy Rowley and Lucas Roberts**

**Willow Class - Maisie Barnett, Mollie Pittaway and Fraya Price**

*Well done!*

### **Attendance**

We had a visit from our Local Authority attendance representative this week, who looked at each child's individual attendance. She noted a few pupils that need to be monitored, particularly pupils whose attendance is below 95% and the ones classed as persistent absentees, under 90%. We will be monitoring this closely. She has also requested that the school analyse its attendance on a Monday and Friday, as there was a definite increase in the number of pupils absent on those days, which may indicate a trend, implying that some pupils are not returning to school after the weekend or having longer weekend breaks/holidays. We will analyse the data and let you know if this is significant.

### **Parent View**

Just a reminder to log into the Parent View website and register your views. You can log in via the schools website or directly at:

**[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)**

If you have a few minutes to complete this, it would be gratefully appreciated. All views welcome!

### **Medicine**

Please remember that we are only able to administer medicine if it is really essential e.g. antibiotics, Calpol for pain relief etc.

We are not able to administer non essential medicines.

Thank you for your support.

## Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

### Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in:

- reception class
- year 1
- year 2

Tell your local authority if you also get any of the above benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals , please visit Gloucestershire County Council website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## This is a Neighbourhood Watch message from Chrissie Parkes.

A residential property has been broken into in the area of the High Street Bream between 18.00hrs and midnight on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January.

Unknown offenders have gained entry by breaking the glass of a downstairs window and an untidy search of the property was done. Also a vehicle was stolen but has since been recovered.

Please be aware and if you have any information about this incident please call 101 or e-mail [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk). Quoting incident 13 of the 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Alternatively ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111



## Diary Dates

### January 2018

Tues 23rd Jan - Swimming (Y3, Y4)  
Year 5 Forest Adventure starts.  
(every week until Easter). Parent volunteers  
welcome. Please see Mrs Rees or Mrs Marshall

### February 2018

Fri 2nd Feb - K'nex Challenge (Y5, Y6)

Tue 6th Feb - Swimming (Y3, Y4)

Fri 9th Feb - Break up for half term

Mon 19th Feb - Back to school

Mon 26th Feb - Parents in School Week  
(More information to follow)

Tues 27th Feb - Swimming (Y3, Y4)

Wed 28th Feb - Vision and Hearing Screening (Reception class)

### March 2018

Thurs 1st Mar - World Book Day

Mon 5th Mar - Parents in School Week

Tues 13th Mar - Swimming (Y3, Y4)

Thurs 15th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Fri 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Tues 20th Mar - Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)

Thur 22nd Mar - Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)

Tue 27th Mar - Swimming (Y3, Y4) last session