

# Ellwood School News



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on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Sycamore Class for having the highest attendance this week.  
Amazing!

The attendance this term is slowly improving but there is an increase in lower attendance on a Monday and Friday and for children who have a SEND need and are in receipt of free school meals.

If you are having difficulty with maintaining your child's attendance, please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Charles (FSW) who may be able to offer support.

Oak	97.8%
Chestnut	96%
Beech	94.6%
Sycamore	98.3%
Willow	96.6%

## Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

**Oak - Esmee Pritchard**

**Chestnut - Riley Nixon**

**Beech - Leo Childs**

**Sycamore - Tia Edey**

**Willow - Maisie Barnett**



*Well done!*

## School Garden Gate

Mrs Rees welcomes visitors in the school garden, however please remember children are only allowed in the garden if accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.

Thank you.

## Beech Class Assembly

Beech Class will be having their class assembly on Monday 26th February at 2.40 p.m.

Parents and Carers of Beech Class children are welcome to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Play Equipment

Parents/Carers please remind your child/ren that the outdoor play equipment and log circle should **NOT** be used after school.

Thank you.

## Spelling Challenge

All children have taken home their spellings to practise for the whole school spelling challenge. Please take a few moments to have a look at these with your child/ren and help them to learn them.

The spelling challenge will take place on Friday March 23rd.

# Spelling

## ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN ROTARY CLUB HANDS ON ART COMPETITION 2018

Our club wish to do more to support the vital work that the junior schools in our area do. The club generates substantial funds organising and running half marathons twice yearly. This competition we believe will help us to promote our ideals of ' **SERVICE BEFORE SELF**' and at the same time passing on some of our funds directly to the schools that wish to be involved.

### The Competition

We are inviting junior schools in our area to partake in this **HANDS ON ART** competition. The competition is open to pupils in years 4,5 & 6. We would hope that as many as possible will take part, but it is up to the individual schools to decide if they wish to enter. Each school to submit up to 20 entries. These will be judged by a panel selected by the Rotary Club.

A4 drawing/Painting (pencil, crayon, felt tip, etc)

**Subject: 'LIFE IN THE FOREST'** the artist must then give a title to the entry which describes what they are depicting.

The entrants name and school to be on the back of the picture.

**The closing date for entry is 28<sup>th</sup> February (BY THE SCHOOL)**

Results to be announced during w/c 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018. and presentations arranged.

### PUPILS

Each entrant i.e. 20 per school a £10 voucher

1 winning entry £50 (W.H.Smith or similar voucher)

2 runners up £25 each voucher

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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



*Oak Class - Jasper Jay and Layla Roberts*  
*Chestnut Class - Bethan Long and Harry Powell*  
*Beech Class - Aiden Beard and Freya Leach*  
*Sycamore Class - Joshua Lambert and Alexa Hampson*  
*Willow Class - Connor Edwards and James Beale*

*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

This weeks weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:

*Oak Class - Esmee Pritchard*  
*Chestnut Class - Joshua Pegler*  
*Beech Class - April Donoghue*  
*Sycamore Class - Finley Pritchard*  
*Willow Class - Oscar Evans*

*Well done!*



### **Family Support Worker**

Please remember if you would like to book an appointment to see Mrs Charles (Family Support Worker), either see Mrs Charles directly or contact the school office.

Thank you.

### **School Shoes**

A pair of good condition boys black leather school shoes have been found at school in the library area. Please enquire at the school office if you think they may belong to your child.

Thank you.

### **End of the School Day**

Please can parents/carers and children be off site by 3.35 p.m. promptly. This enables us to lock the gate to keep the after school club children safe.

### **Hair Accessories**

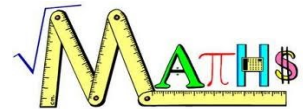
Just a reminder that children should only be wearing sensible hair accessories to school e.g. school colours or natural hair colours. Although cat ears and bows are very attractive, we would prefer that these are only worn on non uniform days.

Thank you

### **Maths Passports**

Mrs Marshall has been really pleased with the number of passport certificates that she has been awarding to children over the past few weeks. It is great to see so many children doing so well with their maths.

Keep up the good work!



## **School Disco**

The Friends of Ellwood have arranged a school disco to take place on Friday 9th February, in the school hall.

*Reception, Year 1 and Year 2*

6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

*Years 3, 4, 5 and 6*

7.15 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Entry £1.50 per child - please pay at the door

Refreshments are available!

Free Drinks all night!

Entry will be via the main front school entrance.

Parents are welcome to stay.

**Children are NOT allowed to bring mobile phones or other mobile devices.**



**Sports Relief  
17th—23rd March**

Sports Relief will take place during this week. We will be carrying out various sporting activities throughout the week, including archery and circus skills.

This promises to be an exciting week!



**Free School Meals**

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council.  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Remember that Universal Free School Meals are only valid while children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All meals will have to be paid for in September for new Year 3, unless they are Free School Meals. So it might be worth checking whether you qualify.

**Key found**

A key has been handed in at the office, which was found in the car park. If anyone has lost a key, please come to the office and see if it belongs to you.

Thank you.

**Healthy snack - reminder**

Please be reminded that only healthy snacks are permitted at break time for KS2 children e.g. fruit, breadsticks, muesli bars etc. Please do not provide crisps or sugary snacks for break time.

KS1 children do not need a snack at break time as they are provided with a piece of fruit/veg.

Thank you for your continued support.



**World Book Day**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we will be celebrating our love of books as we join in with the annual World Book Day celebrations. **All children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.** We will be enjoying stories throughout the day and as usual, each pupil will receive a book token that can be exchanged for a World Book Day book in participating stores. Many thanks for your support.

*Have a great half term.  
Thank you for all your support this term*

## Diary Dates

### February 2018

Fri 9th Feb	-	Break up for half term School Disco (R, Y1 & Y2 6 p.m.– 7 p.m. Years 3,4,5 & 6 7.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m.)
Mon 19th Feb	-	Back to school
Mon 26th Feb	-	Parents in School Week (More information to follow) Beech Class Assembly 2.40 p.m. (Parents/Carers of Beech Class, welcome)
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
Mon 19th Mar	-	Sports Relief Week
Tues 20th Mar	-	Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
Thur 22nd Mar	-	Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
Fri 23rd Mar	-	Whole School Spelling Challenge  Whole School Circus Skills Workshop
Sat 24th Mar	-	Primary School Gymnastics Competition
Tue 27th Mar	-	Swimming (Y3, Y4) last session