

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available  
on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Sycamore Class for having the highest attendance so far, **this term**.

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

Thank you for your support.

Oak	96.8%
Chestnut	97.6%
Beech	98.4%
Sycamore	98.6%
Willow	96.2%

## School Photographs

Just to let you know that school photographs will take place on Tuesday 13th November. These will be individual and family group photographs.

Thank you.



## Parent Governor Election

If you have not already returned your ballot paper and wish to vote for a Parent Governor, could you please return the form by Wednesday 10th October, 12 noon.

Thank you.

## Book Fair

Many thanks for your interest in the recent book fair and for supporting your children in their enjoyment of reading. We raised over £600 this year which is nearly £100 more than last year. This means we will be able to purchase some books for school which is fantastic!



## Earrings

For health and safety reasons, please could we remind parents/carers that children should only be wearing plain stud earrings to school and not fashion earrings.

Thank you.

## Play Equipment

Due to Health and Safety, please be reminded that our pupils and their siblings are not allowed on the large play equipment before or after school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## Friends

The Friends of Ellwood have some exciting events planned for this academic year:

- Funky Hair Friday
- Jumble Sale
- Rags2Riches
- Jolly Jar week
- Christmas Fayre

We will let you know further details when we have them.

### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

**Chestnut - Harry Hurcomb**

**Beech - Chloe Gilbert**

**Sycamore - Joshua Powles**

**Willow - Melissa Bishop**



*Well done!*

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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



**Chestnut Class - Isabella Caruana and Poppy Ulyatt**

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

**Sycamore Class - Harvey Hancock and Bodi Lloyd**

**Willow Class - Harry Lister-Chiswell and Lola Aston**

*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:

**Beech Class - Alfie Pritchard and George Bishop**

**Willow Class - Zhia Akers**

*Well done!*

*We are proud of your writing achievements!*



### MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Many thanks to all those parents/carers that came along on Friday 28th September, to support our coffee afternoon and for all the wonderful cakes that were brought into school for the sale.

With your kind donations we managed to raise £78 which is amazing!

Thank you.



### Data Collections Sheets/ Privacy Notice/Parental Consent

If you have not returned your Data Collection Sheet, Privacy Notice or Parental Consent Form, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

### Reading

Please try to encourage your child/ren to read four times a week. Many children are already reading four times a week which is great to see.



### Caretaker/Handyperson—Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Caretaker/Handyperson, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please visit the school website or Gloucestershire County Council website for further details about the post and an application form.

### If you get the chance..

The children may be interested in the programme 'The Animals' Guide to Britain' which is aired on Saturday at 10 a.m. on BBC2. Catch the third episode on BBC iplayer, to see woodland animals.

This is particularly recommended for KS2 children.

## October Half Term Playscheme

### at The Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

The sessions are open for all children age 2 – 5 and extend to age 7 for children with special needs

All of our sessions are mixed ages  
To book please phone 01594 837552  
email: [admin@childoc.org.uk](mailto:admin@childoc.org.uk)

or complete the booking form attached and return to the centre

*Our playschemes are very popular and get filled up quickly, so we advise you book early to avoid disappointment.*

All session must be paid for in advance

£9.00 half day £18.00 full day

Helen Cotton  
Centre Administrator  
The Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre  
01594 837552



### Dinner Accounts

School dinner accounts should be kept in credit at all times. If there is a debt on your child's dinner account, please clear it immediately. We will unfortunately not be able to provide dinners for children if their dinner account is in arrears.

Thank you.

### Healthy Snacks

Thank you for supporting our healthy eating at break time it has been great to see so many children having fresh fruit/vegetables at break.

KS1 children receive a free portion of fruit/vegetables. To be consistent and fair, KS2 children should also follow the same guidance.

If for some reason your KS2 child forgets their fruit/vegetable snack we will offer them a portion of fruit/vegetables.

We are happy for chopped fruit/veg to be brought into school in reusable containers.



### Christmas Card Competition

The Rt Hon Mark Harper is inviting primary school children to design a Christmas Card for him.

This year's design should reflect the religious nature of Christmas.

The prize for the winner will be a framed copy of their design, local media attention and a tour of Parliament for the successful designer and their parents or teacher. Everyone who enters the competition will also receive a certificate.

Please ensure the entry has your child's name and school name on the reverse and return to school by Monday 15th October.

We look forward to seeing your entries!



## Diary Dates

### October 2018

Tues 9th Oct	-	Swimming Y5/6
Wed 10th Oct	-	Harvest
		Wellie Walk - Daily Mile
		Harvest Festival KS1 - 2 p.m. / KS2 - 2.30 p.m.
Fri 12th Oct	-	Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y5/6)
Fri 19th Oct	-	Funky Hair Friday Break up for half term Mrs Ball's Retirement Tea Party 3.15 p.m.
Mon 29th Oct	-	Start of new Term
Tues 30th Oct	-	Swimming Y5/6
Wed 31st Oct	-	War Horse Trip (Y5/6)

### November 2018

Thurs 8th Nov	-	Cinema Trip (R, Y1, Y2)
Fri 9th Nov	-	Remembrance Service
Tues 13th Nov	-	School Photographs Swimming (Y5/6)
Fri 16th Nov	-	Children in Need
Fri 23rd Nov	-	Skillzone and Glos Police HQ (Y5/6)

### December 2018

Tues 4th Dec	-	Flu Vaccination (R, Y1/2/3/4/5)
Tues 11th Dec	-	Christmas Play (Day and Evening performances) Swimming (Y5/6)
Tues 18th Dec	-	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 20th Dec	-	Whole School Pantomime Trip