

Ellwood School News



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on our website.

Carpark

As you are aware the carpark has been re-surfaced over the half term break. We are really pleased with it and hopefully it will be much smoother to drive on! The land on which the car park is sited does not belong to school but to the Forestry Commission who kindly give us permission to have use of it. Therefore, we are unable to put down any permanent surface such as tarmac or concrete, as it has to be easily removed and porous. Due to this, the carpark will require ongoing maintenance. We are pleased with the current surface and as time goes on, it will pack down and settle.

Parent Consultations

Parents should have received a Parent Consultation letter. If you have not already done so please complete and return the letter to school as soon as possible. Please note if your child has a My Plan or My Plan +/EHCP (SEND need) you will be offered a longer 'Shared Conversation' on a separate appointment letter. If you are going to a 'Shared Conversation' meeting then you do not need to attend Parent Consultation meeting as well.

Parent Consultations

Please let the teacher/office know if parents are separated and both need a separate Parents Consultation

Disco

'Friends' would like to thank everyone for coming along to support the Disco. All the children had a great time and were really well behaved.

The school would like to thank Zoe Lister and the Friends Association for organising and supporting the event. Thanks also to those staff and parents who helped out.

A great evening was had by all and we managed to raise and amazing £180 ! Well done!

Thank You!

Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the Gymnastics Competition on Friday 10th February. All our gymnasts performed brilliantly with Keeland Brace and Ella Newland going through to the county finals on March 9th in Gloucester.



Child Protection/Safeguarding

All staff and volunteers in school have a duty of care and a legal responsibility to report any child protection concerns to Social Care or to report any disclosures made by a pupil which raises any concerns.

For more information our Safeguarding/Child Protection policy is available on our website.

Spelling Challenge- Reminder

Just a reminder to keep practicing this term's spelling challenge. If you need another list, please see your child's class teacher for an additional copy.



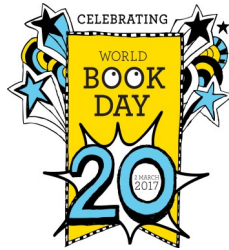
Child Arrangement Orders/Parental Responsibility

Please let the office/teacher know if there are any particular legal orders/requirements linked to your child e.g. changes to parental rights/ joint responsibility/ child arrangement orders. If a separated parent is not allowed contact/communication about a child, we will need to see the legal document to ensure this is the case.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Children may come to school on that day dressed as a character from their favourite book.

We are also holding a book swap event where children can bring in any unwanted good condition children's books which may be swapped for another book. The book swap will take place on Thursday afternoon, in the hall.



ADVANCE NOTICE -JUMBLE SALE AND RAGS2RICHES COLLECTION

There will be a Jumble Sale and Rags2Riches collection in April. So if you are having a clear out over the coming weeks please remember to keep us in mind. We will let you know the date as soon as we know.

Thank you.

Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March

To fundraise for Red Nose Day this year we will be asking children to come to school wearing something red in exchange for a donation of 50p. We will also be holding a cake sale, any cake donations would be gratefully received on the day.

Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday 13th March, at a cost of £1 each.



Headlice

We have had several reported cases of headlice in school in various classes. Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. For more information about headlice and it's treatment, please visit for more information.

www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice

Pride of the Forest Awards 2017

Do you know someone that makes a difference in your community?

- ◆ A carer that always goes above and beyond?
- ◆ An inspirational sportsperson?
- ◆ A community group working to improve the local area?

For more information on how to nominate, please visit the following:

www.fdean.gov.uk and follow the link to Pride of the Forest Awards or on facebook www.facebook.com/foddc. Twitter @FoDDC#POTF2017 or email prideoftheforest@fdean.gov.uk.

Healthy Breakfast

This year we will be holding our Healthy Breakfast on the 16th and 17th March in the morning before school. More information will follow closer to the time.



SATs Information Meeting—Years 2

Thank you to all those parents that attended the SATs information evening this week. We hope the meeting was useful and informative. If you have any further questions or require any further information please see either Mrs Clements or Mrs Barry.

Thank you.

Healthy snack - reminder

Can children please bring a healthy snack for morning break for example; a piece of fruit or muesli bar.



Attendance

Overall attendance is good at the moment - keep it up!

A few pupils with persistent absence, under 90% is impacting on the overall attendance. We will be working with these Pupils and families in the future to see if this can be improved.

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

Clubs

We are seeking you and your child's views about any clubs you think we could offer in the Summer term or for the next academic year. It would obviously depend on staffing, resources, funding and interest.

However, we are keen to accommodate pupils and parents thoughts and ideas.

If you have any suggestions, please complete the slip below and return to school.

Thank you.

Club Suggestions 2017

I would like to see _____ club(s) being offered to
Year Groups _____

Signed: _____ Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

Diary Dates 2017

February 2017

Tue 28th Feb - Clearwell Caves and New Fancy Trip
(Chestnut and Beech Classes)

March 2017

Thur 2nd Mar - Taste and Sensory Workshops—whole school

Thur 9th Mar - STEAM Museum Trip (Sycamore and Willow)

Fri 10th Mar - 'In the Net' Performance (Y4)

Mon 13th Mar - Red Noses on sale in school

Wed 15th Mar - Class Photos and Leavers Photos

Thur 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Fri 17th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Fri 24th Mar - Red Nose Day and Cake Sale

Sat 25th Mar - Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6)
(More information will follow)