

Ellwood School News



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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Willow Class who achieved 100% attendance this week.

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

Penalty notices have been issued this term. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	94.4%
Chestnut	94.7%
Beech	97.7%
Sycamore	97.8%
Willow	100%

A note from the Friends of Ellwood

After last weeks AGM, the Friends of Ellwood have decided to take a different approach moving forward.

The committee has changed to become a less formal group of volunteers, without the need for trustees, which Vicky Logan Giles has kindly offered to lead.

This can, of course, change in the future should the group decide that a committee is needed, but without a larger group of willing trustees, at this time it just isn't possible to do.

The current committee members wish to thank all of the past volunteers and parents for their help and support during events over the past few years.

We hope you will join us in supporting Vicky during future events. A lack of volunteers will unfortunately mean that fundraising events may have to be cancelled, meaning school trips, new resources and experiences may become less frequent.

Many thanks again for all your help and support.

Bonnie Ellis

(Previous Chairperson of the Friends of Ellwood Community Primary School)

Mrs Milford on behalf of the pupils, staff and governors would like to thank the Friends for all their hard work, dedication and support over the last few years. The money they have raised has really enhanced the pupils' experiences and provided much needed resources. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue to fundraise in the future and we would be grateful for any support or help.

Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - Zac Winman and Gavin Wilson

Chestnut Class - Rory Aston, Faith Merrett and Sorrel Blackburn

Beech Class - Millie Hancock and Henry Bishop

Sycamore Class - Darcey McLinden and Immy Aston

Willow Class - Kiyan Aston and Louie Hancock



Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak - Toby White

Chestnut - Edith Beard and Zac Ellway

Beech Class - Ben Temblett

Willow Class - Isabella Hemming

Well done!

We are proud of your writing achievements!



Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Oak - Elena-May Titmuss

Chestnut - Faith Merrett

Beech - Darcie-Rae Howard

Sycamore - Jack Paterson

Willow - Luke Phelps



Well done!

Red Nose Day

Many thanks to all of you that purchased a Red Nose—they sold like hot cakes! From selling these we managed to raise £150 which is fantastic!

Thank you to all the children who looked great wearing red to school to help celebrate Red Nose Day. We had an afternoon of activities with the children in their House groups, which was really enjoyable and great fun for the children.



Quick Stix Hockey Tournament

Well done to the children who took part in the Quick Stix Hockey Tournament on Wednesday at Dean Academy. After playing some competitive matches on a cold and blustery day, we are delighted to let you know that, one of the teams from Ellwood won and are through to the County Finals, to be held on April 2nd.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who transported the children to and from the event and to Mr Gallop for organising it.



Rags2Riches Collection

All of you should now have received a Rags2Riches bag with details of what can be placed in the bag. The bags are due to be collected on Thursday March 21st. We will be accepting bags into school from Tuesday 19th March up until the day of collection.

Please be reminded that all clothing should be clean, dry and reusable—so something you'd wear yourself.

The more bags we collect the more money we get for school, as payment per kilo of clothing.

We look forward to seeing lots of bags!



Seed Request

Do you have any unwanted packets of seed? On Thursday the 4th of April we will be holding a seed swap after school. It will be situated next to the garden and you can donate and take away any seeds that might be of use to you. Seeds can be sent to the office before hand if this helps, or just bring them on the day.

See Mrs Rees if you have any questions.



Healthy Breakfast

Thank you to all of you that came along to our Healthy Breakfast this week, it was great to see so many people attend. We hope you all enjoyed your breakfast.

Many thanks also to all the staff that came along to help run the event.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents/carers that came along for Parents' evenings this week. It was great to see you all.

If you have not already handed your questionnaire in, could you please return it to school as soon as possible.

If you haven't had an appointment with your child's class teacher or had your shared conversation, please make an appointment to see the teacher as soon as possible

Thank you.

Sponsored Read

So far we have managed to raise £600 for the sponsored read which is an amazing amount. This amount may increase as there are still several more sponsorships to add.

We are currently looking at all the wonderful books we will be able to buy.

Many thanks to all of you that took part in this event—such as great result!



Gymnastics Competition

We would like to wish all our Gymnasts taking part in the Forest of Dean Gymnastics Competition tomorrow all our good luck. They have all have been training really hard and we know they will try their very best and be a credit to our school.

We would especially like to thank Miss Abbott for all her hard work and for all the extra hours she has been giving in preparation for the Gymnastics competition. Thank you.

Many thanks also to Mrs Clare Bishop and Mrs Laura Beard for giving up their free time and helping us with our Gymnasts. Your help is really appreciated.

Good luck Ellwood Gymnasts!

Easter Raffle

Soon we will be selling tickets for our Easter Raffle. If you work for any companies or organisations that would be prepared to donate an Easter egg for the raffle, they would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your support!



Tesco—Blue Tokens

Just a reminder that if you are shopping in Tesco in Lydney and receive a blue token, please put it into the Ellwood Collection box. The more tokens we collect, the more money the school receives.

Many thanks for your support.

Diary Dates

March 2019

Sat 16th Mar	-	Gymnastics Competition
Tues 19th Mar	-	Birds of Prey Visit (Whole School)
Wed 20th Mar	-	Internet Safety Talk (Y2- Y5)
Thur 21st Mar	-	Rags 2 Riches Collection Dementia Awareness Talk—Y6
Tue 26th Mar	-	Swimming Y3/Y4
Fri 29th Mar	-	Whole School Spelling Challenge

April 2019

Mon 1st April	-	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Fri 5th April	-	Easter Raffle
	-	Easter Assembly 2.00 p.m. KS1 Easter Assembly 2.40 p.m. KS2
		Break up for Easter - 3.15 p.m. finish
Fri 26th April	-	Y6 Leavers' Photographs

May 2019

w/c 6th May	-	SATs - Y2
w/c Mon 13th May	-	SATs -Y6
Fri 17th May - Mon 20th May	-	Manor Adventure - Y6

June 2019

w/c 10th June	-	Phonics Screening / Retest Phonics Screening
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