

# Ellwood School News



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## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Willow Class who achieved 99% for their 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	96.3%
Chestnut	97.3%
Beech	98.4%
Sycamore	95.7%
Willow	99.0%

## Welcome Back

We would like to welcome everyone back after the Christmas Break and hope you all had an enjoyable time.

It was great to see all the children looking keen and eager to start the new term. We have lots of exciting things lined up for the children this term and look forward to sharing the news with you all. There are several trips planned and we will let you know more information about these shortly.

## Young Voices

If you have a child going to Young Voices and have not paid your coach travel money of £10, can you please do so as soon as possible using ParentPay.

We have a few spaces on the coach and parents may travel with us at a charge of £10, although we would arrive at approx. 11.45am and doors will not open until 6pm. Please see Mrs Marshall if you require a seat.

Thank you.

## Burglary / Safeguarding

It has been reported to us about a burglary in Ellwood. Also it has been reported that a car with young males has been parking and driving around the local area late at night. Please be vigilant.

Also we have been told of an incident in Gloucester, where a child was followed on the way home by a man. Please be mindful of this and stay safe.

## Poppy Appeal

We are very pleased to let you know that we raised £183.14 for the Poppy Appeal which is wonderful.

Thank you so much for your generosity for such a worthy cause.



## Dinner Accounts/ Swimming

We would appreciate that all dinner accounts be kept in credit. If you have a debt on your child's account, please can you clear it asap. Also please make sure that swimming fees have been paid for years 3 and 4.

Many thanks for your support.

### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:



Oak - Oscar Edge  
Chestnut - Darcie Childs  
Beech - Bella Aston  
Sycamore - Joshua Powles  
Willow - Ella Biddington

*Well done!*

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - *Amelia Aston and Elena-May Titmuss*  
Chestnut Class - *Arlen Davies and Sophie Bridges*  
Beech Class - *Darcie-Rae Howard and Jamie Chandler*  
Sycamore Class - *Freya Leach and Jack Paterson*  
Willow Class - *Lucas Roberts and Isabella Hemming*



*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak - *Tommy Baker*  
Chestnut - *Tabitha Partington*  
Beech Class - *Alfie Pritchard and Bella Aston*



*Well done!*

*We are proud of your writing achievements!*

### After School Clubs

Clubs will start next week, w/c 14th January unless otherwise stated. We have had a huge response to some of the clubs. Model Animation club will now be split over the two half terms, a letter has been sent home to those children that selected this choice. Gymnastics Beginners has also had a huge response with a trial taking place today to determine which children gain places. A letter will be sent home today for those children who picked Gymnastics Beginners. All children taking part in the advanced Monday group have a place.

The yellow slips with your child's choices will be sent home today also.

### Christmas Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone that took part in the Christmas Reading Challenge. It was great to see so many children enjoying their reading over the Christmas break.

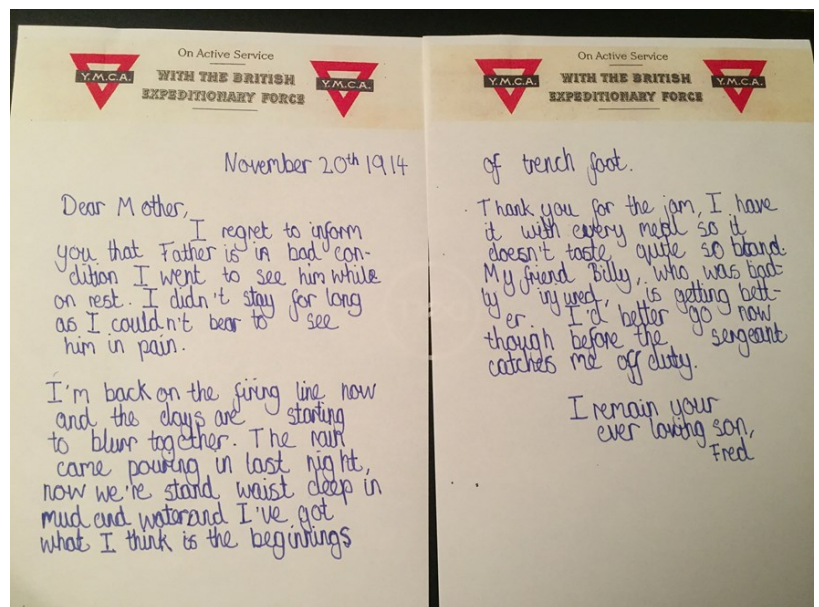
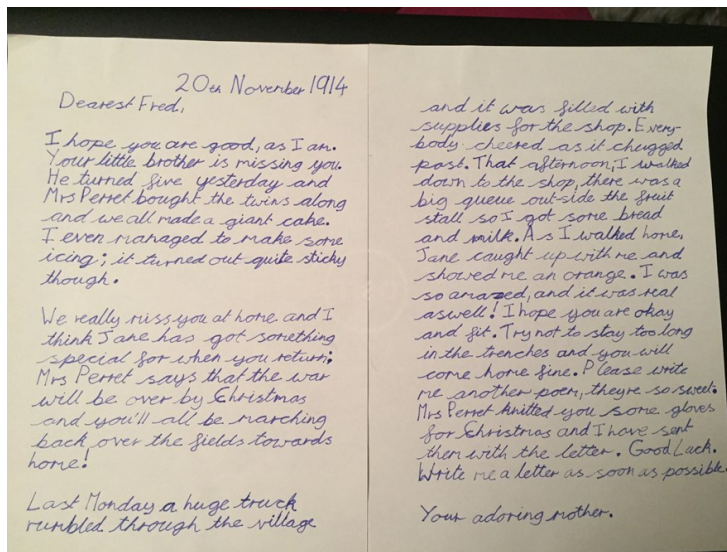


### Willow Class—Project with 'One Voice Choir'

Please see below the extract written in the One Voice Newsletter about the children's participation in the project.

Following our partnership this year with the Big Ideas Co. and working with them on their Motherhood, Loss and the First World War project, there have been some brilliant results. We wanted to share one such activity which was particularly touching.

Nikki from Innsworth Military Wives Choir introduced the project to the children she teaches as it fitted well with their work on WW1. The children shared their responses to the letters and local Forest of Dean publications, by writing their own, from the perspective of both mothers and sons during WW1. Here are a couple of examples:



## Diary Dates

### January 2019

- |              |   |                      |
|--------------|---|----------------------|
| Mon 14th Jan | - | Clubs start          |
| Tue 22nd Jan | - | Swimming Y3/Y4       |
| Fri 25th Jan | - | Young Voices Concert |

### February 2019

- |              |   |                        |
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| Tue 5th Feb  | - | Swimming Y3/Y4         |
| Fri 15th Feb | - | Break up for half term |
| Tue 26th Feb | - | Swimming Y3/Y4         |

### March 2019

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| Tue 12th Mar | - | Swimming Y3/Y4                   |
| Wed 13th Mar | - | Class Photos / Y6 Leavers Photos |