

# Ellwood School News



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## Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome everyone back to school after the Summer break, hoping you all had a great relaxing holiday and special family time.

It is fantastic to see all the children looking so smart and wearing the correct school uniform, ready to start the new school year.

### New Teachers

We would like to welcome our new teachers to the Ellwood team. Mrs Wright in Beech Class, Mr Gallop in Sycamore Class and Mrs Woodhouse in Willow Class. They have already settled well into school with their new classes and look forward to working with them.

### Baby News

We have double baby news! Mrs Davies had a beautiful baby girl in July and Mrs Breakwell had her beautiful baby girl in August.

Both Mums and babies are doing well and we would like to wish them every happiness with their new arrivals.



### New Room

You will be pleased to know that the new room has now been completed and will be called the 'Acorn' room. This will be of great benefit to the school, providing much needed space for teaching smaller groups of children.

### Room Changes

The ICT room has become the FSW (Family Support Worker) room and library. It will be known as the 'Fizzily' room. This room provides a great space for meetings and small group work.

The old library will now be called the 'Hub' and will be used for some ICT and group work

### New Carpets

Beech Class and Sycamore Class have had new carpets over the summer break, providing each class with a new fresh environment to work in.

### Reminders

Reading books, link books and PE kits should be brought into school every day.

Please remember to clearly label all school uniform and any other items that your child brings into school.

Thank you.

### Reading Raffle

The reading raffle will commence again this term and will be the same as last year, with children being expected to read 4 times a week to be able to enter into the raffle. Reading is a key factor to success in all subjects.

## Year 6 Assessment Data

The data sent home before the summer holiday was provisional data. We now have the actual data (although not yet validated by the DFE).

- Percent combined in Reading, Writing and Maths - 45%
- Percent high standard in Reading, Writing and Maths - 5%
- Reading expected standard—60%
- Reading exceeding standard—30%
- Writing expected standard - 70%
- Writing exceeding standard—25 %
- Maths expected standard—70%
- Maths exceeding standard—10%
- SPAG expected - 85%
- SPAG exceeding 40%

These results are a significant improvement on previous years and we are really pleased with them.

Well done to all the pupils and staff!

### Book Amnesty

Please return any old school reading books to school with your child.



### After School Clubs

A club list has been sent home today. Please complete and return the form to school by Monday. We will send home a reply slip confirming the clubs that your child has a place in.

**Clubs will commence on week commencing 17th September**

### Gardening Club - helpers wanted

We are looking for some parent helpers to help out with gardening club, after school on Thursdays. If you think you are able to help out, please let school know.

Thank you.



### School Dinners

This is just a reminder that if your child has moved into Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for universal free school meals and meals will have to be paid for. School meals cost £2.36 per meal and can be paid using ParentPay.

We would ask that all dinner accounts are kept in credit, if your child is receiving school dinners. If pupil's dinner accounts are in arrears, school will unfortunately not be able to provide a school dinner for your child.

## Great Fire of London Day

On Thursday 6th September, Chestnut Class enjoyed a Great Fire of London day together with the children from Beech Class.

The children travelled back in time to 1666 London to learn what life was like before and after the Great Fire. They had the opportunity to try some traditional crafts, such as candle making with the chandler, leatherwork, sewing, weaving, making medicines at the apothecary, making ink and writing with quills.

In the afternoon, the children were set a challenge in small groups to try and work out who owned artefacts that they unearthed during an archaeological dig using the artefacts they found, a bag of buried belongings and deeds and letters.

The day wouldn't have been possible without 'Mistress Sue' from History off the page, all of our adult helpers and the 'Friends' who very generously paid for the day.



### **Reception Class**

Miss Peart and Mrs Morris have been carrying out visits to the new reception children and their parents/carers. This has been a great experience and Miss Peart and Mrs Morris have really enjoyed meeting them all.

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children next week.

### **Roald Dahl Competition**

Each child has been sent home a letter today with details of a Roald Dahl Competition to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. There are prizes to be won for KS1 and KS2.

Please ensure entries are brought back to school by Tuesday 11th September. We look forward to some exciting entries!



### **Meet the Teacher**

We would like to invite parents/carers to come into school to meet your child's new class teacher. This will give you the opportunity to find out about the class topic, homework and information about your child's new class. These sessions will run after school in your child's class from 3.20 p.m.

- **Sycamore Class - Wednesday 12th September**
- **Beech Class - Thursday 13th September**
- **Chestnut Class - Thursday 20th September**
- **Beech Class - Friday 21st September**

We look forward to seeing you on these days!

### **Swimming Reminder—Y5 & Y6**

This is just a reminder that swimming lessons commence next Tuesday (11th September).

If you have not returned your consent form and paid on ParentPay, can you please do so immediately.

If you require another form, please collect one from the office.

Thank you.



### **Five Acres High School -Open Day**

Five Acres High School will be holding the following open mornings and open evenings for Year 5 and Year 6 children

**Open Evening - Tuesday 18 September - 6.00 - 8.00 pm**

**Open Mornings - Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 September - 9.00 - 10.30 am**

## Diary Dates

### September 2018

Tues 11th Sept	-	Swimming Lessons Y5 & Y6
Mon 17th Sept	-	Cycling Proficiency Y6
Tues 25th Sept	-	Travelling book Fair
		Swimming Y6
Wed 26th Sept	-	European Day of Languages
Fri 28th Sept	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

### October 2018

Wed 3rd Oct	-	Life Bus
Thurs 4th Oct	-	Life Bus
Tues 9th Oct	-	Swimming Y6
Fri 12th Oct	-	Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y5/6) (More information to follow)
Tues 30th Oct	-	Swimming Y6