Ellwood School News

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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Beech Class who have the highest 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	96.1%
Chestnut	96.5%
Beech	98.8%
Sycamore	98.3%
Willow	93.5%

Summer Fete

We will be holding a small end of term Summer Fete on Friday 12th July, after school from 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. We will have a raffle, a few stalls, tea, coffee, cakes and a selection of small performances that were due to be shown at the Garden Party.

On Friday 5th July we will be holding a non uniform day in exchange for items for the Summer Fete. We would appreciate donations for the tombola; bottles, tins, chocolates, toys. We would also be grateful for any donations for the adult and children's raffle, such as; toiletries, bottles, chocolates, days out, meal vouchers, teddies, toys etc. Please bring in donations on Friday 5th July. Please send in cakes on the day of the fete.

As the fete is taking place after school we will be able to host it indoors, if the weather decides to be unkind to us.

All the funds raised will go towards our whole school trip to the beach on Thursday 18th July, more details will follow shortly. If there is any money left over we will put it towards the purchase of some new individual home reading books.



Mosque and Cathedral Trip

The children were warmly welcomed into the Mosque and Cathedral and had a wonderful time. It was a great opportunity for the children to compare different places of worship and to realise that no matter the colour of our skin, faith or cultural beliefs, we are all the same.

We hope the children came home and told you all about their fascinating day.

Sports Day

Sports Day this year will be taking place on Tuesday 9th July, starting at 1 p.m. We hope you will be able to come along and support your child/ren. It will be great to see you there.

We are hoping for fine weather but if we are unlucky with the weather, the reserve date is Tuesday 16th July.



Doug Eaton Exhibition

The local artist Doug Eaton, who judged our Enchanted Forest Art Competition, is having an exhibition on 28th June 2—8 p.m. at

Innovation Spaces, Business Hub, GL16 7QD

01594 839451

Please go along and have a look at his wonderful artwork.

Parents In School Week

Many thanks to all the parents/grandparents/carers that came into school this week to visit their child's class. We have had some lovely comments back on the feedback forms, here are a few examples:

'wall displays very good', 'upbeat, children happy to learn', 'very good they listened well', 'children were happy and helpful', 'lovely, well balanced atmosphere', 'loved my time at school, looking forward to returning', 'I think Ellwood is a wonderful school', 'very bright and welcoming, nice variety of topics'

If you have not returned your feedback form to school, please return to the school office.

Thank you.

Tesco Blue Tokens

We are pleased to announce that we have won the Tesco Blue Token draw and will now receive £2500, which is amazing! We will be using this money to purchase some much needed nurture resources.

Thank you for support with placing your blue tokens in the Ellwood pot!

Year 4 - 'In the Net' performance

On Monday 24th June children in Year 4 will be visiting Tutshill C of E school to watch the 'In the Net' performance about internet safety.

The performance will take place in the morning with children being transported to and from Tutshill School by coach.

As this is part of the curriculum, all children will be expected to attend.

Trash Converter

The school had a visit from the Trash Converter today, run by the Forest of Dean street wardens. This gave the children the opportunity to trade in some of the recyclable materials from their lunchboxes or from the classroom in exchange for a gift.

The children had a short talk about recycling and which materials may be recycled. We are trying to reduce the school's waste and this really helped highlight the need to do this.

Earrings

We have had an increasing amount of children wearing fancy earrings to school. Could we please remind you that children should only wear plain stud earrings to school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Thank you.

Year 6 Leavers' Play

The Year 6 Leavers' Play will be taking place on Wednesday 17th July. The venue will be Five Acres High School. More details to follow.

Thank you

Dinner Debts

Please could any outstanding dinner debts be paid as soon as possible. Dinner accounts should be in credit at all times.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council for further information on eligibility and how to apply.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Thank you.

School Uniform

We appreciate that it is near the end of term and parents/carers do not wish to purchase new uniform at this time. Could we please remind you for next term that children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers.

Also if girls are wearing trousers to school, they should be school trousers and not jeans/leggings or jeggings.

Fill a Sweet Jar

Mrs Jones and Mrs Higgs are kindly asking for sweet jar donations for the Summer Fete. We would like children to fill a jar with sweets of any kind and bring them into school for the sweet jar stall.

Please could donations be brought into school, week commencing 8th July. Please bring them into Mrs Jones in Oak Class and she will reward you with a little prize.

Many thanks for your support.



ParentPay

There are still some outstanding accounts, please could you check yours.

Diary Dates

June 2019

Mon 24th June - 'In the Net' Performance (Year 4)

July 2019

Wed 3rd July - A Little Princess Production - in school

Fri 5th July - Non uniform Day - donations for school fete

Tues 9th July - Sports Day (afternoon)

Thur 11th July - Cattle Country Trip (Reception Class only)

Fri 12th July - School Fete-3.30 - 5 p.m. - All Welcome

Tues 16th July - Sports Day (Reserve Date)

Wed 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Play - Five Acres High School

Thurs 18th July - Whole School Beach Trip (more details to follow)

Fri 19th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1 p.m

(Year 6 parents/carers only)

Fri 19th July - <u>School finishes at 2 p.m.</u>

Sept 2019

Mon 2nd Sept - Inset Day (School closed to children)

Tue 3rd Sept - New Term begins