

# Ellwood School News



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on our website.

## **Celebration Assembly**

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates at our Celebration Assembly this week

Chestnut Class—Myami Scotford and Isabella Aston

All of Beech Class

Sycamore Class—Isabella Hemming and Melissa Bishop

Willow Class—Macey Mills and Connor Edwards



Thank you to Oliver and April Donoghue for playing their cornets in assembly, what a great performance!

Also well done to Isabelle and Aiden Beard for running 3K at the week-end. What a great achievement!

Our last special mention goes to Ryan Winman who has kindly saved his pocket money and donated it to Save the Children, what a super thing to do. Well done Ryan!

## **Beech Trip To Caerleon**

All the children in Beech Class had a great day and demonstrated excellent behaviour. The Museum staff commented on how good their behaviour was and how good their subject knowledge was.  
Well done Beech class!

## **Oak — Outside Classroom**

Please be reminded that parents and children are not allowed in Oak's outside classroom at the end of the school day. This area may only be used during the school day with teacher/TA supervision.

## School Census Day

It is School Census Day on Thursday 5th October which helps with next year's funding. Funding is partly decided by the number of children having a hot school dinner on Census Day, so the more children having a meal the more funding the school receives. We would therefore like to encourage as many children as possible to take a meal on Census Day and are having a special menu on that day:



*Sausages in a Roll with Onions*

*Or*

*Cheese and Tomato Pizza*

*Served with*

*Potato Wedges*

*Baked Beans and Coleslaw & Salad Bar*

*Followed by*

*Chocolate and Mandarin Cake with Chocolate Sauce*

*Or*

*Fruit Platter*



## Free School Meals

If you think that your child is entitled to free school meals, please visit the online portal for parents at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Here your eligibility will be checked and it will let you know if you qualify.

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish your child to take up their free school meal.

Children are entitled to free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You do not have to apply for free school meals if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 but if you are on low income you should still apply so that your child can claim Pupil Premium. This is extra money paid direct to schools for each child who is eligible for free school meals due to the household being on a low income. It is used to support your child's education.

Please visit Gloucestershire County Council website for further information or email: [edsupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:edsupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Pears

Thank you for buying pears from our trees (last chance this week). With the proceeds we have bought new garden gloves and secateurs for the garden.

Thank you.

## Friends of Ellwood

### Rags2Riches

A Rags2Riches textile recycling collection has been arranged for Wednesday 8th November. Please save any outgrown/unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and household linen for us.

### Jumble Sale

We will also try to arrange a jumble sale for Saturday 4th November, although this will be dependent on having enough helpers.

Helpers will be needed to set up on Friday 3rd November from 2 p.m. and then we will also need helpers on the day (Saturday 4th November), to run the jumble sale from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m./2 p.m.

If you are able to help please let one of the Friends Committee know or the school office, by Friday 6th October.

If there are not enough helpers for the Jumble Sale, unfortunately it will be unable to go ahead.

Many thanks.

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a Coffee afternoon on Monday 2nd October at 2 p.m. in the hall.



Any cake donations would be gratefully received on Monday. Please bring them into school on Monday morning.

Please come along and support this very worthy cause.

### Link Books

Link books must be in school every day as this is the best way of communicating on a daily basis. The books are collected in and ticked off daily.

Thank you.

### Flu Vaccination

A letter and leaflet has been sent home to children in Reception to Year 4 regarding the Flu Vaccination.

Please fully read the information given out.

Vaccinations are due to take place in school on Wednesday 8th November, in school

### National Poetry Day

The whole school enjoyed our poetry celebrations this week. Our older children recited their favourite poems and our younger pupils listened to a range of poets' work.

Well done everybody!



### Chestnut and Beech Parents

Please could parents/carers of children in Chestnut and Beech classes say their goodbyes in the playground and drop their children at the door and not enter the building.

Thank you.

### Dinner Accounts

Please ensure your child's dinner account is in credit at all times, if ordering school dinners.

Thank you.

### **Oak Class**

Mrs Milford and Mrs Marshall have visited Oak Class this week and were amazed how settled the children were! All of them having fun and enjoying school with such a lovely atmosphere.

Well done Oak Class, Miss Peart and Mrs Morris.

### **Young Voices**

Thank you to all those children that have signed up to take part in the Young Voices in January. It promises to be an amazing and exciting experience.

Many thanks to Mrs Marshall for organising this event.

### **Safeguarding**

All staff are trained in child protection and safeguarding. Mrs Milford is the school's designated Safeguard Lead with Mrs Marshall, Mrs Clements and Mrs Charles also being trained.

We have a duty of care to report any concerns to social care and seek advice if a child makes a disclosure to any member of staff. This is to ensure that the children remain safe at all times.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Chestnut Class for having the highest attendance this term.

Good attendance is central to raising pupil standards and attainment. Pupils must attend regularly and be at school on time every day the school is open, unless the absence is unavoidable. If your child is too poorly to attend school, please telephone the office before 9.15 a.m. on the morning of absence.

Please make routine medical appointments e.g. optician/dentist, outside of school hours, unless it's an emergency.

Oak	-
Chestnut	97%
Beech	96%
Sycamore	95.5%
Willow	95.7%

### **Asthma Plans, Healthcare Plans and Caterlink Allergy Forms**

Please could any Asthma Plans, Healthcare plans and Caterlink Allergy forms that have not already been received, be returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you

### **European Day of Languages**

For European Languages Day 2017, Sycamore class enjoyed learning about the Welsh Language. We learned the names for the different parts of the body and learned "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Welsh - although we also learned that, in Welsh, they sing "Head, Shoulders, Legs and Feet!"



## Diary Dates 2017

### September 2017

Mon 25th Sep - Trip to Caerleon (Beech Class)

### October 2017

Mon 2nd Oct - McMillan Coffee Afternoon 2 p.m.  
(In conjunction with Ellwood Nursery)

Tue 3rd Oct - Macbeth at Puzzlewood  
(Sycamore and Willow)

Fri 20th Oct - Harvest Celebration 2 p.m.  
(More details to follow)

Break up for half term - 3.15p.m. finish

**All term dates are available on the school's website**