

Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available
on our website.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Willow Class and Beech Class for having 100% attendance this week - that's amazing!

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

Thank you for your support.

Oak	95.7%
Chestnut	94.8%
Beech	100%
Sycamore	93.1%
Willow	100%

Year 6 SATs

SATs Superstars!

We feel very proud of our Year 6 pupils. The daily sociable breakfasts and early-morning dancing proved to be very successful in calming nerves and spreading smiles this week!

Our children maintained their positivity, enthusiasm and confidence when tackling some very challenging papers. Fantastic!

We are very grateful to the whole school community for showing great respect towards our oldest pupils in the school; we couldn't believe how silent the school remained for the entire duration of the assessments! Mr Johnson and Mrs Ulyatt, two of our wonderful governors, very kindly gave up their time to ensure that all guidelines were followed by observing the test procedures - and for this, we are very appreciative.

Well done, Year 6!



School Gate

Due to the safety of our children in after school clubs and to reduce the number of people on site, the gate will be closed at 3.35 p.m.

Please ensure you leave the school site by this time so after school clubs can commence promptly and the site is secure.

Please be reminded that play equipment should not be used after school due to health and safety, insurance and lack of supervision.

Summer Spelling Challenge

All children have been sent home with their spellings for this term, so please practise these words with your child. The spelling challenge will take place on Friday 20th July.

Spelling

Coffee Afternoon

Mrs Charles will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 25th May at 2.30 p.m. in the hall.

Please come along for a cuppa and a chat - it would be great to see you there.



Holidays in Term Time

Unfortunately we have also been having an increase in holidays in term times. This is having a significant impact on the children's learning, assessments and preparation for the transition to the next year group. Teachers are having to spend valuable time going over previous lessons trying to catch up, which in turn, impacts on the learning of others. We have avoided referring to the Local Authorities and giving out penalty notices, which may result in fines. However, due to the increasing number of holidays this year, we are being put in a position to start issuing them in from September 2018.

Please support your child and the school with this matter. Next year's term dates were recently sent home and are available on the website, to assist with the planning of holidays.

Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.

Achievement Assembly Awards

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



Oak Class - Abbie-Grace Tomkins
Chestnut Class - Cleo Stanton and McKenzie Harris
Beech Class - Bodi Lloyd and April Donoghue
Sycamore Class - Josh Morris and Tia Edey
Willow Class - All Year 6 Children

Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak Class - Jasper Jay
Chestnut Class - Poppy Ulyatt
Beech Class - Alesha-May Ellis
Sycamore Class - Harry Titmuss
Willow Class - All Year 6 Children

Well done!



Open Day and Garden Party



On Thursday June 14th the school will be holding an open day in the morning from 9.30—11.30 a.m. Parents/carers are welcome to come into school and see the school in action, with children taking part in lessons and every day school activities.

Later on in the afternoon 1.30—3.00 p.m. we will be holding a Garden Party, where children will be performing songs, poems and dancing.

All parents/carers are welcome to come along—it would be great to see you there!

Gymnastics

One of our children Leo Childs had great success at a recent Gymnastics competition. Winning Gold for floor and vault, winning silver in a team event and coming 1st overall in the Preliminary Championship 2018.

Well done Leo what a fantastic result!!



Friends—Non Uniform Day

On Friday 25th May we will be having a non —uniform day where children may come to school wearing their own clothes. In exchange for this we would ask that children bring in a donation for the Summer Fayre such as bric-a-brac, bottles or raffle prizes.

Thank you,

Dean Academy Activity Day for Year 5 children (18th June)

All children will be attending this day, regardless of which secondary school they intend to attend. This is a great opportunity for children to take part in activities and visit a secondary school. e.g. Physical activities, team building, ICT, Science to name a few.

May 4th Colouring Competition

There was a fantastic response to the colouring competition and we had some wonderful entries. Mrs Milford had the very difficult job of choosing winners and after much deliberation, the results were as follows:

KS1 Winner - *Finlay Davies*

KS1 Runner ups - *Leo Childs and Alfie Pritchard*

KS2 Winner - *Alfie Chandler*

KS2 Runner ups - *Aiden Beard and Harriet Gane*

Well done to everyone who entered the competition!

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

MEDICATION in SCHOOL

If your child requires medication during the school day, you **MUST** bring this to the school office and complete a medical form. The medication must be clearly marked with your child's name and the required dose.

Failure to complete this form means that we are not authorised to administer the medication.

Oak Class Visitors

Oak Class were very fortunate to have a couple of parents who came into school to talk about their occupations.

Mrs Roberts (Isabelle's Mum) came into class to talk about her job as a Physiotherapist. The children were really engaged by the talk and learnt so much. Thank you Mrs Roberts!



Mrs Childs (Darcie's Mum) came into school on another occasion to talk about her job as a Paramedic which was also a fantastic experience for the children, which they found really interesting. Thank you Mrs Childs!



1st Clearwell and Sling Scout Group 40th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday 23rd June 2018 at Scarr Bandstand there will be an afternoon of activities and fun with a BBQ. If you have ever been involved with 1st Clearwell & Sling group in any way, Beaver, Cub, Scout or a Leader, please come along to help celebrate.

More details are available by contacting :
clearwellscoutgroup@hotmail.co.uk or visit our visit their Facebook page.



Outdoor Classroom Day

As part of 'Outdoor Classroom Day' this Thursday, our children have enjoyed problem-solving, teamwork and creativity in the great outdoors. Through active play, the children strengthened their friendships, tested boundaries, assessed risks and enjoyed being thoroughly imaginative. What fantastic fun!



Leaving Early/Being collected early

We seem to be having an increasing number of children leaving school on a regular basis. Please be reminded that the school day finishes at 3.15 p.m. and therefore children are required to be in school until this time unless there are unforeseen circumstances. E.g. unexpected medical appointment. Children should not be leaving for other extra curricular activities e.g. clubs, swimming lessons, holidays, hair appointments etc..

School Defibrillator

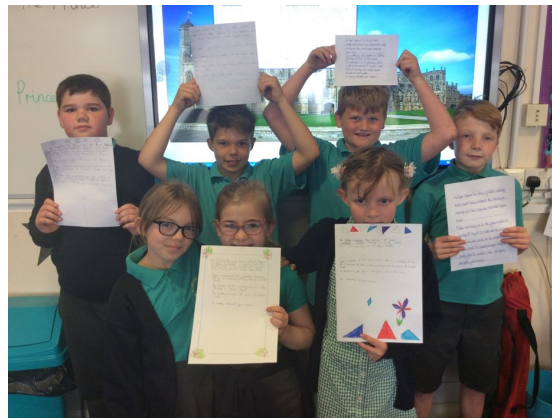
We would like to purchase a defibrillator for school use/community use. If anyone has any contacts/information about gaining funding or grants for this purpose, we would be most grateful, if you could contact school. Or if anyone knows where we can source one at a discounted price, please let school know.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

Our whole school has enjoyed celebrating the Royal Wedding. Pupils have found out many interesting details and have celebrated with posh squash and biscuits!



Oak Class enjoying some party games!



Year 5 pupils created formal invitations for the Royal Wedding this morning.



In Willow Class, the children were treated to a super piano performance of 'Where is Love?' by Connor Edwards. Well done, Connor!

Diary Dates

May 2018

- Fri 18th May - Year 6 Residential Trip
- Plant Sale—3.15 p.m. in the playground
- Mon 21st May - Year 6 Children return from Residential Trip
- Fri 25th May - Non—uniform day in exchange for an item for the Summer Fayre
- Coffee Afternoon with Mrs Charles 2.30 p.m.

Break up for Half term (2 week break)

June 2018

- Mon 11th Jun - **Start of new half term**
- Thur 14th Jun - Open Morning 9.30—11.30 a.m.
- Garden Party 1.30 - 3 p.m.
- Country Dance Festival—Speech House
- Wed 20th Jun - Country Dance Festival (Reserve Date)
- Summer Whole School Spelling Challenge

July 2018

- Tue 3rd Jul - Sports Day
- Wed 18th Jul - Parents Evening Drop in 3.30 p.m.
- Fri 20th Jul - End of Term BBQ 6.30 p.m.
- Mon 23rd - Cattle Country Trip (Reception Class)