

# Ellwood School News



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## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Chestnut Class who achieved 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	96.7%
Chestnut	99.2%
Beech	98.0%
Sycamore	97.8%
Willow	97.5%

## Friends - Exceptional AGM Meeting

The Friends will be holding an exceptional AGM meeting on Friday 8th March 9 a.m. at school. The current Friends will be in attendance as well as the newcomers who will be taking over the Friends. If anyone would like to come along and find out a little more about what the Friends do and how they may like to become involved, please come along, it would be great to see you there.

## The 'Friends' - School Disco

The disco 'Friends' held on Friday 15th October raised a wonderful £320 !! The 'Friends' would like to send a massive well done and thank you, to all the teachers, teaching assistants and volunteers who helped and for all the children who attended. The evening ran smoothly and there was a fantastic atmosphere!

On behalf of the school we would like to thank the 'Friends' for organising the Disco and for all their hard work.

Thank you!

## Manor Adventure - Year 6

Just a reminder that the Manor Adventure trip is fast approaching. Please remember that full payment is due by 31st March.

Thank you.

## Defibrillator

You may have noticed we have had a new defibrillator fitted at the front of the school. We are currently in the process of registering it with the ambulance service. Many thanks to all those who have donated, which included money raised by the school council, Ellwood Nursery and funds from previous school fund raising.

Well done and thank you!



## Hairstyles

Thank you to those parents who have ensured the zig zag/stripes in their children's hair have been removed. We really appreciate your support with this and we are really proud of our how smart our children at Ellwood School look.

Thank you!

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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

*Oak Class - Florence Partington*

*Chestnut Class - Chase Powell, Esmee Pritchard and Tyler-J Scotford*

*Beech Class - Harry Powell*

*Sycamore Class - Harvey Hancock and Luis Williams*

*Willow Class - Ella Biddington and Harry Lister-Chiswell*



*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

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

*Oak - Darcie Teague*

*Chestnut - Edith Beard and Zac Ellway*

*Beech Class - Millie Hancock, Frankie Jones and Charlie Johnson*

*Sycamore Class - Tegan McAuliffe*

*Willow Class - Bluebelle Lloyd*

*Well done!*

*We are proud of your writing achievements!*



### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

*Oak - Drew Jones*

*Chestnut - Arlen Davies*

*Beech - Alfie Pritchard*

*Sycamore - Josh Morris*

*Willow - Astrid Elsmore*



*Well done!*

### Year 5 Forest Adventure

The Year 5 children had a great time in the forest yesterday afternoon. It is a great opportunity for the children to be outdoors having fun and learning at the same time.

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped and Mrs Rees for organising this great opportunity.



### Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day this year, children may come to school in non-uniform wearing something red.

We will not be asking for donations, as we will be selling red noses on the week leading up to Red Nose Day.

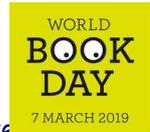
Thank you.



### World Book Day - Sponsored Read

Many thanks to everyone that has already returned their sponsorship forms and money. We have extended the deadline for sponsorship to Thursday 7th March—this gives you a few more days if you wish to take part in the sponsored read.

### Book Swap - Thursday 7th March



On World Book Day children may come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. If you do not feel that you need to buy a costume, a home made one would be great! We will be having a special assembly and also holding a book swap, where children can bring a book they have read and no longer want and swap it for another book. We would ask that children only swap books that are in good condition. This will be run by the school council during the school day.

### Book Fayre— Thursday 7th March (after school)

At the end of school we will also be holding a Book Fayre where children will have the opportunity to use their World Book Day token, towards the cost of a book. There will be a selection of books that may be purchased on the day but you will also have the opportunity to order any books from the catalogue. Ordered books will then be delivered to school and distributed to the children.

### Internet Safety

As you may be aware there is another recent challenge (MOMO) that has arisen and is hacking into YouTube and Fortnite (and others that we may not be aware of). Several children have mentioned this and spoken to staff in their class about it, as they were obviously distressed and concerned. In class assembly, teachers have spoken to the children to remind them of the rules of Internet Safety and to make sure they turn devices off and tell an adult if they see anything distressing or feel unsafe. Obviously, we have not discussed the content with the children. We have taken advice from the Gloucestershire County Council Safeguarding Board, who have recommended this action.

We will follow the school's Behaviour Policy if children are caught discussing this matter.

For further information and guidance please follow the link below.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

### Oxford On-line Reading Buddy Trial

If your child has read on-line, please record 'read' in your child's reading diary, as this will be counted as a weekly read. We hope you are enjoying the books and we will review the on-line reading Buddy next month to see if it is being used and would be good value for money.

Many thanks for your support with the trial.



### Fizz Pop Science—After School Club

The final session of Fizz Pop Science will be held on Friday 8th March. This session is one owed due to previous cancellation due to a snow day.

Thank you!

### Play Equipment

Please may we remind parents/carers that children are **not** allowed on the play equipment after school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## Diary Dates

### March 2019

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| Tues 5th Mar   | - | Holst Museum Trip (Year 3)   |
| Thur 7th Mar   | - | World Book Day - Come to school dressed as a character from a book.<br><br>World Book Day - Book Swap<br><br>Book Fayre—after school |
| Fri 8th Mar    | - | Fizz Pop Science After School Club<br>(Session owed due to cancellation due to snow)   |
| Tue 12th Mar   | - | Swimming Y3/Y4<br><br>Parents Evening 3.30 - 6 p.m.  |
| Wed 13th Mar   | - | Class Photos / Y6 Leavers Photos   |
| Thur 14th Mar  | - | Parents Evening 3.30 - 6 p.m.  |
| Fri 15th March | - | Comic Relief—Red Nose Day  |
| Sat 16th Mar   | - | Gymnastics Competition   |
| Tue 26th Mar   | - | Swimming Y3/Y4   |
| Fri 29th Mar   | - | Whole School Spelling Challenge  |

### April 2019

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| Fri 5th April | - | Break up for Easter |
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