

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available  
on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Beech Class who achieved 100% 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.

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| Oak      | 96.1% |
| Chestnut | 98.1% |
| Beech    | 100%  |
| Sycamore | 97%   |
| Willow   | 96.0% |

## Half Term—Things to do


- Take part in the sponsored reading challenge over the half term
- Remember the 100 Brilliant Book challenge - start thinking about ideas for home made costumes for world book day on the 7th March
- Visit Coleford Library—please see information below.

  
**Explore! Discover! Make!**  
(Come along to Coleford Library and get stuck into some great S.T.E.A.M activities.)




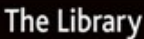
Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math  
Madness with fun activities for the whole  
family!  
DROP IN ON:  
19<sup>TH</sup> FEB 14:00 – 18:00  
COLEFORD LIBRARY INNOVATION LAB



  
**Rainbow Fairies**

- Join us for some 'Fairy Nice' activities
- Dress up as your favourite fairy or come as you are
- FREE
- Inspired by Daisy Meadow's books
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30-12.30





### **Achievement Assembly Awards**

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

*Oak Class - Macey Rose Field and Angus Giles*  
*Chestnut Class - Dexter Butler and Poppy Ulyatt*  
*Beech Class - Joshua Pegler*  
*Sycamore Class - Aiden Beard and Ruby Chilton*  
*Willow Class - Bluebelle Lloyd*



*Well done!*

### **Weekly Writing Awards**

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

*Oak - Florence Partington*  
*Chestnut - Edith Beard and Zac Ellway*  
*Beech Class - Henry Bishop*  
*Willow Class - Freddie Bishop*  
*Well done!*  
*We are proud of your writing achievements!*



### **Forest Adventures—Year 5**

Just a reminder that Year 5 children will be taking part in Forest Adventure after half term. A letter has been sent home to Year 5 children with further details.

### **Manor Adventure—Payments**

Just a reminder that the balance for Manor Adventure is due by 31st March. Please continue to make payments using ParentPay.

Thank you.

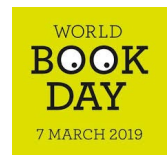
### **World Book Day - Sponsored Read**

Every child has been sent home a sponsorship form and reading log in aid of World Book Day. We hope this will prove to be a fun activity to take part in, during the half term. We would appreciate it if all sponsorship forms be returned to school by Thursday 28th February.

Happy reading!

### **World Book Day Events - Thursday 7th March**

On World Book Day children may come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please 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. At the end of school we will also be having a Book Fayre where children will have the opportunity to use their World Book Day token towards the cost of a book.





# **The HUMBUG CHASE**

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**A guided 9 mile mountain bike event  
in the Forest of Dean  
for 8-12 yr olds  
[www.fodmbe.org.uk](http://www.fodmbe.org.uk)**



**Part of the  
WILD BOAR CHASE**

## **Valentine's Disco - TONIGHT!!**

The Friends of Ellwood have organised a Valentine's Disco for the end of term.

**Friday 15th February**

**KS1—5.30p.m. -7.00 p.m.**

**KS2—7.30 p.m.—9 p.m.**

**£2 per child (pay on the door)  
Price includes squash**

**Hair feathers/ glow sticks/ sweet stall**

**Café open for hot drinks and cakes!**

### **King's School Open Morning**

King's School , Gloucester, is holding its open morning on Saturday 9th March 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions Team on 01452 337337 or email: [registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk](mailto:registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk) for further information

### **Gymnastics**

This is just a reminder that Chestnut Class will be going to the Forest of Dean Gymnastics Centre after half term. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday and all children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day. We would also be grateful for a contribution of £1 each week towards the cost of transport to the Gymnastics Centre. The rest of the funds will be paid through our Sports Premium funding.

This is a great experience for our children and other years that have been this term have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### **Important - Debts on ParentPay**

We have quite a number of ParentPay accounts that are in arrears not just dinner debts but trip debts also. We would be grateful if you could clear any outstanding debt as soon as possible. We really need 100% contribution from parents for trips to go ahead. In the future, if we do not receive full contribution, the trip will not be able to take place, which would be a real shame for our children. Please check your ParentPay accounts to make sure they are up to date, as we need the debts cleared by the end of this financial year and we have no money to subsidise the arrears.

Thank you for your support.

### **PGCE Placements**

As you may have noticed we have a number of additional adults in school. Three of them are from Cheltenham and Gloucester University and two of them from University of Worcester. They are completing teacher training and are working in Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. We are really pleased to be able to support new teachers and share our expertise. The University tutors have commented on how wonderful our school is and how supportive we are to the students.

### **Annual Visit**

We have had our annual Local Authority Advisor visit (Tim Foster). This visit looks at all aspects of the school: Leadership and Management, EYFS, Teaching, Learning and Assessment and Safeguarding, Outcomes and Data. The report was glowing and he was very pleased all aspects of Ellwood School.



## Diary Dates

### February 2019

- Fri 15th Feb** - Break up for half term
- Valentine Disco; KS1: 5.30 p.m. - 7 .00 p.m.  
KS2: 7.30 p.m - 9.00 p.m.
- Tue 26th Feb** - Swimming Y3/Y4
- Y6 SATs Meeting

### March 2019

- Fri 1st Mar** - Newent Cookery Trip - Beech and Chestnut
- Thur 7th Mar** - World Book Day - Come to school dressed as a character from a book.  
World Book Day - Book Swap  
Book Fayre—after school
- Tue 12th Mar** - Swimming Y3/Y4
- Wed 13th Mar** - Class Photos / Y6 Leavers Photos
- Fri 15th Mar** - Newent Cookery Trip - Oak