Ellwood School News

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a wonderful break and the children had a really good rest. They worked so hard last term and were quite tired towards the end.

We have another fun filled term with a lot of lovely activities planned such as; Cricket, gymnastics, a variety of clubs, trips, visitors, a garden party just to name a few!



Phonics Screening Year 1 and Year 2 resits

Year 1 parents - Please remember to continue to focus on the children's phonics, particularly over the next half term. The phonics screening test is week commencing 10th June and children need to practice recognising the sounds and blending them regularly.

There is a meeting for year 1 and year 2 resits (invite only) on the 2nd May at 2:45pm in Chestnut class. Please attend if you can.

Thank you for your support.

School Photos

Please remember to return you orders for school photos to school as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Be Sun Safe

As the weather has improved recently, please remember to apply sun cream before school to your child and if needed send in the cream for the children to reapply throughout the day.

Children are also required to have a sun hat in school.

Thank you.



Achievement Assembly Awards

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



Oak Class - Darcie Teague and Florence Partington
Chestnut Class - Layla Roberts and Tabitha Partington
Beech Class - Henry Bishop
Sycamore Class - Harvey Hancock and Callum Newman
Willow Class - Freya Breese and Tia Edey

Well done!

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Oak - Poppy May Burford
Chestnut - Esmee Pritchard
Beech - Harry Bishop
Sycamore - Nathan McAuliffe
Willow - Tia Edey



Well done!

(We have bought some amazing new Reading Raffle Books!)

Statutory Assessment & Tests

Although we have some really fun activities happening this term, the children, particularly in Reception, year 1, year 2 and year 6 have their statutory assessments, which are really important. The teachers and children are working hard to ensure they are prepared for these. Please support them at home as much as you can.

Important dates for children to be in school for their statutory assessments are as follows:

Phonics - Year 1 screening week commencing 10th June

Year 2 SATs - Week commencing 7th May

Year 6 SATs - Week commencing 13th May (There is a set statutory timetable for these tests so children must be here.)

Please speak to the class teacher if your child is unwell.



Mia Rose Forest Adventures

Mia Rose nursery are running a 4 week after school club, Forest Adventure. It will take place every Thursday 3:15 - 5pm Running from Thursday 2nd May - Thursday 23rd May. Please contact the school or Ellwood Nursery for an application form.

Water Bottles/Caps/Book Bags/Swimming Hats

Please note from September the school will not be selling the above items, therefore they can be purchased from local shops and super markets at a reasonable price.

Reminder - These items are needed in addition to uniform:

- Children to have a water botte in school everyday.
- Blue draw string bag for PE kit.
- Blue book bag.
- Blue cap/sunhat.
- Swimming cap (Y3-Y6)

Increase in dinners cost

Please note there is an increase in dinners under the Gloucestershire Catering contact. The new cost will be £2.34 and will be effective from Tuesday 23rd April. The new price will be shown in parent pay from this date.



Oxford Reading Buddy

Thank you all for your feedback on the Oxford reading buddy, it was great to see so many responses! After careful consideration we have decided not to continue with it, as we don't feel at this point in time is it having the desired affect, considering the significant cost for the school. It's something we will look in to again in the future.

Big Battery Hunt Reminder

Please could you make sure any batteries are brought in to school by next Friday 3rd May!

Positive Postcards

Some of the school have taken part in the Positive postcard competition with Taurus Crafts.

The postcards will be on sale in Taurus Crafts gift shop from 6th April - 2nd June



Gloucester City Mission

Gloucester City Mission came into school recently to talk to the children about the work they do with the homeless in Gloucester.



The children were very engaged and asked lots of questions...



Diary Dates

April 2019

Fri 26th April - Y6 Leavers' Photographs

May 2019

w/c 6th May - SATs - Y2

w/c Mon 13th May - SATs -Y6

Fri 17th May - - Manor Adventure - Y6

Mon 20th May

Fri 24th May - Break up for half term

June 2019

Mon 3rd June - Inset Day

w/c 10th June - Phonics Screening / Retest Phonics Screening