

# Ellwood School News



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## Funky Hair Friday and Non-Uniform Day



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A huge thank you for your very generous donations today. We were overwhelmed by the amount of lovely items that have been brought in and it will make a huge difference in ensuring our Christmas fayre is a success.

The children were all very excited to come in, in non-uniform and there were some fantastic hair creations.

Well done everyone!

Save the date for the Christmas Fayre - Saturday 25th November 2017

### Other events:

Jumble Sale - Saturday 4th November; please remember to save items and bring them into school from Thursday 2nd November. We still also need helpers, so if you can help, please see one of the Friends Committee.

Rags2Riches Collection - Wednesday 8th November (bags will be sent home shortly)

### Mrs Clements - Beech Class

Mrs Clements will be retiring from teaching at Christmas, which will be a sad loss for the school. She has been a brilliant teacher here at Ellwood and has been teaching here for over 18 years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school over the years. She has taught hundreds of children over the years, led many different subjects and supported many families, she will be greatly missed.

Due to Mrs Clements retirement we are currently advertising for a new teacher for Beech Class.

### Spelling Challenge— Friday December 15th

Your child/ren will have been sent home their Spelling Challenge words for this term.

It is important that children know their words so they are able to apply them in their writing. Children will not reach the expected standard for their age in writing if they are unable to spell the majority of words.

This task is additional to the weekly spellings and are based on year group needs not individual ones. So some may be challenging and some easy for individuals, but have a go anyway!

### Data Collection Sheets

There are still a few data collection sheets outstanding. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible, so we can update our records.  
Thank you.

### Harvest Competition—Reminder

This year we will be holding a Harvest Competition for children to enter. There will be three categories which are:

- ◆ Make an animal out of fruit/vegetables
- ◆ Design a piece of artwork linked to harvest
- ◆ Bake something
- ◆

Entries will cost 50p per category and children may enter all of them if they wish.



There will be a winner in each category at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Please could entries be brought into school on the morning of Friday 20th October.

### Harvet Celebration

There will be a Harvet Celebration in the hall on Friday 20th October;

**2 p.m. - Rec, Y1 and Y2**  
**2.30 p.m. - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6**

Please come along and join in the celebrations!

### Brass Band Workshop

Lydney Training Band are hosting a Brass Band Workshop on Saturday 21st October 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Severn Banks School. The cost is £7 per person and all grades welcome.

For more information please contact Kerry Ford for details:

Tel: 01594 530886  
Mobile: 07554 540469  
Email: kfordfamily@btinternet.com  
Website: www.lydneyband.co.uk

### Reading

Please remember to read a minimum of 4 times a week. If children are unable to read 4 times a week or do not read 4 times a week, there will be a weekly reading club that children will be required to attend. Reading is so important and a lifelong skill and is used in all subjects. We therefore need to ensure that all children are reading fluently with good comprehension. This comes from regular practice and discussions about books.

Each class has their own reading challenge which they are working towards. Please support your child by encouraging them to read and to reach their target.

Thank you!



### Macbeth

Sycamore and Willow children had a wonderful time last week at Puzzlewood seeing the Macbeth performance. All the children were well behaved and a real credit to the school.

### Cross Country Club

All the children taking part in the Cross Country Club are getting super fit and ran over 2 miles this week—what an amazing achievement!

Thank you to Mrs Marshall for running the club and to Mrs Logan-Giles (Noah's Mum) for helping out.

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 14th November 3.30p.m.—6. p.m.
- Thursday 16th November 3.30p.m.—6 p.m.

Further details about booking a slot will follow shortly.

### Maths Evening

We will be holding a maths evening soon to help support parents with maths methods used in school and to share our school's calculation policy with you. Dates will follow shortly.

## Diary Dates 2017

### October 2017

- Fri 20th Oct - Harvest Celebration  
2 p.m. Rec, Y1 and Y2  
2.30 p.m. Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6  
Parents/Carers welcome to attend
- Break up for half term - 3.15p.m. finish
- Mon 30th Oct - Back to School

### November 2017

- Sat 4th Nov - Jumble Sale (Times to be confirmed)
- Wed 8th Nov - Rags2Riches Collection
- Wed 8th Nov - Flu Vaccinations Rec, Y1,Y2,Y3 & Y4
- Fri 10th Nov - Remembrance Service Y4,Y5,Y6
- Tue 14th Nov - School Photographs
- Tue 14th Nov - Parent Consultations 3.30p.m.—6 p.m.  
(More details to follow)
- Thurs 16th Nov - Parent Consultations 3.30 p.m.—6 p.m.  
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**All term dates are available on the school's website**