

Ellwood School News



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on our website.

Dance Performances

On Friday 15th December Beech, Sycamore and Willow classes will be holding a dance performance, linked to their current topic. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and watch. The performances will take place at the following times:

Beech - 1.30 p.m.

Sycamore - 2.00 p.m.

Willow - 2.30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading Raffle

The winners of this week's 'Reading Raffle' were:

***Aiden Beard, Fraya Price, Harry Hurcomb,
Freya Breese and Tia Edey.***

Well done to everyone who met the challenge of reading 4 times a week. We really appreciate parents supporting their child's reading development.

Reading Club has become a popular club and children have been choosing to attend and read their books and listen to a story.

Today they were able to go and have fun in the snow after listening to a lovely story.

A gentle reminder that an adult needs to sign their Reading Diary four times a week. This makes it easier for staff to quickly identify those who can be entered into the raffle.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December children may come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. If you do not have a Christmas Jumper children may come to school in any jumper but school uniform should be worn. (No donations needed)



Spelling Challenge

Just a reminder to keep practicing your child's spellings for the Spelling Challenge on Friday 15th December.

Spelling

Parent View

Just a reminder to log into the Parent View website and register your views. You can log in via the schools website or directly at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk If you have a few minutes to complete this it would be gratefully appreciated. Our target is 50—so we are nearly there!

Coleford Lantern Parade: Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Thank you to all of our wonderful families who braved the cold to celebrate our town's Lantern Festival. It was magical to see the children's smiling faces as they proudly represented our very special school.

The project was developed with partnerships between SOUNDWORK Community Projects; Coleford Town Council; Coleford Area Partnership; The Art of Libraries project; and local schools - including ours!

During fascinating workshops (that were held in Sycamore Class and Willow Class by local volunteers and artists), our pupils had great fun creating impressive lanterns, with the help of parents and grandparents who very kindly offered their time to support our work in school. We are hugely grateful for your valuable involvement with our learning.

On Saturday December 2nd, our children and their families joined hundreds of other community members in Coleford for a spectacular Lantern Parade. The organisers were overwhelmed with our turnout and they praised our children's patience and positivity whilst waiting to begin.

When we set off, our lanterns created a sparkling spectacle as we walked through the town centre. The people who lined the streets clapped and waved to us as we proudly lit up the night sky. It was a very happy occasion!

The Mayor was really impressed with everybody's efforts and the evening was full of festive fun. The switching on of the town's Christmas lights was very exciting for all who attended.

Many thanks to Miss Rogers for coordinating our involvement - and to all of the children and family members who attended to celebrate. It was wonderful to see many younger members of our school in the parade, even though they had not been involved in the workshops. What a fantastic community we live in!

Well done to you all! We are very proud of you!

Please visit the News page of our website to view more photographs of the evening. In addition to all of the festive fun provided as part of the event, we also enjoyed coming to face-to-face with a Dalek!



Indoor Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to everyone who took part in the Indoor Sports Hall Athletics competition at Dene Magna School. All the children who took part did a wonderful job and performed well. Out of 10 schools taking part, we came 5th, which is a great result.

Well done everyone!

School Council Notice

The school council have organised a talent show "Ellwood's Got Talent!" on Wednesday 13th December. Any children wanting to audition will perform to their teachers and fellow pupils in their class. The winner from each category will go through to the final, which on the Thursday. The categories are: Athlete—gym, sporting talent, Entertainment- jokes, comedy, magic, Performer- singing, music, dance and Artist—Textiles, art, painting, photography.

It will be £1 to enter each category and the donated money will go to the British Heart Foundation.

The teachers will pick the best 4 to go through to the final (one from each category). They will perform for the judges: Mrs Milford, Mrs Marshall, Mollie Pittaway and Emily Morgan. There will then be a winner!

We hope you will all enjoy taking part! Please remember to send in your pound and let your class teachers know you are taking part.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs have now finished for this term. A letter will go out shortly detailing the clubs on offer in the Spring term.

Rotary Club Boxes

Thank you to everyone who filled a Rotary Shoebox, we had a great response with over 40 boxes filled!

All the boxes were collected today by the Rotary Club and will be making their way to Romania next week. These boxes will really make a difference to many children in less fortunate circumstances.



Diary Dates

December 2017

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| Mon 11th Dec | - | Nativity 1.45 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3
(Dress Rehearsal) |
| Tue 12th Dec | - | Nativity 1.45 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 |
| Wed 13th Dec | - | Nativity 6 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3
Class Talent Show (Pupils & Staff only) |
| Thurs 14th Dec | - | Nativity 6 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3
Final - Class Talent Show (Pupils & Staff only) |
| Fri 15th Dec | - | Whole School Spelling Challenge
Wear a Christmas Jumper to school
Dance Performances (Beech, Sycamore, Willow) |
| Mon 18th Dec | - | Carol Service 3.30 p.m. Y4, Y5, Y6 |
| Tue 19th Dec | - | Christmas Party Day |
| Wed 20th Dec | - | END OF TERM - 2 p.m. finish
Please collect your child at 2 p.m.promptly |

All term dates are available on the school's website