

# Ellwood School News



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on our website.

## Welcome Back

We welcome everyone back to school and hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. The children are settling back into school routine, ready for an exciting term ahead.

## Worship

'Open the Book' with Reverend Heather and her team come in weekly, where the children learn a great deal from their stories and plays. We are also very fortunate to have Cannon Phillipa who comes in and regularly leads assemblies.

## Christmas CDs

There are still some Christmas CDs available to buy at a sale price of £5. Please come to the office if you would like to purchase one.

## Gymnastics—Reception and Year 1

We are very fortunate to be able to offer Gymnastics lessons at the Forest of Dean Gymnastics centre for our Reception and Year 1 children.

If you haven't already done so, could you please return the competed form and payment as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## Internet Safety

As you may be aware Internet safety has been in the news this week, about keeping children safe whilst using the internet. Please be vigilant and monitor what your children may be accessing on the internet and try to limit their time spent on their tablets, phones etc. It is so easy to let a few minutes run into a few hours on the internet.

Please be assured that we are constantly reminding the children of the dangers and how to stay safe on line.

We will be holding a Internet Safety meeting for parents later on in the year.

## Cashless School

We are working towards becoming a cashless school, which means we have less banking to carry out and also hold less cash on the premises. So thank you for supporting us by using 'School Money' where possible.

## Reminder

Please remember to arrive no later than 8.55 a.m. in the playground, as this is the time that children go into class. If you arrive later than this time please enter via the office.

Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Beech Class for having the highest attendance last term.

Good attendance is central to raising pupil standards and attainment. Pupils must attend regularly and be at school on time every day the school is open, unless the absence is unavoidable. If your child is too poorly to attend school, please telephone the office before 9.15 a.m. on the morning of absence.

Oak	97.2%
Chestnut	95.8%
Beech	97.6%
Sycamore	97.5%
Willow	95.5%

## Diary Dates 2017

### January 2017

- Mon 9th Jan - After school clubs start
- Thurs 12th Jan - Gymnastics (Reception and Year 1)

### February 2017

- Wed 1st Feb - Vision and Hearing Test (Reception Class)
- Fri 10th Feb - Gymnastics Competition—KS2 only  
Forest of Dean 12 p.m.—3 p.m.  
(More Information to follow)
- K-nex Challenge (Y5 and Y6)

### Break up for Half term

- Mon 20th Feb - Back to School

### March 2017

- Wed 15th Mar - Class Photos and Leavers Photos
- Thur 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast
- Fri 17th Mar - Healthy Breakfast