

Ellwood School News



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School Council

Chair Mollie Pittaway
Vice Chair..... Emily Morgan
Willow..... Freya Breese
Sycamore..... Astrid Elsmore and Kiyan Owen
Beech..... Freya Leach and Leo Childs
Chestnut..... Bella Aston and Poppy Ulyatt

House Captains

Goldfinch..... Isabelle Beard
Kingfisher..... Ruby Jones
Woodpecker..... Ella Aston
Robin..... Emily Mitchell

Young Voices

If your child is taking part in Young Voices, please ensure that the forms and money is sent in by Monday 25th September.

Thank you.

Asthma Plans, Healthcare Plans and Caterlink Allergy Forms

Please could any Asthma Plans, Healthcare plans and Caterlink Allergy forms that have not already been received, be returned to school as soon as possible.

Thank you

Congratulations!

During the Summer Holidays we entered Bream Show, showing some of our curriculum work and won joint first prize—well done!! We won a trophy a book and £12 in prize money. Thank you Mrs Rees for helping the pupils prepare for the competition.



Art Competition

Hale & Co are running an art competition in support of the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

They are asking for children to draw their favourite cake on an A4 piece of paper using what ever drawing materials they like.

Prizes will be given to the winning entries and the school.

Please return entries to school by Monday 25th September.



Free School Meals

If you think that your child is entitled to free school meals, please visit the online portal for parents at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Here your eligibility will be checked and it will let you know if you qualify.

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish your child to take up their free school meal.

Children are entitled to free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You do not have to apply for free school meals if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 but if you are on low income you should still apply so that your child can claim Pupil Premium . This is extra money paid direct to schools for each child who is eligible for free school meals due to the household being on a low income. It is used to support your child's education.

Please visit Gloucestershire County Council website for further information or email: edsupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Attendance

Parents are responsible for making sure their children attend school regularly and on time.

What is an authorised absence?

Only a school can authorise an absence. If your child is ill or cannot go to school for some reason, you need to contact the school by telephone and/or by letter to tell them. The school will then decide whether to authorise the absence.

There are only a few valid reasons why your child should be absent. If your child has been away from school without you giving any reason, the school will contact you to find out why. This may be by phone or letter or an invitation to a meeting in school.

Holidays in term time

Time off school for family holidays is **not a right**. Schools have discretion in 'exceptional circumstance' to authorise a holiday if they believe it is a genuine reason.

Due to a high occurrence of children taking holidays in term time we are in discussion with the local authority with regards to our cause of action for example; fixed penalty fines.

Please ensure your child is in school unless there is a genuine reason for absence.

Thank you.

Diary Dates 2017

September 2017

Mon 25th Sep - Trip to Caerleon (Beech Class)

October 2017

Mon 2nd Oct - McMillan Coffee Afternoon 2 p.m.
(In conjunction with Ellwood Nursery)

Tue 3rd Oct - Macbeth at Puzzlewood
(Sycamore and Willow)

Fri 20th Oct - Harvest Celebration 2 p.m.
(More details to follow)

Break up for half term - 3.15p.m. finish

All term dates are available on the school's website