

Ellwood Community Primary School

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April 1st 2022



Easter raffle

A reminder that raffle tickets are still on sale.

£1 per ticket

We have some lovely prizes to be won.

Please send money into school in a named envelope with your child.

Thank you!



Lateness

Last week we had 17 children arriving late, after registration had closed. Please try and plan ahead to ensure children arrive on time, as this is causing disruption to lessons, teacher time, office staff (lunch ordering) and also impacting on their learning and the learning of other children.

If you are late please bring your child to the front office and sign your child in using the late book stating a reason for being late. We require this information for our attendance and health and safety records.

Thank you for your support with this.

Courtesy

May we remind parents/carers to ensure they are courteous whilst speaking to staff and supportive of the school rules, particularly when talking to staff about their child's behaviour.

We have a very clear behaviour policy, known to children and staff, which is available to view on our school website. We have high expectations of behavior to ensure our school is a happy, safe place and conducive to learning. In partnership with parents/carers it is our duty to reinforce good conduct. We work very hard with the children to encourage positive behaviour. Parents/carers should discuss any poor behaviour highlighted by a member of staff with their child and reinforce the correct action the child should take next time.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

Carducci Quartet Music Recital

We were very fortunate to have the Carducci Quartet come into school this week and perform a recital for Year 1 to Year 6. What a wonderful experience.



Getting to know your Governors

Any Lord

Andy Lord, co-opted governor

I am a retired Commercial and Compliance director, where I spent 20 years in financial services, 19 years as a business owner. I have a degree in Economics from the University of York (1984 - a long time ago!))

Since selling my business to AXA in 2007, I have undertaken the following youth/community voluntary work:

Governor Parkend Primary School 2008-2018, 3 years as Chair

Trustee Wyedean School & Sixth Form Centre - ongoing, current Chair

Chairman Lydney Hockey Club 2010- ongoing

Coach Lydney Hockey Club Academy 2008-2019

Parish Councillor Woolaston 2012- ongoing

Volunteer Panel Member Gloucestershire Youth Support Trust 2008-2018

Committee member The Gaff Youth Club, Sedbury 2008-2017, 4 years As Chair

England Hockey National League Umpire 2014- ongoing

I have lived in the Chepstow area since 1988, currently in Woolaston. I have 2 daughters, one graduated from Durham University in 2020 and the other left Wyedean Year 13 in 2020 and is studying at the University of Birmingham.

When I have time, I escape to South Devon and West Cork.



Long hair / Earrings

Reminder - please ensure long hair is tied back in school at all times due to health and safety and to avoid any injury. Children should only wear small studded earrings to school and on PE days, they should either be taken out before coming to school or taped up at home before they come in.

Five Acres High

Five Acres have arranged to come into school on Tuesday 24th May to talk to the Year 6 children. This will be a lovely opportunity for the children to meet teachers from Five Acres High and ask any questions they may have.



Holidays in Term Time—Reminder

We have been back at school for a year now with no school closures due to COVID. Therefore, holidays will not be authorised during term time and a fixed penalty notice may be issued in accordance with the Local Authority guidelines. Please try and book holidays and non urgent appointments out of term times.

Thank you.

Year 6 Manor Adventure Payments

Just a reminder that the next payment is due on April 1st. Please ensure this payment and any previous outstanding payments are made as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Dinner Debts

If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear as soon as possible. Children's dinner accounts should be kept in credit at all times.

Thank you.



Seed Swap

Seed swap after school on Tuesday 5th April next to the garden . Give your unwanted seeds to Mrs Rees or bring in on the day. Take any seeds you might like to grow (even if you don't have anything to swap). The important bit is that we just get growing!



Diary Dates

(Oak class—please see information from Miss Peart)

APRIL

- Monday 4th April - Dance - Chestnut
- Tuesday 5th April - Swimming Y 3/4
- Gymnastics - Oak
- Y1 Phonics Screening Meeting (3.30 p.m. - 4.00p.m.)
- Seed Swap — after school
- Wednesday 6th April - Clarinet Y4
- Bike lessons - Beech
- Yoga - Willow & Oak
- Thursday 7th April - Gymnastics—Beech
- Friday 8th April - **Last day of Spring term - 3.15 p.m. finish**
- Monday 25th April - Start of Summer Term