

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available  
on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Oak Class for having 100% attendance this week. Amazing!

Please contact the school office by 9.15 a.m. if your child will not be attending school, stating the reason for absence.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	93.5%
Beech	96.9%
Sycamore	99.6%
Willow	96.6%

## Safer Internet Day— Tuesday February 6th

As it is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February, children will be carrying various activities related to this, in their PSHE and Computing lessons. This will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.



## Family Support Worker Drop-in Session

Mrs Charles will be holding a drop-in coffee afternoon on Wednesday 7th February from 2.30 p.m. in the hall. Please come along if you have any concerns or worries related to your child. Mrs Charles will be available for you to talk to or you can just come along and have a tea or coffee.

We look forward to seeing you.



## End of the day

If your child is being collected by a different adult at the end of the day, please write a note in your child's Link Book. We are not able to let your child go with an unknown adult.

Thank you.

## Ninjutsu Club

There will be no NinJutsu Club on Thursday February 8th. Lessons will resume after half term.

Thank you.

## Spelling Challenge

All children have taken home their spellings to practise for the whole school spelling challenge. Please take a few moments to have a look at these with your child/ren and help them to learn them.

The spelling challenge will take place on Friday March 23rd.

# Spelling

## ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN ROTARY CLUB HANDS ON ART COMPETITION 2018

Our club wish to do more to support the vital work that the junior schools in our area do. The club generates substantial funds organising and running half marathons twice yearly. This competition we believe will help us to promote our ideals of ' **SERVICE BEFORE SELF**' and at the same time passing on some of our funds directly to the schools that wish to be involved.

### The Competition

We are inviting junior schools in our area to partake in this **HANDS ON ART** competition. The competition is open to pupils in years 4,5 & 6. We would hope that as many as possible will take part, but it is up to the individual schools to decide if they wish to enter. Each school to submit up to 20 entries. These will be judged by a panel selected by the Rotary Club.

A4 drawing/Painting (pencil, crayon, felt tip, etc)

**Subject: 'LIFE IN THE FOREST'** the artist must then give a title to the entry which describes what they are depicting.

The entrants name and school to be on the back of the picture.

**The closing date for entry is 28<sup>th</sup> February (BY THE SCHOOL)**

Results to be announced during w/c 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018. and presentations arranged.

### PUPILS

Each entrant i.e. 20 per school a £10 voucher

1 winning entry £50 (W.H.Smith or similar voucher)

2 runners up £25 each voucher

### Achievement Assembly Awards

This week's individual achievement awards were given to the following pupils:



**Oak Class - Jack Beach and Isabella Pegler**  
**Chestnut Class - Zac Ellway and Riley Nixon**  
**Beech Class - Ethan Hemming and Ben Temblett**  
**Sycamore Class - Noah Giles and Charlie Mitchell**  
**Willow Class - Ella Aston and Harriet Gane**

*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

This weeks weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:

**Oak Class - Tabitha Partington**  
**Chestnut Class - Bella Aston**  
**Beech Class - Isabelle Stockwell**  
**Sycamore Class - Astrid Elsmore**  
**Willow Class - Joseph Rowley**



*Well done!*

## K'Nex Challenge

Willow Class have had a really exciting day today carrying out a K'nex challenge. All the children enjoyed the challenge and produced some fantastic creations!



## School Disco

The Friends of Ellwood have arranged a school disco to take place on Friday 9th February, in the school hall.

*Reception, Year 1 and Year 2*

6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

*Years 3, 4, 5 and 6*

7.15 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Entry £1.50 per child - please pay at the door

Refreshments are available!

Free Drinks all night!

Entry will be via the main front school entrance.

Parents are welcome to stay.





### Writing Wall

Mrs Breakwell has put together a lovely writing wall, in the school hall. Please come and take a look next time you are in the hall.



### Electronic Devices

Please monitor the time that your children spend on electrical devices, such as tablets and phones, especially at bedtime.

We are finding that there are an increasing amount of children still using their devices late at night. This then impacts on their sleep, which in turn, impacts on their behaviour and poor concentration at school.

Thank you for your support in this matter

### Sports Relief

17th—23rd March

Sports Relief will take place during this week. We will be carrying out various sporting activities throughout the week, including archery and circus skills.

This promises to be an exciting week!



### Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Remember that Universal Free School Meals are only valid while children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All meals will have to be paid for in September for new Year 3, unless they are Free School Meals. So it might be worth checking whether you qualify.

### Beech Class Assembly

Beech Class will be having their class assembly on Monday 26th February at 2.40 p.m.

Parents and Carers of Beech Class children are welcome to come along.

## Diary Dates

### February 2018

Tue 6th Feb	-	Swimming (Y3, Y4) Safer Internet Day
Wed 7th Feb	-	Family Support Worker drop in coffee afternoon. 2.30 p.m.
Fri 9th Feb	-	Break up for half term School Disco (R, Y1 & Y2 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Years 3,4,5 & 6 7.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m.)
Mon 19th Feb	-	Back to school
Mon 26th Feb	-	Parents in School Week (More information to follow) Beech Class Assembly 2.40 p.m. (Parents/Carers of Beech Class, welcome)
Tues 27th Feb	-	Swimming (Y3,Y4)
Wed 28th Feb	-	Vision and Hearing Screening (Reception class)

### March 2018

Thurs 1st Mar	-	World Book Day
Mon 5th Mar	-	Parents in School Week
Tues 13th Mar	-	Swimming (Y3, Y4)
Thurs 15th Mar	-	Healthy Breakfast
Fri 16th Mar	-	Healthy Breakfast
Tues 20th Mar	-	Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
Thur 22nd Mar	-	Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
Fri 23rd Mar	-	Whole School Spelling Challenge
Tue 27th Mar	-	Swimming (Y3, Y4) last session