

# Ellwood School News



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## **School Dinners**

After careful consideration we have decided that after half term we will be returning to ordering school dinners on a daily basis.

We have trialled the pre-ordering system for several months but have found that not enough slips are being returned and children are changing their minds on the day or bringing in packed lunches as well as ordering school dinners. This means that valuable teaching time is being lost in the mornings and meals are wasted.

Thank you to all those parents who supported the pre-ordering system but hopefully by returning to daily ordering it will be much more efficient and children can choose the meal they want. Many thanks for your support.

## **Pupil Conferencing**

Last week we gathered a selection of pupil's views in Beech, Sycamore and Willow Classes. Children spoke positively about their learning, topics, classrooms, marking and targets. They knew how to improve their work and were able to talk about '4be4me'. Meaning before they rely on a teacher for help, they try to use a book to help, their own brain, their buddy, look at the board and displays and then ask the teacher (book, brain, buddy, boss). This develops good learning behaviour and Independence.

## **New Staff Members**

We would like to welcome Mrs Alexander and Miss Rose to the Ellwood team. Mrs Alexander is our new midday supervisor and Miss Rose is currently supporting children, as a teaching assistant, in Chestnut class.

## **Class Split - September 2017**

Just a reminder that Chestnut Class and Sycamore Class will be split by age, with the older children moving across to Beech and Willow.

The exact numbers moving across will depend on the class sizes at the time.

This decision, unfortunately, is non negotiable and the school's decision will be final. We appreciate that this may not suit all but this is the current arrangement for 2017/18. We cannot make allowances or changes for individual children.

## **Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you for your voluntary contributions. Activities would not be able to run without the support of your contributions. If insufficient contributions were made, then we may have to consider the viability of these activities going ahead.

We just about managed this financial year but predict the budget being tighter in the next financial year (as with most schools). So we really rely on your support and really appreciate it.

Thank you.

## **Bid**

We have just put in a bid for additional work space in school. Budgets are tight for the LA but we hope we are successful this time. We will not find out until later in the year and will keep you posted of any news.

## Diary Dates 2017

### February 2017

- Tue 7th Feb - Year 6 SATs Meeting for parents  
(2.30p.m. Willow 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)
- End of Term School Disco  
KS1 6p.m. - 7p.m  
KS2 7.15 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
- 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
- Sat 25th Mar - Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6)  
(More information will follow)