

Ellwood School News



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Spring Term - Round up

We have had another exciting term at Ellwood School. Chestnut and Beech classes have been on trips to Clearwell Caves and New Fancy View to find out about the surrounding area, whilst Sycamore and Willow Classes visited the Steam museum in Swindon where they experienced what it was like to live in wartime Britain.

The children have also taken part in many sporting competitions, always trying their hardest and making the school proud.

The Summer Term promises to be just as exciting, with lots of exciting things lined up.

Farewell Mrs Stevens

Today was Mrs Stevens last day at Ellwood School.

Mrs Stevens has been teaching here for over 16 years and will be greatly missed by all the children and staff.

We would like to wish her every success in her new job and in the future.



School Website

Our new school website is up and running - we hope you like it?

We are still in the process of updating the website, so please be patient, whilst we iron out any initial teething problems.

Thank you.

Paint Request

We have a whole school project that involves using masonry paint. If anyone has any unwanted masonry paint in green, blue, black, white, brown, red or yellow it would be gratefully received.

Many thanks for your support.



Easter Egg Hunt

All the children had a fun filled last day, with an Easter Egg hunt and each child receiving a chocolate Easter lolly. Thank you to the Friends for organising the event and for all their hard work.

Many thanks also for supporting the Easter Egg Raffle, which raised £200. It was lovely to see all the children having such a lovely time.



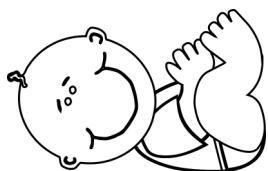
Gymnastics Competition - Medals

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we had an impressive medal haul, with the children winning 11 Golds, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals. We also had 4 highest scorers in 4 levels. This meant that we went on to win the shield winning by over 2 points. Congratulations again to everyone who took part and everyone who helped train the gymnasts ready for the competition.



Baby News

Congratulations to Miss Bundy who is expecting a baby in the Summer. We can't wait to meet the new member of the Ellwood Team



Governor News

The Governors are pleased to announce that we have been successful in winning a bid to gain an additional space within school. The new space will provide a quiet learning area/nurture room, which groups of children will be able to use for intervention or group work. We are very excited about this new space and will let you know as soon as we know when the building work is due to start.

We would also like to welcome two new governors to our Governing Body; Mrs Ceri Ulyatt who is a parent governor and has a child in reception class and Mrs Becki Smith who is a co-opted Governor who also has a child in Sycamore Class.

Shortly, we will be adding information to the new school website about the governor roles and governor profiles. So please have a look.

Football Match

Our boys football team played a great match on Monday against Coalway school, winning 6 -1

Well done boys!



Friend

Jumble Sale

School will holding a jumble sale on Saturday 6th May 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

There will be a pre-jumble sale on Friday 5th May at school for parents and children of Ellwood School and Nursery.

If you are having a spring clean please keep us in mind. Items can include clothing, bags, belts, jewellery, brik-a-brak, toys, games, household linen, towels and shoes.

A collection of unsold items will be made by Rags2Riches on Wednesday 10th May, which will help raise funds for school.



Readathan

As the children are having such a great time with their reading challenge, we will be extending the deadline for Readathan sponsorship forms.

Please return any Readathan sponsorship money to school, after half term.

Please also send in any photographs of your child reading in unusual places—we would love to see them.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Oak Class for having the highest attendance this 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.

We are proud of all classes this term.

Oak	97.9%
Chestnut	96.8%
Beech	97.8%
Sycamore	97.0%
Willow	96.4%

English Week

Many thanks to Mrs Breakwell and all the other staff for organising and supporting the English week.

Please see attached information regarding English Week.

WW2 Street Party

Sycamore and Willow Classes had a great time at their street party on Thursday afternoon. It was lovely to see the invited guests having such a great time. We were very fortunate that the weather was kind to us. Thank you to all of those that attended.

School Dinner Debts

Please can all school dinner debt be cleared before returning to school on Monday 24th April.

If your dinner account is still in arrears we cannot provide a meal for them.

Easter Services

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who came to the Easter Services, it was great to see so many there. All the children did a great job and performed and behaved beautifully.

School Dinners

After the Easter Break school dinners will cost £2.28 per meal. The increase has been determined by Caterlink and not by the school.

Diary Dates 2017

April 2017

Mon 24th Apr - Start of Summer Term

May 2017

Fri 5th May - Pre-Jumble Sale—after school

Sat 6th May - Jumble Sale 11 a.m—1 p.m.

Wed 10th May - Rags2Riches Collection

Fri 19th May - Manor Adventure

Mon 22nd May - Return from Manor Adventure

Fri 26th May - Break up for Half Term