

Ellwood School News



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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Sycamore Class who achieved over 97% for their attendance this week.

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

Penalty notices have been issued this term. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	92.5%
Chestnut	96.6%
Beech	93.0%
Sycamore	97.8%
Willow	96.0%

KS1 Christmas Production

We held our KS1 Christmas Production 'Prickly Hay', this week at Whitemead Forest Park. The children did a wonderful job and produced two amazing performances of their nativity. The venue was a real success with parents/carers commenting on how great it was there. In fact it was so successful that we have already booked it for next year!

Well done to all the children who took part, for their wonderful behaviour and performances. Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in getting the children 'performance ready'. Also, many thanks to the parents/ grandparents/ carers for their support. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.



Whole School Pantomime Trip

Just a reminder that the whole school will be going to the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth on Thursday 20th December to watch the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'. We are really looking forward to it and are very fortunate that the Friends have provided us with the funds to be able to take the whole school, without any cost to parents/carers. Please ensure that children arrive at school on time on Thursday, as the coaches will be leaving promptly at 9 a.m. Children will be returning in time for lunch at 12 p.m. (Children will be asked to order their dinner choices for Thursday on Wednesday).

Children do not have to bring any snacks for the performance as these have been provided by the Friends of Ellwood. They will only need to bring a water bottle.

Thank you!



Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:



Oak - Gavin Wilson
Chestnut - Sorrel Blackburn
Beech - Leo Childs

Well done!

Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - *Cecelia Cornish*
Chestnut Class - *Seth Morgan*
Beech Class - *Remy Lloyd and Maccy Aston*
Sycamore Class - *Josh Powles and Finley Pritchard*
Willow Class - *Lola Aston and Ava Wakefield*



Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

This week's weekly writing awards were given to the following pupils:



Oak - *Aimie Roberts*
Chestnut - *Edith Beard*
Beech Class - *Lee Tilling*
Sycamore Class - *Riley Gane*

Well done!

We are proud of your writing achievements!

Christmas Jumper Day/Movie afternoon

Children may come to school wearing their normal school uniform and a Christmas Jumper on our Christmas Lunch Day, Tuesday 18th December. (No donation needed).



In the afternoon of the 18th December we will be having a movie afternoon with pop corn and a drink. Food and drink will be provided by the school.



Thank you!

Spelling Challenge

Well done to all the children who took part in the Spelling Challenge today. We were really pleased with how well the children did, with many of them getting 100 % - which is amazing!

Many thanks to parents/carers for helping their child/ren learn their spellings, it really does make a huge difference and helps the children reach their age expected standard in writing - so thank you for your support.



Menu Changes Week Commencing 17th December

Mon 17th Dec	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Vegetable Frittata 1/2 Filled Ham Baguette
Tue 18th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
Wed 19th Dec	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Five Bean Chilli & Rice Jacket Potato with Tuna
Thur 20th Dec	Meatballs with Rice Shepherdess Pie 1/2 Filled Cheese Baguette
Fri 21st Dec	Battered Fish with Chips Bean Burger with Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese

Singing for 'Crossroad Care'

We took a small group of Year 5 and 6 children to Forest Hill's Golf Club yesterday, to sing at their Christmas Lunch. The children sang beautifully and the audience really enjoyed their performance.

Well done to everyone who took part and for being a part of a special Community. Thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants for transporting the children to and from the event.



Caterlink Allergies/Special Dietary Requirements

If your child has any changes to their dietary requirements or allergies in the future, the new process for parents/carers is to liaise directly with Caterlink and complete the 'contact us' form at: <http://www.mycaterlink.co.uk/gcc/contactus.php> or phone the Caterlink office on 01452 346796 to request a special diet form.

Thank you.



Young Writers Competition

We had some great news today, with four of our children; George Bishop, Henry Bishop, Ben Temblett and Ryan Winman being chosen for publication in the 'Young Writers Poetry Wonderland' Competition.

Well done and what a great achievement!



After School Clubs

We are still finalising the club lists for next term. We will be sending them out as soon as we can. Thank you.

Author Response

It was great to get a lovely letter back from the author Elizabeth Laird, addressed to two of our children, who had written to her to ask her some questions. Children had met her at the Cheltenham Literature festival during their visit there, earlier this term.

She encouraged them to keep reading, as there are so many wonderful books and that books are better than any film or TV programme.

Both the children received a copy of the letter to keep.



Diary Dates

December 2018

- Tues 18th Dec** - **Christmas Lunch - Wear a Christmas Jumper**
Movie Afternoon
- Thurs 20th Dec** - **Whole School Pantomime Trip - Savoy Theatre, Monmouth**
Carol Concert (Sycamore & Willow) 2.30 p.m. in School Hall - Parents welcome to come along
- Fri 21st Dec** - **Break up for Christmas (2 p.m. finish)**

January 2019

- Mon 7th Jan** - **Start of Spring term**
- Tue 8th Jan** - **Swimming Y3/Y4 Starts**
- Wed 9th Jan** - **K'nex Challenge Y5/Y6**
- Tue 22nd Jan** - **Swimming Y3/Y4**
- Fri 25th Jan** - **Young Voices Concert**