

# Ellwood School News



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## Healthy Breakfast

The Healthy Breakfast was a great success and had a lovely atmosphere whilst helping to raise the profile of the importance of eating a healthy breakfast and eating healthily. We hope you enjoyed it and would like to thank the staff at school and nursery who so kindly helped out and also thank those in Year 6 who helped to take orders.

## Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March

Just a reminder that children may come to school wearing something red on Red Nose Day in return for a small donation. We will also be holding a cake sale after school, so any cake donations would be gratefully received on Friday Morning.

Thank you.



## Reading at Home

Please remember to hear your child read at home regularly. Every night for 10 minutes would be ideal but at least 3—5 times a week and remember to write in your child's reading diary. Reading is a vital skill and is so important for all aspects of the curriculum. Please also remember to ask your child questions about the text as comprehension and understanding the text is very important.



## Year 1 Phonics Screening

Year 1's Phonic screening will take place in June. Mrs Barry and her team are working hard to prepare the children. Please keep practising those sounds at home. The children need to be confident with these sounds before moving to Year 2.

Thank you for your support in this.

## Car Park

Please drive slowly when entering the car park and turning at the bottom end, not only for safety but also to reduce the surface of the car park being unsettled.

Thank you.

## Attendance Data

As a school we need to ensure that our SEND pupils, Free School Meal pupils and Pupil Premium pupils attend school regularly. These identified groups, on Average, are 10% lower than other groups. We also have a group of children who are classed 'Persistent Absentees', which means their attendance is below 90%. If attendance remains below this for a period of time, parents are asked to attend a meeting and referrals may be made to other agencies which can offer the family support in addressing the difficulties and the low attendance.

## Spelling Challenge

Please keep practising the words sent home with your children. The spelling challenge will take place on Wednesday 5th April.

**Spelling**

## Gymnastics

The Gymnastics Team went for a practise at the Forest of Dean Gymnastics club this week and had a really good session with Mrs Bishop and Mrs Beard.

## Times Tables

All children from Year 1 -6 have to learn their Times Tables. Please keep practising them with your child. Your child should know which tables they need to learn. If they are unsure which ones need to be learnt please make a note in their link book or ask their class teacher.

Thank you

## Diary Dates 2017

### March 2017

- Mon 20th Mar - Daylight Theatre Trip (Years 5 and 6)
- Tue 21st Mar - Parent Consultations
- Thur 23rd Mar - Parent Consultations
- Fri 24th Mar - Red Nose Day and Cake Sale
- Sat 25th Mar - Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6)  
(More information will follow)

### April 2017

- Wed 5th April - Whole School Spelling Challenge  
Easter Service KS1 (1.45 p.m.)  
Easter Service KS2 (2.30 p.m.)
  - Thurs 6th April - Street Party (Sycamore and Willow)
  - Fri 7th April - Easter Egg Raffle
- Break up for Easter Holidays**