

# Ellwood School News



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on our website.

## Internet Safety

Mr Phelps will be holding an Internet Safety talk on Wednesday 6th December at 2.30 p.m. in the school hall and parents are welcome to attend. Please come if you can.

On-line safety is one of the biggest dangers for our children at the moment. We wouldn't let our children out on the streets at night alone but many children are on the internet late at night and therefore vulnerable to masses of unsuitable material and many strangers. The current numbers of children who have been targeted by undesirable people is shocking and scary, so please monitor what and who your children are accessing. Please also be aware that there are now big organisations who purposely employ people to trawl the internet to engage in communications with adults and get them to exchange information or other material and then try and blackmail them. So please be vigilant.



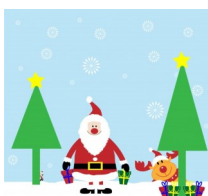
## Christmas Fayre Reminder

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November 11 a.m.—1.00 p.m.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers, staff and Friends for their hard work and support in preparation for the Christmas Fayre. Through special events like these, the school raises vital funds which may then be spent on all those extra special things!

Each class has organised a game, so children may come along and help on their class's stall during the Fayre, if they wish to.

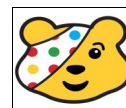
Some Sycamore and Willow children will be singing in the hall at 12 p.m. so please could children gather in the hall at that time.



## Children In Need

We raised an amazing £420.50 for Children in Need with the sale of the Pudsey goodies and the cake sale.

Well done everyone what - a great total for such a great cause!



## Reading Books

We are very grateful to the Friends who have purchased another £1000 worth of books this term. These books are to help replenish and replace some of the older, tired books in KS1. You should hopefully see some of the books being sent home in the next few weeks or had a chance to see them being displayed during parents' evening.

Without the Friends we would not be able to have these wonderful books, so thank you so much.



### Parking near school

We have received a complaint regarding parking near school at drop off and pick up times. Could parents/carers please remember to park considerately and not block road entrances.

Many thanks for your support.

### Martial Arts Taster Session

All the children took part in a Martial Arts 'Bujinkan NinJutsu' taster session today and had a great time. A new experience for many!

We will be holding a 'Bujinkan NinJutsu' after school club in the New Year. A letter will be sent out shortly with further details.

### Road Safety Talk

This week the children had a Road Safety talk, where the importance of staying safe at night, especially with the darker nights, was highlighted.

Children were also reminded about how to safely cross a road and how to stay safe near roads.



### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December children may come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. If you do not have a Christmas Jumper children may come to school in non-uniform.



### Brigade—Black Friday

Brigade School Wear are having a **20% off all uniform**, a Black Friday sale on **24<sup>th</sup> November** from midnight - midnight.

Please enter the code below at the checkout to gain the discount.

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Thank you.

### Lantern Workshop

Sycamore and Willow classes have had the opportunity to take part in creating lanterns for the 'Lantern Parade' in Coleford. We would like to thank Miss Rogers for organising the event and for all the parents/carers that came along to help out in the classroom.

A letter has been sent home, inviting children to take part in the parade on Saturday 2nd December. If you think your child would be interested in joining in, please return the reply slip to school next week. It should be an exciting event to take part in with over 100 lanterns!

### Christmas Production

Children in Oak, Chestnut and Beech classes will have received a letter regarding tickets for the Christmas Production. Please could you send payment for tickets along with the ticket request. All proceeds are greatly appreciated and go toward the cost of the performance. Without help with funding, these shows could not take place.

For parents that are separated and for some reason have not received the letter for ticket request, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher.

Tickets will be sent home next week.

Thank you for your support.



## Reading Club

Mrs Breakwell has enjoyed running Reading Club and she has been delighted that several children have joined voluntarily so that they can enjoy a few extra minutes of time to read their own book before listening to a short story together.

Please remember that any child who has not had the opportunity to read four times at home during the week should attend.

### 100 Brilliant Books to Read

On our website, under the 'Curriculum' tab and 'English in Action', you will find lists of books that will help your child to choose engaging, high-quality texts to read.

In our classrooms, we have used the lists to find great class books. Willow children are enjoying 'Wolf Brother' (by Michelle Paver) and Sycamore children are reading 'Stig of the Dump' (by Clive King). Children in Beech, Chestnut and Oak have already enjoyed listening to (and reading) many books from their list. On Roald Dahl Day, we all enjoyed listening to 'The Enormous Crocodile'.

At home, please encourage your child to think about their selections when choosing their library books. Do you have any of the recommended books on your shelves at home? When your child has read a recommended book, they should put their name on the list of titles in their class.

Happy reading, everybody!

## Diary Dates

### November 2017

Sat 25th Nov - Christmas Fayre 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

### December 2017

Wed 6th Dec - Christmas Dinner

Tue 12th Dec - Nativity 1.45 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3

Wed 13th Dec - Nativity 6 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3

Thurs 14th Dec - Nativity 6 p.m. Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3

Fri 15th Dec - Whole School Spelling Challenge

Wear a Christmas Jumper to school

Mon 18th Dec - Carol Service 3.30 p.m. Y4, Y5, Y6

Tue 19th Dec - Christmas Party Day

Wed 20th Dec - **END OF TERM - 2 p.m. finish**