

# Ellwood School News



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## Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope you all had a relaxing break. We have an exciting term ahead, so let's hope the weather stays fine and we have a great last term!

## Garden Party

Thank you to all the parents/carers that came along to our Garden Party on Thursday. It was great to see so many people supporting the event. Many thanks also to the parents and children for all their hard work and for making the afternoon so enjoyable.

## Miss Abbott

Miss Abbott has sustained a shoulder injury which is causing her considerable pain and preventing her from carrying out her normal duties.

Mrs Rees and Mrs Rice are covering her class until she is able to return full time.

We would like to wish Miss Abbott a speedy recovery and hopefully see her back to school shortly.

## Phonics Screening

The year 1 children performed their Phonics Screening test this week, so well done to them. The results will be out in early July once the DfE have confirmed the pass mark.

## Fairies and Fables Art Competition

We had a fantastic response to our art competition making the judging difficult with so many wonderful entries. After some deliberation, the results were as follows:

### KS1

*Winner - Lee Tilling (Beech)*  
*Runner up - Tyler-J Scotford (Oak)*  
*Bethan Long (Chestnut)*  
*Tianna Williams (Chestnut)*

### KS2

*Winner - Riley Gane (Beech Class)*  
*Runner up - Freddie Bishop (Willow)*  
*Ruby Chilton (Beech)*  
*Oliver Donoghue (Sycamore)*

Well done to everyone who took part, we have some great artists at our school!

## Open Morning

We had a successful open morning with some lovely positive comments about the school. Thank you to the Year 6 children for showing around our visitors, they did a great job.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Oak Class for having 100 % attendance this week.

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

Thank you for your support.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	94.4%
Beech	95.7%
Sycamore	94.8%
Willow	92.6%

### Country Dance Festival

All the children had a wonderful time at the Country Dance Festival on Thursday evening. It was lovely to see everyone really enjoying the event and having a great time.

Many thanks to Mrs Bishop and Mrs Sheppard for all their hard work in preparing the children for the event.



### Hands on Art Competition 2018

We were delighted to hear that Oliver Donoghue has won the Runner Up prize in the Year 4, 5 and 6 category of the Royal Forest of Dean Rotary Club, 'Hands on Art' Competition. Oliver was invited to attend a special awards evening at Forest Hills Golf Club where he received a certificate and Gift card.

Well done Oliver - what a great achievement!

### Willow Class Poem

Willow Class will be performing their poem on Friday 22nd June at 9 a.m. in their class.

Please come along if you can.

### Year 6 Visit from Five Acres

Mr Jones from Five Acres High School visited the Year 6 children who will be attending Five Acres in September. This was a great opportunity for children to find out more about the school and ask any questions or discuss any concerns they may have.

### Active Gloucestershire Summer Games Festival

Mr Phelps and Mrs Genner-Morris took a group of children to participate in the Summer Games Festival at Hartpury College. They all had the opportunity to try out some different sports and really enjoyed the day.



### Peer to Peer Review

Mrs Milford has been visiting other local primary schools, supporting them and sharing good practice. Head teachers from other schools have also visited Ellwood School which has been a great experience. Head teachers that have visited our school have been impressed by our pupils, staff and school, which is great news!

### Car Park

Over the half term we have had the car park surface repaired which looks much better and is far nicer to drive on.

### Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 3rd July 1.30 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.

We will be holding a range of different sporting activities with running races starting at 2.30 p.m.

All parents/carers are welcome to come along.



### Summer Spelling Challenge

All children have been sent home with their spellings for this term, so please practise these words with your child. The spelling challenge will take place on Friday 20th July.

# Spelling

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who bought plants at the Garden Party. We made £32.50 which will be added to the £44 from the plant sale. We will be buying some new tools, compost and seeds for next year.

Remember you are welcome to come into the garden and have a good look around with your children. You may even find a RED strawberry to eat!

Thanks  
Mrs Rees



### Mini Brass Concert

There will be a mini Brass Concert demonstrating what the children have learnt this term during their Brass lessons. The concert will take place on Monday 16th July at 2.30 p.m.

All parents/carers of year 4 children are welcome to come along.

### Oak Class Assembly

Oak Class will be holding their Class assembly on Friday 6th July at 2.45 p.m. where they will be retelling the 'Enormous Turnip'.

We would like to invite the parents/carers of Oak Class children to come along.

### Reading Challenge

Thank you for all your support with the reading challenge so far this year. The challenge will continue as before, so please don't forget 4 reads by next Thursday to be a 'Regular Reader'.



### Vomiting/Diarrhoea

Can we please remind parents/carers that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Thank you.

## Diary Dates

### June 2018

- Mon 18th Jun - Year 5 Activities Day at Dean Academy
- Fri 22nd Jun - Willow Class Poem Performance 9.a.m

### July 2018

- Mon 2nd Jul - Viney Hill Trip (Year 4)
- Tue 3rd Jul - Sports Day
- Fri 6th Jul - Oak Class Assembly 2.45 p.m.
- Mon 16th Jul - Mini Brass Concert Year 4 - 2.30 p.m.
- Wed 18th Jul - Parents Evening Drop in 3.30 p.m.
- Fri 20th Jul - Summer Whole School Spelling Challenge
- End of Term BBQ 6.30 p.m.
- Mon 23rd Jul - Cattle Country Trip (Reception Class)
- Wed 25th Jul - End of Term 2 p.m. finish**