

Ellwood School News



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British Values

The British Values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual respect for and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

As a school we make pupils aware of these values. We will share one value at a time with parents to promote these.

We will start with Democracy - democracy enables pupils to have a voice and enables them to say and have opinions on things such as; rules and decisions, which impact on the school community. This is developed through good relationships, listening to each other, valuing each other and for adults to liaise with pupils at the start of the school year about classroom and school rules. Each class has two school council members who represent the class, these are voted in by the rest of the class at the start of the year. Classes have regular school council meetings and have open discussions about things they like, dislike and things they would like to see happen at school. The school council has the right to bring their ideas for discussion during the meetings. Pupils may also voice their concerns at circle time, this gives pupils the opportunity to talk about an issue, worry or concern. Older children are made aware of the democratic process linked to government and the importance of people being able to vote.

Children are also given some freedom to choose tasks within lessons and have some choice of challenges, they wish to complete in their work. Pupils are also encouraged to decide what they need to do to improve, have a say in their targets and to reflect on how they have performed against them. Pupils are encouraged to make the right choice with regards to their behaviour, making them aware of themselves, others and staying safe. Pupils are also involved in the democratic process in many other ways; the recruitment of new staff, choosing songs and readings for school assemblies.

Ellwood English Week

We will be holding an English Week from Monday 3rd April—Friday 7th April. Please see the attached letter for further information. We have also sent home a red sponsor card as part of the Readathon, which we will be taking part in, in the English week.

Thank you.



Parent View

Just a reminder to log into the Parent View website and register your views. You log in via the schools website or directly at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. It is a simple survey and will only take 5 minutes to complete. There are 12 simple questions for you to answer. Your feedback is really important to us. Thank you.

Friends—News

The Friends of Ellwood are busy planning fundraising opportunities for this year. A date has been set for 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 3.15 p.m. for parents and children of Ellwood School and Nursery.

If you are having a clear out please keep us in mind, we would be most grateful for any donations. Items can include clothing, bags, belts, jewellery, brick-a-brak, toys, books, games, household linen, towels and shoes.

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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Sling Playing Fields - Easter Party

Best Parteez have kindly donated the use of all their party play equipment including bouncy castle, toddler soft play and music box.

The party will take place on:

Wednesday 12th April 2 p.m.—4 p.m. Sling Club

£5 per child including squash and biscuits

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All proceeds will go towards Sling Playing Fields Zip Wire fund.

Thank you.



Year 5/6 Theatre trip

All the children in Year 5 and 6 attended a theatre production play at Mitcheldean School, this week. The play highlighted the important message of keeping children safe and the dangers of substance misuse.

Unfortunately, at some point in our children's lives they are likely to be offered or exposed to drugs and other illegal substances and we need to do all we can to educate them about the dangers and consequences. We hope the children will make the right choices and be confident enough to say 'no'.

Healthy Breakfast (March 2017) - Questionnaire

If you came along to the Healthy Breakfast; please could you take a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire, below. Thank you

How many days did you attend Healthy Breakfast?	
Did you bring a family member and if so who?	
Do you normally sit down to have breakfast with your family?	
Did you enjoy it?	
What did you have for breakfast on that day?	
What do you normally have for breakfast?	
Did you try any new food? If so what?	
What did you enjoy most about the Healthy Breakfast?	
Did you think the food was healthy?	
Would you come again?	
How could we improve it?	

Diary Dates 2017

March 2017

Sat 25th Mar - Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6)
(More information will follow)

April 2017

Mon 3rd April - Ellwood English Week
Fri 7th April

Mon 3rd April - Author Visit

Tue 4th April - Bedtime Story (5.45 p.m.—6.45 p.m.)

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