

Ellwood School News



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on our website.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Sycamore Class for having the highest attendance this week. Amazing!

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with trying to improve their child's attendance! There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in the school, the more they will succeed. Thank you for your support.

Oak	97.3%
Chestnut	98%
Beech	94%
Sycamore	97.8%
Willow	95.4%

K'nex Challenge County Finals

Congratulations to Sophie Wright and Mollie Pittaway who represented the school at the K'nex Challenge County Finals on Wednesday. The competition was attended by over 40 schools in the county and the girls produced some great work. They both had an amazing experience and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Well done girls!



Charlie's Hike for Harry

Charlie Mitchell of Sycamore Class is aiming to hike to the top of Mount Snowdon on July 28th to help raise funds for Harry Child's, a little boy from Berry Hill who is in need of the same operation Charlie had 4 years ago. A group of family and friends completed the 3 peak challenge for Charlie in 2014 and he is now aiming to do the same for Harry by tackling Snowdon.

If you would like to sponsor Charlie, visit Harry's donation page www.treeofhope.org.uk/harry-child's or pop into Calico Interiors/Sling Clubhouse or see Mum (Sarah Mitchell).

Sling Playing Fields

For anyone using the playing fields, can you please remember to shut the gate behind you as we have had significant boar damage to the grass last week. The next SPFA meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd May, Sling Club 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

The playing fields would like to enter a float in this year's Parkend Carnival, so please come along if you would like your child to be involved.

From the SPFA

Year 6 Leavers Photos

A number of parents had stated that they were unhappy with the Year 6 leavers photos this year. We have since had the photos retaken and parents have received the new proofs. Parents can choose which photograph they prefer ordering, either version of both versions if they would like. The choice is yours.

Thank you.

KS1 SATs Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the KS1 assessment meeting on Thursday, we hope you found it useful. Example papers are on the internet, if you would like to view them in more detail. Search for KS1 assessment. If you have any concerns please speak to the KS1 team: Miss Chisman, Mrs Rice, Miss Abbott and Mr Phelps.

Baby News!

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Olley and Miss Chisman are pregnant and expecting their babies in the Autumn. They are due to commence their maternity leave sometime in the Autumn term. Many congratulations to them both we look forward to meeting the new arrivals!

We are hoping Miss Bundy will be back from maternity leave, in the Summer Term for 2 days a week.



Welcome!

We would like to welcome Mr Evans to our school, who is a final placement student, in Chestnut Class.

We hope to be able to support more students in the future to share our expertise.

Sycamore Class Assembly

Sycamore Class will be holding their class assembly on Wednesday 2nd May at 2.45 p.m.

All parents are welcome to come along.

Achievement Assembly Awards

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



Oak Class - Emie Wakefield and Mercedez Merrett

Chestnut Class - Bella Aston and Faith Merrett

Beech Class - Rosie Arnott and Macey Blackburn

Sycamore Class - Nathan McAuliffe and Alexa Hampson

Willow Class - Isabelle Beard

Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak Class - Darcie Childs

Chestnut Class - Bethan Long

Beech Class - Harvey Hancock

Sycamore Class - Isabelle Hemming

Willow Class - Harry Lister-Chiswell



Well done!

May the 4th be with you!

The Friends welcome you to join in the fun on Friday 4th May with an after school **Star Wars** themed cake sale!

Mrs. Milford is also looking out for the winner of the **Star Wars** colouring competition, to be released Friday 30th April! Two great prizes up for grabs, one each for KS1 and KS2, for the best colouring sheet handed in on May 4th!

Good luck!



Past Drama Club Performance

On Friday 4th May at 2.45 p.m. (in the school hall), children who attended Drama Club **last term** will be giving a short performance for parents/carers to demonstrate what they have been learning. Please come along to see what they have been doing.

Friends—Non Uniform Day

On Friday 25th May we will be having a non — uniform day where children may come to school wearing their own clothes. In exchange for this we would ask that children bring in a donation for the Summer Fayre such as bric-a-brac, bottles or raffles prizes.

Thank you,

KS2 SATs—week commencing May 14th

All children completing their SATs need to be in school on these dates, as we cannot complete the tests at any other time or dates as these dates, are set by the Department for Education.

Mitcheldean Festival 2018

July 20th - July 22nd

Mitcheldean Festival is now in its fifth year and offers a wide range of family fun and entertainment that is free to all to attend and join in.

For further information please visit:

www.mitcheldeanfestival.fod.uk

Reading Raffle

We have had an overwhelming number of children read this week which is great. Well done! The children look forward to the raffle each week and enjoy coming up to pick out a book. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Raffle winners this week were:

*Oak - Troy Jennings
Chestnut - Chase Powell
Beech - Alesha-May Ellis
Sycamore - Astrid Elsmore
Willow - Freddie Bishop*



In the Net Performance

The Year 4 children, had a great time at the 'In the Net' performance this week and enjoyed the experience.

Please remember to monitor what your children are accessing on the internet and who they are communicating with.

Healthy Snacks

Please remember that only healthy snacks are allowed at break time, such as; fruit, breadsticks, muesli bars, dried fruit.

Only KS2 children need to bring a snack for break time as KS1 children receive a free piece of fruit/vegetable.



Garden Club

Garden Club will be holding a plant sale on Friday 18th May at 3.15 p.m. If you have any donations of plants they can be left in the garden that morning.

Thank you



More Garden News

Leaffield Environmental have kindly donated us a brand new recycling bin in return for our smiley faces in their catalogue. The children chose the pencil because 'we work so hard'



Governors

We would like to thank all our governors; Mr Newland (Vice Chair), Ms Smith, Mrs Charles, Mr Pritchard, Mrs Ulyatt and Mr Johnson and especially Mrs Cornock (Chair of Governors) for all her hard work. They all work tirelessly to ensure that the school is doing all it can, to improve the outcomes for all our pupils. All governors give up their own time and play an important role in helping to lead the school. They are a strong and dedicated team of people who have recently carried out EYFS, Safeguarding, SEND, Finance and English visits.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Diary Dates

May 2018

Wed 3rd May	-	Sycamore Class Assembly 2.45 p.m.
Fri 4th May	-	Past Drama Club Performance
Fri 4th May	-	Star Wars themed Cake Sale—after school
Mon 7th May	-	May Bank Holiday
Mon 14th May	-	KS2 SATs Week
Fri 18th May	-	Year 6 Residential Trip
Fri 25th May	-	Break up for Half term (2 week break)

June 2018

Mon 11th Jun	-	Start of new half term
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All term dates are available on the school's website