

# Ellwood School News



**Headteacher: Mrs D Milford**  
**Tel: 01594 833232**  
**Summer 1 2018 - 20th April**

[www.ellwoodschool.co.uk](http://www.ellwoodschool.co.uk)

All newsletters are also available on our website.

## Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter Break. It's great to see the children looking ready for an exciting term ahead.

### Welcome

We would all like to welcome Mrs Rice back to Ellwood School. She will be teaching in Beech class. Mrs Rice (formerly Miss Gore) is a popular, experienced and familiar teacher, as she has worked with us before in Sycamore class. She will be with us until the end of the Summer term sharing the teaching with Miss Chisman.

### Thank you

Many thanks to the teachers who have been in school throughout the holidays; sorting, tidying and planning lovely exciting lessons and activities for the term ahead. Your additional hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed!  
Thank you.

### Hall Decoration

Over the Easter break we have had the hall redecorated and the floor refurbished and it all looks great! Many thanks to Miss Abbott and Miss Abbott's parents for giving up their Sunday to help sort out the hall and put everything back ready for the start of the new term.  
Thank you!

### Attendance

Before the Easter holidays, a number of letters were sent home to parents whose children had attendance below 90/95%. We have to send them each term as it is a requirement of the Local Authority. We are aware that some absences may have been genuine but it is statutory that we inform parents of their child's attendance if it falls below this level. Please do not be alarmed by the letter but try and support your child the best you can to help ensure their percentage attendance increases as the year continues.  
We are aware of the reasons for absences and can offer support, if needed.



### Recent Local Authority Review

We recently had a review from Tim Foster the Local Authority advisor which was very positive. We were very pleased with the outcome.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to all who bought tickets for this fun event. The Friends raised £235.00 which is fantastic! Thank you also to all the companies who donated Easter eggs to make the funds go further.



### Building work

The building work is well under way which is very exciting. We should have our new small group room shortly. We will keep you posted on the progress.

### Half Term—Reminder

Just a reminder that we are having two weeks holiday for half term this year; breaking up on Friday May 25th and returning to school on Monday June 11th.

This is a great opportunity for families to get a cheaper holiday and hopefully enjoy some warmer weather.

Year 1 children will however need to carry out some phonics homework during this time which will be set by Miss Abbott, as their Phonics Screening test will take place on the week they return to school.

### 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 and tests cannot be re-sat.

### Ribston Hall High School—Open Day

Ribston Hall High School will be holding open days on Thursday 26th April and Tuesday 19th June.

For more information please visit their website:

[www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Pallets Wanted!

If anyone has any good quality, sturdy pallets that they no longer need, school would love to have them.

Thank you.



shutterstock.com/537132577

### New Intake for September 2018

Parents should have been informed this week if their child has been offered a place at Ellwood School for September. We are pleased to say we have 20 children starting in September in Reception class which is our admission number. We have a waiting list for several children who will more than likely appeal to try and secure a place.

This is very pleasing as it proves we are a very popular school that is in high demand.

### Gymnastics Leotards

If anyone still has their gymnastics leotard, please return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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



**Oak Class - Dexter Butler and Edith Beard**  
**Chestnut Class - Joshua Pegler and Harry Hurcomb**  
**Beech Class - Leo Childs and Alesha May Ellis**  
**Sycamore Class - Oliver Donoghue and Lola Aston**  
**Willow Class - Ella Aston and Harry Lister-Chiswell**

*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

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

**Oak Class - Jack Beach**  
**Chestnut Class - Mikaela Owen**  
**Beech Class - George Bishop**  
**Sycamore Class - Joshua Lambert**  
**Willow Class - Sophie Wright**



*Well done!*

May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!

The Friends welcome you to join in the fun on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April! Two great prizes up for grabs, one each for KS1 and KS2, for the best colouring sheet handed in on May 4<sup>th</sup>!



Good luck!

### After School Clubs

We have a great variety of clubs on offer this term which is a real achievement for such a small school. Thanks to the outside professionals and staff for supporting and leading them. If clubs require payment please either bring along weekly or pay in advance.

### Friends—Non Uniform Day

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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,

### Clubs – Summer 2018 (Term 5 and Term 6)

All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Term 5 & 6 Club dates: **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Please indicate on the table below which club(s) your child wishes to attend. Return to school by **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Pick up Location	Tick
Country Dance Mrs Bishop and Mrs Sheppard	Monday 3.15 – 4.15 <b>23<sup>rd</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Door by kitchen	
Science Club Miss Abbott	Monday 3.15 – 4.15	R, 1, 2 and 3 <b>23<sup>rd</sup> April - 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> Years 4, 5 and 6 <b>11<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July (After half term)</b> <b>£1 per session</b> <i>(to cover cost of resources)</i>	Infant door	
Gardening Club – Weather Permitting Mrs Rees	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Years 1 – 6 Priority will be given to children who haven't been and a separate letter will be sent home.	Garden Area	
Chess Club – Tournament Mrs Sheppard	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Years 3,4, 5 and 6	Door from Willow	
Cricket Club Mr Gabaldoni	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 <b>£1 per session</b>	Infant door	
Football Prostars	Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15	Sycamore and Willow	Door by kitchen	
Coding Club Mr Phelps	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15 <b>11<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>(after half term)</i>	Years 5 and 6	Door by kitchen	
Multisports Fit Active	Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15	Years 1 – 4 <b>£1 per session</b>	Infant door	
Golf (Bells Golf Club Pro)	Thursday 3.15 – 4.30	Same children as last term	Infant door	
Construction Club Miss Chisman	Friday Lunchtime 12.30 – 12.55	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3	N/A	
Drama/Dance Miss S Rickards and Mrs Charles	Friday 3.15 – 4.15	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 only <b>23<sup>rd</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> Years 1 -6 only <b>11<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> July (After half term)</b> <b>£1 per session</b>	Door by kitchen	

### St Briavels Musical Performance

On Friday 27th April the Year 5 and Year 6 children have been invited to attend a musical performance at St Briavels School. A letter has been sent home requesting permission.

### 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.

### Warm Weather

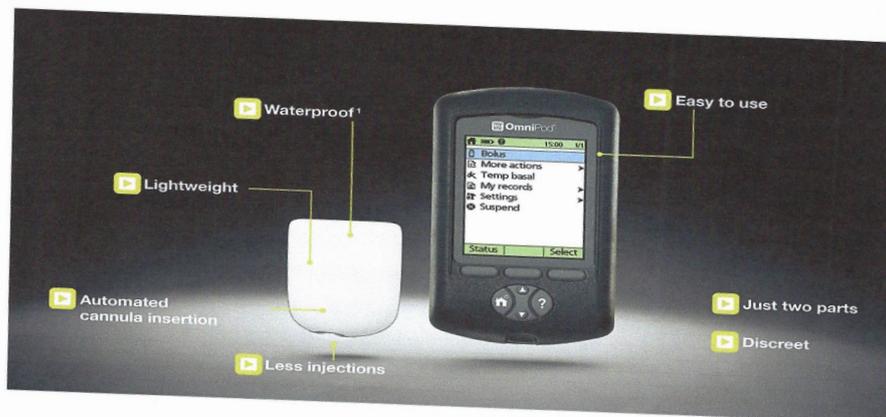
With the warmer weather here, please ensure your child comes to school with a sun hat and sun screen applied. Children may bring their own sun screen to school but please ensure their name is written on it clearly.

Thank you.

### A note from one of our children

As you may be aware we have a child at school who has Type I diabetes. Please see below a special note from him. A copy has been sent home to each family.

**Hello my name is Joshua and I'm in year 4. And I'm writing because I was diagnosed with type one diabetes when I was five, and I would like parents and kids to understand what it actually is. I have something called a insulin pump and that is like a pretend pancreas and a pancreas is a organ which breaks down the sugar you eat and my pancreas can't produce insulin to breaks the sugar down, and insulin is in my pod, what drip feeds me through out the day and the pod is water proof so I don't need to take it of in the bath or swimming. The pod and the handset is Bluetooth. So just because I'M diabetic doesn't mean I can't have sweets and I can do anything except make insulin. I used to have 4-6 injections a day but thanks to everyone who helped me get my pump I only have my pod changed every 3 days, I would like to say a big thank you. It does make me upset when people say I can't have sweets and chocolate. A BIG SHOUT OUT TO MRS CHARLES WHO HELPED ME ALL THE WAY THROUGH IT AT SCHOOL, AND MY MUM, DAD AND MY SISTER ZOE AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED ME, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH. I DONE NOTHING WRONG TO GET IT!**



**This is a pump**

By Joshua Lambert

## Diary Dates

### April 2018

Tue 24th Apr - In the Net Performance - Year 4

Fri 27th Apr - St Briavels Musical Performance

### May 2018

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**