

Ellwood School News



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on our website.

After School Clubs

This term we are very fortunate to be running a range of clubs with most clubs starting this week. We would like to thank the school staff for running these clubs voluntarily and giving up their time and are grateful to the outside professionals. This term we are running 6 clubs for the younger children and 6 clubs for the older children. This is a great achievement for a small school running a club after school every day.

Chess Club—update

Many thanks to Mrs Sheppard for rallying around and encouraging more children to take up chess club. We now have enough children taking part, so I hope they have fun learning how to play chess.

If you have not heard from us then assume your child has a place at chess club. Chess club starts on Monday 15th.

Football Club

There are still some places available for Football Club run by

Prostars on Tuesday after school, for years 4,5 and 6 If your child is interested please let Mr Phelps know.

School Census Day—Thursday 18th March

As it is Census day on Thursday 18th March, we are offering a special Winter Warmer Menu:

Bangers, Mash and Beans

Or

Warm Cheesy Baguette and Salad

Followed by

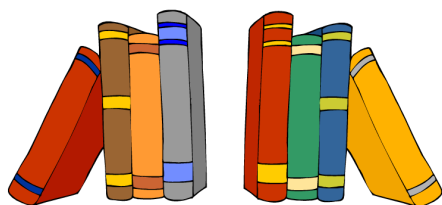
Baked Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce

We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take up a school meal on Census Day as this helps determine our school's funding for the next academic year. All of KS1 (R, Y1 and Y2) are entitled to free school meals otherwise meals only cost £2.28. This may be an opportunity for your child to try a school meal whilst helping school to secure extra funding for next year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Book Sale

Many thanks for your support with the book fair on Wednesday. With your support and generosity school received 22 free books , which is amazing!



Hot Dinners—Soup

Just to let you know that from next week we will not be offering soup with the filled baguette. This decision has been made due to the amount of wastage of soup.

We will still offer a baguette which will be accompanied by vegetables or your child could choose something from one of the other two options.

Thank you.

School Payments

Just to clarify that all trips, school dinners etc should now be paid using ParentPay. We are no longer using School Money.

If you do not have a user login, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

Whizz Kids

The sponsored mile for Whizz-Kidz raised an amazing £385 Well done!

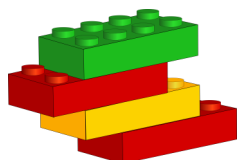
Thank you so much to everyone who took part - what a fantastic result!



Unwanted Lego

If anyone has any good quality unwanted Lego, we would love to have it for our construction club. Please bring any Lego to the reception area.

Thank you.



Vision and Hearing Screening for Reception Children

The Vision and Hearing screening test for Reception children has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 28th February. If parents wish to opt out of screening, please call 03004218225

Uniform

Thank you for making the children look so smart in their uniform and for ensuring they are wearing sensible hair accessories.

eSchools App

If you haven't already done so, please download the free eSchools app. This app allows us to send free text messages to you.

Polite Reminder

Could we please remind parents to say their goodbyes in the playground and leave their children at the door. Any messages for the teachers should be entered in their link book and will be addressed accordingly.

Thank you.

Healthy Snack

Just a reminder that children in KS2 need to bring in a break time snack. This should be a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit, dried fruit or muesli bar.

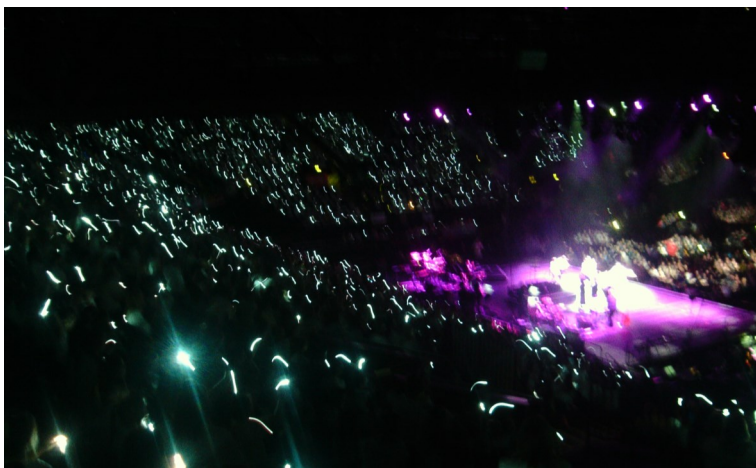
All KS1 children receive a free piece of fruit for break time.

Thank you.



Young Voices

All the children had a great time at the Young Voices Concert on Tuesday night. Many thanks to the staff and children for making the event such an enjoyable experience. All the parents that attended commented on the amazing atmosphere and how well organised the event was.



Autumn Questionnaire for Parents and Carers Results

Thank you for your positive feedback it was very informative and helpful. This helps us to continue to strive to improve our procedures and practise. We are really pleased with the questionnaire results particularly the ones linked to pupils positive view of school. We encourage children to do their best, recognise their achievement and pupil behaviour. We are also pleased with all the other responses. The children are the heart of everything we strive to do and it is lovely to see such positive responses.

Thank you.

		<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
1.	My child has a positive view of Ellwood Primary School	64%	33%	3%		
2.	The school helps my child to be more confident.	50%	42%	3%		5%
3.	My child enjoys learning at school.	61%	39%			
4.	My child's learning is progressing well.	58%	42%			
5.	My child is encouraged and challenged to work to the best of her/his ability.	55%	42%	3%		
6.	I am kept informed about my child's progress and what they could do to improve.	55%	42%			3%
7.	My child feels safe at school.	61%	36%			3%
8.	My child benefits from school clubs and activities provided outside and within the classroom.	63%	31%			6%
9.	Overall I am happy with the school.	61%	39%			
10.	The school is led and managed well.	46%	46%	3%		5%
11.	My child gets an appropriate amount of homework	46%	45%	3%	3%	3%
12.	<i>The school encourages pupils to do their best</i>	58%	42%			
13.	<i>School buildings are kept in good order</i>	58%	42%			
14.	<i>If I raise a concern the school will deal with this</i>	59%	41%			
15.	<i>My child receives rewards such as stickers, certificates and house points</i>	78%	22%			
16.	<i>I am kept up to date with relevant and useful information e.g. newsletters, texts, letters, website, emails</i>	67%	33%			
17.	<i>School displays are colourful and interesting</i>	69%	28%			3%
18.	<i>I attend school events e.g. Harvest, Christmas Performances and Easter Services</i>	72%	25%	3%		
19.	<i>The school expects good behaviour from pupils</i>	72%	28%			
20.	<i>The pupils behave well.</i>	50%	50%			

Autumn Parents Evening Survey Results

These results are also pleasing. We are hoping any online booking hitches should be ironed out for next time.

Thank you.

		<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
1.	I felt able to ask the questions I wanted or needed to	83%	14%	3%		
2.	I feel my child's teacher knows him/her	75%	25%			
3.	The teacher suggested ways I can help at home	67%	33%			
4.	I was told how well my child is learning	75%	25%			
5.	I am aware of my child's targets	72%	28%			
6.	I was told how well my child gets on with other children	64%	27%	6%		3%
7.	I felt the consultation was useful	75%	25%			
8.	The online booking was easy to use	62%	13%	3%	6%	16%
9.	I was given my child's attendance information	85%	15%			
10.	I had the opportunity to look at some of my child's work.	79%	21%			

English Week

We've had a really exciting English Week - and our inspiration to read and write will be continuing as our new 'Author of the Month', Samantha Densham, will be visiting us soon to talk about her work. We were amazed to discover that she produced, wrote and directed the Aladdin pantomime that we all enjoyed at Savoy Theatre, Monmouth.

For a full write-up of our English Week, please visit the 'News' section of our school website.



Diary Dates

January 2018

- Thurs 18th Jan - School Census Day
- Tues 23rd Jan - Swimming (Y3, Y4)

February 2018

- Fri 2nd Feb - K'nex Challenge (Y5, Y6)
- Tue 6th Feb - Swimming (Y3, Y4)
- Fri 9th Feb - Break up for half term
- Mon 19th Feb - Back to school
- Mon 26th Feb - Parents in School Week
(More information to follow)
- Tues 27th Feb - Swimming (Y3, Y4)
- Wed 28th Feb - Vision and Hearing Screening (Reception class)

March 2018

- Thurs 1st Mar - World Book Day
- Mon 5th Mar - Parents in School Week
- Tues 13th Mar - Swimming (Y3, Y4)
- Thurs 15th Mar - Healthy Breakfast
- Fri 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast
- Tues 20th Mar - Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
- Thur 22nd Mar - Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
- Tue 27th Mar - Swimming (Y3, Y4) last session