

Ellwood School News



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In the Paper!

It was great to see our school mentioned twice in the Forester Newspaper this week. We had a great write up about our recent Ofsted report, which is amazing to see.

We also had two of our teachers Mrs Marshall and Miss Abbott in the paper, as they were taking part in the 'Foresters Forest Landscape Partnership Programme'. The programme was set up to help teachers get involved with projects to use the Forest as a giant resource for learning. Both teachers had a great time and found it most informative and will share their experiences with staff so the children can benefit from the local environment and community learning activities.

Sports Day

Many thanks for your support at Sports Day. It was a great opportunity for all children to participate, regardless of physical ability or sporting ability with the running races providing the opportunity for the more competitive children.

Many thanks to all the staff and Mr Phelps for organising the event.

We would also like to thank the Friends for selling the much needed ice creams!



Hot Weather

Please remember to ensure your child has a sunhat, water bottle and sunscreen in school, whilst the weather is so warm.

Children may continue to wear their PE kits, if they wish to, whilst the weather remains warm.

Sun caps and water bottles are available to buy at school.

Sun caps - £3.75
Water Bottles - £1.20



Viney Hill Trip

The Year 4 children visited the Viney Hill Christian Activity Centre this week and had a great time. The children had the opportunity to try some activities that they may have never tried before; Crate Stacking, Geo Caching, Bushcraft and Archery. All the children had a great time and really enjoyed the activities.

Please visit the school website to see some photos of the day's events.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Chestnut Class for having the highest 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	95.1%
Chestnut	98.4%
Beech	98.3%
Sycamore	95.7%
Willow	92.1%

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:



Oak - Isabella Pegler
Chestnut - Frankie Jones
Beech - Isabelle Stockwell
Sycamore - Tia Edey
Willow - Bella Dunn

Well done!

Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - *Tyler Baker and Arlen Davies*
Chestnut Class - *McKenzie Harris and Mikaela Owen*
Beech Class - *Josh Powles and Ryan Winman*
Sycamore Class - *McKenzie Hayward and Tia Edey*
Willow Class - *Harry Lister-Chiswell and Keeland Brace*



Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak Class - *Corbyn Wainwright*
Chestnut Class - *Millie Hancock*
Beech Class - *George Bishop*
Sycamore Class - *Tegan McAuliffe*



Well done!

We are proud of your writing achievements!

Forest of Dean Rotary Club Autumn Half Marathon/Fun Run

If you are interested in taking part in the Rotary Club Autumn half marathon/fun run, registration is now open.

For more information please visit their website:

www.forestofdean-halfmarathon.co.uk

Thank you.

New Intake Meeting

Many thanks to the children that took part in the new intake meeting last Thursday, whether it was showing parents/carers around, modelling uniform or singing. You all did an amazing job and were a real credit to the school.
Thank you.

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

Coleford Fire Station Open Day
Saturday 7th July 2018
11 a.m.—5 p.m.

Coleford Fire Station are holding a free open day on Saturday 7th July and have lots of exciting things going on :

- ♦ Rope Demonstration
- ♦ Smoke House—safe smoke
- ♦ Have a look around the Fire Station
- ♦ Fancy Dress Competition
- ♦ Fire safety talk
- ♦ Squirt Water
- ♦ CSA work
- ♦ Cake Sale
- ♦ Karate Demonstration
- ♦ Plus much more.

Leaver's BBQ & Summer Celebration
Friday 20th July 4.30-7.30

Let's hope the sun is shining this much for our Leaver's BBQ & Summer Celebration!

Join us, come rain or shine, for the BBQ, FOD Rock Painting, Penalty Shoot Out with Ellwood F.C, Ice-cream and Sweet stall, Fire Engine & Fire Safety Advice Team, Splat the Grown Up! and new for this year a FREE photo booth....along with lots more!!

Remember that these events can't happen without the help and support from the families of our children so please do your best to sell the tickets that come home. We're also ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help us on one of the stalls.

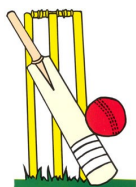
Let us know how you can help, and as always, HUGE thanks for all your help and support during these events.

The Friends

Kwik Cricket

Mr Phelps and Mrs Genner-Morris took a group of children to the Kwik Cricket County Finals on Wednesday at Frocester, near Stroud. They played some great cricket and all had a great time.

Well done!



After School Clubs

If your child attends a club that requires payment, could we please remind parents/carers to send in the money on the day of the club. All money received helps subsidise the cost of running the clubs.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Bounce for Books

Children are very excited about 'Bounce for Books' on Friday 13th July. Please remember that all sponsor money should be sent into school by next Wednesday - 11th July.

The class that collects the most sponsor money will have extra bouncing time towards the end of the day. All children who take part will receive a certificate and there will be prizes for two children per class - the child who manages to find the largest number of sponsors and the child who collects the most sponsorship money. All sponsorship money will be very gratefully received.

We can't wait to buy new books for the new year - and we have already purchased some for current classes to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support. We really do appreciate it!



Science Week

Science week began with a visit to years 5 and 6 from a civil engineer who introduced the children to what her job entails and the difficulties faced by engineers when constructing buildings that are up to 25 stories high.

On Wednesday, the whole school worked in small house groups from reception to year 6 to design and make a carrier and a parachute to protect an egg when dropped from the top of a ladder by Miss Peart. Points were awarded to each team for teamwork, 5 points were awarded if the egg cracked and 10 points were awarded if the egg remained intact. In a very close competition Woodpeckers won with 55 points, second place went to Robins with 52 points and Kingfisher and Goldfinch were joint third with 50 points. The children all enjoyed the day and worked well in their groups.

On Thursday, years 3-6 enjoyed a rocks and fossils workshop, getting to look down microscopes at a variety of rocks and fossils and getting outside to learn about the materials that were used to build the school.

Chestnut class have been carrying out an experiment to investigate the effect of a number of liquids on eggshells as well as looking at whether the use of toothpaste reduces the effect. The children and Miss Abbott will all be glad when the smelly eggs have been disposed of!



Diary Dates

July 2018

Mon 9th Jul	-	Transition Days to new Classes
Tues 10th Jul	-	Transition Day to new Classes
Wed 11th Jul	-	Innovation Day (Y3/Y4) - Coleford Library Swimming Gala - 1.30—3.30 p.m. - more information to follow
Fri 13th Jul	-	Bounce for Books - whole school event
Fri 13th Jul	-	School Production (Sycamore & Willow) Broadwell Memorial Hall 3.30 pm & 6 pm
Mon 16th Jul	-	Mini Brass Concert Year 4 - 2.30 p.m.
Tues 17th Jul	-	Transition Day to new Classes
Wed 18th Jul	-	Parents Evening Drop in 3.30 p.m.
Fri 20th Jul	-	Summer Whole School Spelling Challenge End of Term BBQ 4.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Mon 23rd Jul	-	Cattle Country Trip (Reception Class)
Wed 25th Jul	-	End of Term 2 p.m. finish