

Ellwood School News



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Weekly Attendance

Well done to Beech Class who achieved over 97% for their attendance this week.

There is a link between attainment and progress, so the more the children are in school, the more they will succeed.

Penalty notices have been issued this term. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	95.4%
Chestnut	96.7%
Beech	97.5%
Sycamore	95.8%
Willow	95.1%

A message of thanks from the Friends:

Huge thanks to all of those who came, supported and donated items for this year's Christmas Fayre. Although quieter than previous events, we managed to raise **nearly £800** to go towards activities and equipment for the children in the next academic year. A special mention goes out to the businesses and individuals who went over and above with their contributions:

- Raglan Farm Park
- Kate from Blackberry Catering
- Tesco in Lydney
- Sara Bannister from the Beauty Spot, Coleford
- Craig Martin from Marsh Produce
- Leona Bishop from The Cutting Rooms
- Reckless Designs
- Jen Johnson
- Linsey Powell
- James & Becky from The Orepool Inn
- The Looking Glass Salon, Coleford
- Ellwood Nursery for their contribution
- The Dean Heritage Centre
- Calico Interiors
- Tudor Farmhouse & Hotel
- Deb Elsmore & Astrid for their slime!!
- Sarah Aston
- Caroline Wainwright
- Oak Class for their woodland animals
- Steve McAuliffe & family

And of course to all of the parents and teachers who helped with preparations up to, during and after the event. Without you all, the school would be unable to run these events.

The Friends wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019!!

Thank you Mrs Bonnie Ellis



Singing for the Over 80's Club

We took a group of year 5 and 6 children to sing at Forest Hill's Golf Club at the Over 80's Christmas Party, this week. All the children sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school. The Over 80's Club commented on how wonderful the children were and how well behaved they were.

Well done to everyone who took part and for being a part of a special Community.



Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - Amelia Aston and Angus Giles
Chestnut Class - Emie Wakefield and Harry Hurcomb
Beech Class - Bethan Long and Myami Scottford
Willow Class - Tommy Rowley and Lola Aston



Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Chestnut—Riley Nixon
Beech Class - Harry Powell



Well done!

We are proud of your writing achievements!

Coffee and Mince Pies

Mrs Charles and the 'The Friends of Ellwood' will be holding a coffee and Mince Pie afternoon, in the hall, on Friday 14th December at 2.30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come along, it will be great to see you there!



Spelling Challenge

Each term we hold a Whole School Spelling Challenge. Each child has been sent home a sheet of spellings, please take a few minutes to help your child learn them in preparation for the spelling challenge. Please note these are the words they should know by the end of the year, not specific to children.

The Spelling Challenge will take place on Friday 14th December.

Thank you!

Spelling

Menu Changes
Week Commencing 17th December

Mon 17th Dec	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Vegetable Frittata 1/2 Filled Ham Baguette
Tue 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Wed 19th Dec	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Five Bean Chilli & Rice Jacket Potato with Tuna
Thur 20th Dec	Meatballs with Rice Shepherdess Pie 1/2 Filled Cheese Baguette
Fri 21st Dec	Battered Fish with Chips Bean Burger with Chips Jacket Potato with Cheese

Flu Vaccinations

Thank you to all the parents who registered on-line or sent back completed consent forms, for the flu vaccination this week. Just to clarify, the school is not responsible for organising or collating information for the vaccinations. The school provides the room and any administration is the responsibility of the parent/s and NHS. We did however send reminders and additional forms.

Any concerns or queries regarding flu vaccinations need to be dealt with by liaising with health care professionals directly and not the school.

Many thanks for your support.

PE Kit Request

If you have any good quality used PE kit, including daps, that you no longer require, we would really appreciate them at school.

We would also be grateful for any donations of underwear both boys and girls.

Please bring any donations into school, for the attention of Miss Rose.

Thank you!

Indoor Sports Athletics

Mr Gallop took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to take part in the School's Indoor Sports Athletics event at Dene Magna School on Thursday 6th December.

All the children who took part did a great job and came an impressive 3rd overall out of 20 schools, just losing out on 2nd place by 3 points!

Well done to everyone that took part- what an amazing result!

Thank you also to all the parents/carers that transported the children to and from the event and to Mr Gallop for organising the event.



Lydbrook Church

Lydbrook Church will be holding their 10th Annual Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December—Sunday 9th December

Open 11 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Refreshments

Friday Performance by Bella Musica

Community Carol Service Monday 17th December at
6.30 p.m.

With Lydbrook Training Band and Lydbrook School

Christmas Jumper Day

Children may come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper on our Christmas Dinner Day, Tuesday 18th December.

In the afternoon of the 18th December we will be having a movie afternoon with pop corn and a drink. Food and drink will be provided by the school.



Police Visit

Our local Police Officer came into school this week to deliver a whole school assembly. The Police Officer was able to tell the children about his role in the community and how they are always here to help. The children thoroughly enjoyed the talk and found it really informative. He even set up a crime scene and arrested Mrs Woodhouse!



Diary Dates

December 2018

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| Tues 11th Dec | - | Christmas Play (Whitemead Forest Park) |
| | | Swimming (Y5/6) |
| Tues 18th Dec | - | Christmas Lunch - Wear a Christmas Jumper |
| | | Movie Afternoon |
| Thurs 20th Dec | - | Whole School Pantomime Trip |
| | | Carol Concert (Sycamore & Willow) 2.30 p.m. in School Hall - Parents welcome to come along |
| Fri 21st Dec | - | Break up for Christmas (2 p.m. finish) |

January 2019

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| Mon 7th Jan | - | Start of Spring term |
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