

Ellwood School News



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on our website.

Weekly Attendance

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

Attendance overall this week has been fantastic—well done everyone!

If you are having difficulty with maintaining your child's attendance, please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Charles (FSW) who may be able to offer support.

Oak	99.5%
Chestnut	87.5%
Beech	97.7%
Sycamore	97.0%
Willow	97.7%

Parents Evenings

As you are aware parents evenings are due to take place on 20th March and 22nd March. We will be using the eSchools online booking system again, as this proved to be successful last time. You will be able to go online this evening to book your appointment(s). If you are experiencing problems logging on or have forgotten your details, please drop in after school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to see Mr Phelps who will help you retrieve your details.

Mr Phelps

For children in Year 2 and Year 5 who are taught Maths by Mr Phelps, you will be able to book an appointment to see him via eSchools also.

Willow Class

Mrs Marshall will be available to carry out parents evening on Tuesday 20th March and Mrs Breakwell will be available to carry out parents evening on Thursday 22nd March. You only need to book an appointment to see one of them.

Please note if your child is on a My Plan, My Plan + or has an EHCP you do not have to book or attend a parents evening appointment. Letters will be sent home inviting parents to attend a separate shared conversation.

Mrs Clements

As you may be aware, Mrs Clements will be retiring at Easter. On Tuesday 27th March we will be holding a surprise tea party for her after school, in the hall. All Welcome! It will be a lovely surprise and a great farewell. We are having a collection for a gift and if you would like to contribute, please send the donation to the office in a sealed envelope.

Increase In School Meal Price

In accordance with the County Council Catering Contract, the price of a paid school meal will increase to **£2.36** from Monday April 16th 2018. The County Council reluctantly have to increase the selling price of a meal due to the increases in the national living wage, food, materials and transport during the last twelve months.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council.
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Baby News

We have double baby news with Mrs Breakwell (Willow Class) and Mrs Davies (TA in Chestnut and Beech Class) both having babies in the Summer holidays.

We would like to congratulate them both and look forward to meeting the new additions!



Parents in School

Many thanks to all the parents/carers that have come into school this week, we have really enjoyed seeing you all and hope that you have enjoyed the experience too.

The feedback we have had so far has been really positive. We will analyse these further and let you have a summary in the next few weeks.

Sickness

Could we please remind parents/carers that if your child has suffered sickness or diarrhoea that they should remain off school until 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

Thank you.

Achievement Assembly Awards

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



Oak Class - Isabelle Roberts and Tyler Baker
Chestnut Class - Elsie Thomas and Myami Scottford
Beech Class - Luis Williams and Chloe Gilbert
Sycamore Class - Josh Morris and Tegan McAuliffe
Willow Class - Ruby Jones and Bluebelle Lloyd

Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak Class - Ashton Cole
Chestnut Class - Riley Nixon
Beech Class - Taran Roberts
Sycamore Class - Kiyan Owen
Willow Class - James Beale

Well done!



Forest Adventures

We are improving our resources for Forest Adventures. If you have any Garden Kneelers or can get 100m of blue rope cheaply please see Mrs Rees. We are always on the look out for logs etc that can be used in our outdoor area too.



Garden Club are planning to hold a plant sale later in the year so any pots that you may not need can be left in the garden.

Thank you!!

Spring is coming!!!



Sports Relief

17th—23rd March

Sports Relief will take place during this week. We will be carrying out various sporting activities throughout the week, including archery and circus skills.

This promises to be an exciting week!

Wristbands will be available to buy at school closer to the time, at a cost of £1 per wristband.



Having a Spring Clean???

We are running the Rags2Riches 4 Schools campaign - raising funds by collecting reusable clothes.

The Friends will start collecting donations for the campaign next week so look out for further information on the Friends' noticeboard and Facebook page!

As always, many thanks for all your help & support



Healthy Breakfast

A letter was sent home earlier in the week regarding the Healthy Breakfast on Thursday 15th March and Friday 16th March from 8.15 a.m. If you would like to attend please return the completed reply slip to school by Tuesday 13th March. Please be reminded that parents/carers are expected to accompany their child(ren) at the Healthy Breakfast.

Willow class children who are helping out at Healthy Breakfast need to be in school by 8.15 a.m.

Thank you.

Year 5 Forest Adventures

Please make sure that children come into to school with all the necessary outdoor clothing such as waterproofs, warm clothing and wellies on the day that they have Forest Adventure.

The children are having a great time on their Forest Adventure afternoons.

Thank you

We would like to thank parents/carers for their support and patience with the snow last week. Many thanks to Mrs and Mrs Beard, Mr and Mrs Jones and Mr Wakefield for kindly helping to clear the site so that children could arrive safely on Monday morning. We hope we haven't missed anyone out. It showed great community spirit and all help was truly appreciated.

Many thanks from all the staff, governors, parents and pupils.

Spelling Challenge

All children have taken home their spellings to practise for the whole school spelling challenge. Please take a few moments to have a look at these with your child/ren and help them to learn them. The spelling challenge will take place on Friday March 23rd.

Spelling

Safeguarding

As of next week, all children who attend clubs are to be collected from the front office and will be handed over to their parent/carer.

Clubs

If your child has signed up to take part in an after school club, we would like them to attend all sessions. We appreciate that there may be certain exceptions, but where possible please encourage your children to commit to the term's activity.

Thank you.

Year 5 - We the Curious Trip Thursday 15th March

As part of British Science Week, Year 5 children will be visiting 'We the Curious' in Bristol where they will have the chance to explore the general exhibition and then have a special visit to the Planetarium to see a 3D show.

If you have not returned the permission slip and payment, could you please do so by Tuesday 13th March.

Thank you.

World Book Day

Last Thursday, we opened our doors to over one hundred wonderful characters! The snow didn't stop our celebrations of reading. We are most definitely a Reading School!

Our day began with an exciting whole-school Assembly in the hall. We found out about the importance of World Book Day and we were surprised to learn that it is celebrated in over one hundred countries around the world! We talked about why books are so special to us and we discussed our favourite authors and texts. Staff were delighted that the children were able to talk about a whole host of authors as each month, we find out about the life and work of a different author. Throughout March, we will be finding out all about Michael Rosen, the author of the fabulous, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

Then we all listened to one of Julia Donaldson's stories, called 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' and we talked about some of her other stories.

Each class then paraded through the hall so that we could all admire the huge array of costumes. It was great fun spotting different characters!

When we returned to our classrooms, we shared stories and had chance to enjoy one of our favourite pastimes - independent reading for pleasure! We also got involved in the World Book Day competition to design a national book token and we can't wait to hear whether any of our entries are successful. Around the school, children made creative 'corner bookmarks' - which proved to be both an exciting feat of origami and a super keepsake of the day. Children in Willow Class also enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day quiz that had been created by two pupils in the class. What incredible engagement!

We loved our special morning but we were very excited about going home to play in the snow! Thank you to all of our families for your brilliant support with encouraging the children's involvement. Their costumes and outfits were a real joy to see!

To see fantastic images of our celebrations, please visit the News section of our website. Many thanks.

Mrs Breakwell

Diary Dates

March 2018

Tues 13th Mar	-	Swimming (Y3, Y4)
Wed 14th Mar	-	Leavers and Class Photos
Thurs 15th Mar	-	Healthy Breakfast We the Curious Trip—Year 5
Fri 16th Mar	-	Healthy Breakfast
Mon 19th Mar	-	Sports Relief Week
Tues 20th Mar	-	Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
Thurs 22nd Mar	-	Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.)
Fri 23rd Mar	-	Whole School Spelling Challenge Whole School Circus Skills Workshop
Sat 24th Mar	-	Primary School Gymnastics Competition
Mon 26th Mar	-	Willow Class Assembly 2.40 p.m.
Tue 27th Mar	-	Swimming (Y3, Y4) last session