

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

Well done to Beech Class and Sycamore Class for having the highest attendance **this week**. Also well done to Chestnut Class for being over 97%

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

100 % is our aim.

Thank you for your support.

Oak	96.8%
Chestnut	97.4
Beech	98.6
Sycamore	98.6
Willow	95.9

## House Captains

Our school house captains have been elected for the year and are:

Robin - Oscar Evans

Goldfinch—Connor Edwards

Kingfisher - Carrera Hamm

Woodpecker - Harry Lister-Chiswell



## Funky Hair Friday Friday 19th October

Children may come to school with 'Funky Hair' on Friday 19th October. All that we ask for in return, is a donation for our Christmas Fayre. This may be items such as; a raffle prize, chocolates, bottles or toys/books.

We look forward to seeing some weird and wonderful hair do's!



## Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all the parents/carers that came along to our Harvest Celebrations on Wednesday afternoon. All the children sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school.

We also managed to raise an amazing £188 for our 'Fill a Welly' fundraiser. All proceeds will be going to the Farm Africa Charity.

Many thanks for your generosity!



## 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.

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

Thank you!

# Spelling

### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:

Chestnut - Darcie Childs  
Beech - Harry Bishop  
Sycamore - Nathan McAuliffe  
Willow - Carrera Hamm



*Well done!*

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Chestnut Class - Tyler-J Scottford and Chase Powell  
Beech Class - Leo Childs and Charlie Johnson  
Sycamore Class - Ruby Chilton  
Willow Class - Kiyon Aston and Jayden Edmunds



*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

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

Chestnut Class - Esme Wilkins  
Beech Class - All Year 3 Writers  
Sycamore Class - April Donoghue  
Willow Class - Bluebelle Lloyd



*Well done!*

#### Friends

The Friends of Ellwood have some exciting events planned for this academic year:

- *Funky Hair Friday*
- *Jumble Sale*
- *Rags2Riches*
- *Jolly Jar week*
- *Christmas Fayre*

We will let you know further details when we have them.

#### Mornings

Please remember that school and lessons start at 8.55 a.m. (not at 9 a.m.). Please make sure your child/ren are in school before 8.55 a.m. so that lessons can start promptly. Late arrivals are missing learning tasks and are disturbing the learning of others.

Many thanks for your continued support.

#### Data Collections Sheets/ Privacy Notice/Parental Consent

We still have a few Data Collection Sheets and Privacy Notice and Parental Consent forms outstanding. If you have not returned them to us, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

#### Parent Governor Election

We are very pleased to let you know that our new Parent Governor is Mr J Edge. We would like to welcome him to our Governing Body and look forward to working with him.

### School Photographs

Just to let you know that school photographs will take place on Tuesday 13th November. These will be individual and family group photographs.

Thank you.



### Dinner Accounts

School dinner accounts should be kept in credit at all times. If there is a debt on your child's dinner account, please clear it immediately. We will unfortunately not be able to provide dinners for children if their dinner account is in arrears.

Thank you.

### Baby News!

We are very pleased to let you know that Mrs Olley gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on Monday 1st October. Both Mum and baby are doing well. We are looking forward to meeting the new arrival!



### Jumble Sale

#### Saturday 10th November

If you are thinking of having a pre-Christmas sort out during the half term break, we would be grateful for any donations for our Jumble Sale, which is due to take place on Saturday 10th November.

Please bring any donations to school on the week commencing 29th October.

Many thanks for your support.



### Christmas Card Competition

The Rt Hon Mark Harper is inviting primary school children to design a Christmas Card for him.

This year's design should reflect the religious nature of Christmas.

The prize for the winner will be a framed copy of their design, local media attention and a tour of Parliament for the successful designer and their parents or teacher. Everyone who enters the competition will also receive a certificate.

Please ensure the entry has your child's name and school name on the reverse and return to school by Monday 15th October.

We look forward to seeing your entries!



**Brass Band Workshop**  
featuring guest conductor  
**Tom Davoren**  
with tutors  
**Chris Howley, Thomas and  
Ross Dunne, Steve Barnett**

**Sunday  
21st October 2018  
10.00am to 5.00pm approx**

**Lydney CofE School  
Bream Rd, Lydney GL15 5JH**

**£7.00 per person**  
All grades welcome

Contact Kerry Ford for details:  
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**Hosted by Lydney Training Band**

## Diary Dates

### October 2018

Fri 19th Oct	-	Funky Hair Friday Break up for half term Mrs Ball's Retirement Tea Party 3.15 p.m.
Mon 29th Oct	-	Start of new Term
Tues 30th Oct	-	Swimming Y5/6
Wed 31st Oct	-	War Horse Trip (Y5/6)

### November 2018

Thurs 8th Nov	-	Cinema Trip (R, Y1, Y2)
Fri 9th Nov	-	Remembrance Service
Tues 13th Nov	-	School Photographs Swimming (Y5/6)
Fri 16th Nov	-	Children in Need
Fri 23rd Nov	-	Skillzone and Glos Police HQ (Y5/6)

### December 2018

Tues 4th Dec	-	Flu Vaccination (R, Y1/2/3/4/5)
Tues 11th Dec	-	Christmas Play (Day and Evening performances) Swimming (Y5/6)
Tues 18th Dec	-	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 20th Dec	-	Whole School Pantomime Trip