

Ellwood School News



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All Newsletters are also available
on our website.

eSchools

On Monday 18th September parents/carers will receive log in details for our eSchools website. We are really pleased to be able to launch this service as it will provide you access to additional information, letters, parent's evenings and details about your child's attendance. Please look out for a letter on Monday.

Reverend Michelle and Reverend Heather

We have a new Reverend that has started working with our school. She is called Reverend Michelle.

She has been a primary school teacher in the past and therefore has lots of experience working with children and schools. We welcomed her into school on Wednesday and we are grateful to her coming into school, and taking assemblies

Reverend Heather retired in the Summer and Canon Philipa will be retiring in November but will continue to come in until then. We would like to thank all of them for supporting our pupils and the school

Morning Reminder

Could we remind parents to leave their children at the door rather than enter the building. We appreciate that Oak children may need their parents to come in with them and happy for them to do so.

The children need to start to develop their independence and we also need to reduce the number of people in the school building and the congestion in the corridors.

Please use the link books to send any messages to the teachers. These are checked daily.

Thank you for being in school by 8.55 a.m.—less late marks, which is great!

Home School Agreements

A copy of the school's Home School Agreements is attached to the newsletter for you to read with your child and sign and return.

Please return completed forms to school.

Data Collection Sheets

Please return any outstanding Data collection sheets to school as soon as possible, so we can update our system, where needed.

Open the Book

We are fortunate that David and Enid still come into school every Tuesday for Open the Book. The children love this experience and we thank them for giving up their time to come into school.

Pears

Freya Breese (Y5 School council rep) will be selling bagged up pears after school. These have grown in the school grounds.

Bags will cost 50p.

All proceeds will go towards the garden.



Oak Class Children

Well done to all our pupils in Oak Class for settling in to school so well.

Whole School Term Topic - 'Who are the Forest Folk?'

Our whole school topic is 'Who are the Forest Folk?' Each class is following this topic, with each class taking a slightly different approach. More details for each class can be found on the topic web and on the school website

The Chapel

Some of you may be aware that the school was interested in purchasing the Chapel opposite the school. Unfortunately, we were unable to raise the funds for the purchase, renovation and up keep costs.

Although we are unsure who has purchased it, we hope it will be put to good use and remain as a community building.

Playtime Boxes

We are in the process of setting up boxes in our playtime shed that the children can play with. Some children do not always like games such as running and team games but prefer more quiet activities.

Therefore, we are in need of small play toys such as; animals, lego or playmobile.

If you have any of these that are unwanted and in good condition, please send them into your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Pen Licence—Year 3-6

The children from year 3 -6 are able to receive a pen licence. However, they have to be able to demonstrate consistently neat and correct letter formation.

Mrs Breakwell looks at every child's handwriting carefully and selects pupils who are showing the above qualities.

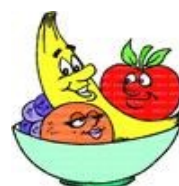
Congratulations to Emily Morgan, Mollie Pittaway, Ruby Jones and Emily Mitchell who all received their pen licences this week.



Healthy Snack Reminder

KS2 children (Y3—Y6) do not receive free fruit at break time so need to bring in a healthy snack. This should be something like a piece of fruit, dried fruit snack or a muesli bar.

No chocolate or crisps.



Friends of Ellwood

The Friends of Ellwood are starting to plan events for this new year. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved with organising events or lending a hand in any way, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Friends committee members or leave a message with the school office.

A Rags2Riches textile recycling collection has been arranged for Wednesday 8th November. Please save any outgrown/unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and household linen for us.

We will also try to arrange a jumble sale for Saturday 4th November, although this will be dependent on having enough helpers.

Helpers will be needed to set up on Friday 3rd November from 2 p.m. and then we will also need helpers on the day (Saturday 4th November), to run the jumble sale from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m./2 p.m.

Please let one of the Friends of the school office know, if you are able to help during these times.

Many thanks.

Charity Hair Cut

Emily Morgan kindly had her hair cut on July 22nd July, for charity. Donating the hair to the Little Princess Trust charity, where they make wigs for children who have suffered hair loss. What a wonderful thing to do Emily!



Ellwood Youth A.F.C

Ellwood Football Club will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 30th September at 11 a.m.

- Men's, women's, children's clothes
- Toys
- General Household items
- Tea, Coffee and Cake available

All proceeds will go to Ellwood Youth.

Clubs

All clubs will start next week.

There are still places available for Golf on Thursday afternoons.

If you have not heard otherwise, please assume your child has a place.

Thank you.

Dinner Accounts

Please ensure your child's dinner account is kept in credit at all times.

If you need a Parent Pay activation letter, please contact the office.

Thank you.

Parent View

Just a reminder to log into the Parent View website and register your views. You log in via the schools website or directly at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Are you entitled to **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**? Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year plus as a school we receive additional funding.

Diary Dates 2017

September 2017

- Mon 18th Sept - Bikeability (Y6)
After School Clubs Start
- Mon 25th Sep - Trip to Caerleon (Beech Class)

October 2017

- Mon 2nd Oct - McMillan Coffee Afternoon 2 p.m.
(In conjunction with Ellwood Nursery)
 - Fri 20th Oct - Harvest Celebration 2 p.m.
(More details to follow)
- Break up for half term - 3.15p.m. finish

All term dates are available on the school's website