

# Ellwood School News



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on our website.

## **Mornings**

As of Monday 16th January we will allow children to go straight into their classrooms in the morning, once the gates are open, if they wish to. We are trialling this to help reduce the congestion in the carpark and also the congestion within the school corridors. This will also allow lessons to start promptly in the mornings.

## **Lunchtime**

Please note that there will be a slight change to the Junior (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) lunchtime. They will go to lunch at 12.15 p.m. which will allow the juniors to have a longer morning session and also will help with the serving of lunches. The juniors will have a 3/4 hour lunch and infants an hour (as before).

## **Census Day**

**Thursday 19th January**

It would be helpful if as many children as possible who are in receipt of free school meals or universal school meals (KS1), book a school dinner on this day, as this affects the funding that the school receives. The kitchen are providing a special meal on this day of the following:

Sausage, Mash and Beans  
Or  
Jacket Potato with Cheese  
and  
Chocolate Brownie  
with Chocolate Sauce

This is a great opportunity for your child to try out a hot school dinner.

Thank you for your support.

## **Website**

Sorry for any inconvenience caused last week whilst the website was not working. The problem has been resolved and we are in the process of updating it. We are also in the process of getting a new website built, which should be easier to use, much more interesting and colourful. We will let you know when it is up and ready for you to access.

## **Family Support Worker**

Mrs Charles is our Family Support Worker and is a good source of advice if you have any worries or concerns regarding your child's emotional or behavioural needs. If you would like to speak to Mrs Charles please contact the school office to make an appointment.

## **Attendance**

If your child is absent from school for the day, please let the office or leave a message on the answer phone. A child's attendance is now considered a concern if it falls below 90%. We monitor all pupils attendance regularly and will invite you to come in for a meeting if we are concerned, to discuss the reasons for non attendance and offer support if needed.

## Girl's Football Tournament

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Football Tournament at Forest High School on Monday 9th January. The girls all played some great football and worked well as a team.

They played 3 matches, winning one 3 - 0 and losing two 2 -0 and 1 -0.



### Swimming

Please remember that swimming is part of the curriculum and is a valuable life skill. All children, if offered the opportunity, are expected to take part.

### Gymnastics

Reception and Year 1 children had their first session at the Forest of Dean Gymnastics Centre this week and thoroughly enjoyed it. We were so lucky to be able to secure these sessions, as there is a long waiting list.

We are hoping to give more classes the opportunity to attend classes after Easter.

#### Reception and Year 1 Children

Mrs Stevens has requested that **Reception and Year 1 children** come in on Gymnastics day ready dressed in their sports wear e.g. tracksuit bottoms/leggings and sweatshirt. Please also remember to bring in uniform to change into.

Thank you.

### Free School Meals

If you receive an income based benefit such as income support or child tax credit and have not applied for Free School meals then please log onto [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk) for more information.

### 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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### After School Gymnastics Club

Mrs Bishop is very happy with all the Gymnasts and how well they are progressing.

The KS2 competition on February 10th, is now limited to 10 places. More information will follow.

On March 25th there is a Competition for KS1 and KS2 children. Please keep this date free.

## Diary Dates 2017

### January 2017

Thurs 19th Jan - School Census Day

### February 2017

Wed 1st Feb - Vision and Hearing Test (Reception Class)

Fri 10th Feb - Gymnastics Competition—KS2 only  
Forest of Dean 12 p.m.—3 p.m.  
(More Information to follow)

K-nex Challenge (Y5 and Y6)

**Break up for Half term**

Mon 20th Feb - **Back to School**

### March 2017

Wed 15th Mar - Class Photos and Leavers Photos

Thur 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast

Fri 17th Mar - Healthy Breakfast