

# Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available on our website.

## Weekly Attendance

We have had great attendance this week with all classes getting 97% or over and Beech class getting 100% which is amazing! Well done everyone.

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 although this week's attendance has been much better. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	98.1%
Chestnut	97%
Beech	100%
Sycamore	98.3%
Willow	98.2%

## Rotary Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We are taking part in the Christmas Rotary Shoe Box appeal again this year. If you would like a shoe box to fill please come and collect one from the office. Instructions of what to put in the boxes may be found on the box.

All filled boxes should be returned to school by Wednesday 5th December.

Thank you

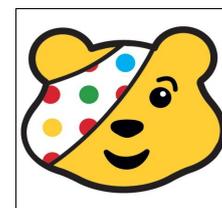


## Children in Need

We have had a great response to our Children in Need fundraising, with the purchasing of Pudsey goodies and your generous donations for non-uniform and spots!

Sale of Pudsey goodies and donations came to £417.43 which is amazing!

Many thanks for your support.



## Volunteers for the Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st December 1 p.m.—3 p.m.

We need as many volunteers as possible to help us before, during and after the Christmas Fayre. Please come forward to help in ANY way you can—we always welcome the extra help! Please speak to one of the Friends if you would like to volunteer

Thank you.



## Bike Shed

The bike shed has been boarded up as it is unsafe at the moment. We are looking to replace it sometime next year, when we have raised some funds to do so.

Thank you.

### Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:



Oak - Macey-Rose Field  
Chestnut - Edith Beard  
Beech - Harry Powell  
Sycamore - Riley Gane  
Willow - Charlie Mitchell

*Well done!*

### Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - Oscar Edge and Maisie Sayce  
Chestnut Class - Cleo Stanton  
Beech Class - Ethan Hemming and Elsie Thomas  
Sycamore Class - Hannah Wright and Callum Newman  
Willow Class - Tia Edey and Ella Biddington



*Well done!*

### Weekly Writing Awards

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

Beech Class - McKenzie Harris  
Sycamore Class - Harvey Hancock



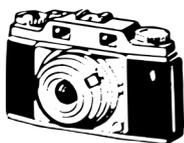
*Well done!*

*We are proud of your writing achievements!*

### School Photograph Orders

Please could all school photograph orders be returned by Wednesday 21st November.

Thank you.



### 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**

### Jolly Jars

Start filling those empty jars (any size) with your leftover Halloween treats, small toys, party bag items and novelty bits and pieces.

The best designed jar from each class will win a prize!

Some ideas to fill your jars are as follows:

- Small notebooks, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners
- Leftover party bag items (bubbles, bouncy balls etc.)
- Wrapped sweets, chocolates, lollipops, wrapped biscuits
- Handmade items or items for crafts (stickers, collage items)
- Keyrings, small purses, good quality miniature toys.



We look forward to collecting your donations of Jolly Jars in the week commencing 26th November

### Defibrillator News!

We have recently received our defibrillator with the help of a grant and contributions from Ellwood Nursery, the Lions, the Rotary club and School Council fundraising from last year.

We are now in the process of getting the defibrillator fitted outside school, so it may be available for the whole community to use.

### 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.

### School Council

School Council had a meeting this week and are still concerned that some children are climbing on the school fences at the end of the school day.

Could we please ask that parents/carers do not let their children climb on the fences at the end of the day.

Many thanks  
School Council

### Book Bug Book Sale

We will be holding a 'Book Bug' book fair on Wednesday 5th December, where you will be able to purchase books at heavily discounted prices. Great for some Christmas presents!

We will let you have further details closer to the time.



### Skillzone and Police HQ Trip Friday 23rd November 2018

Just a reminder that Year 5 and Year 6 children are visiting Skillzone and The Police HQ in Gloucester on Friday 23rd November.

Payment for the trip of £11.50 should be made using ParentPay.

Thank you.

**Christmas Play**  
**Tuesday 11th December R, Y1, Y2 and Y3**

This year the Christmas Play will be taking place at Whitemead Forest Park, in Parkend. The children will spend the day there having been dropped off by parents/carers in the morning.

A letter has been sent home to all the parents/carers in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 with all the details. Please return the completed consent form which is attached to the letter and return to school as soon as possible. If you need another copy of the letter please collect one from the office.

Thank you.



**Whole School Pantomime**

We are very fortunate to be able to take the whole school to the Pantomime to see 'Dick Whittington The Cat's Tale', in Monmouth on Thursday 20th December.

The trip has been funded entirely by the Friends which is amazing. Without the parents/carers support of all the events put on by the Friends, these opportunities would not be able to take place.

As the pantomime will take place within the school day, permission slips are not required. Children will leave school after morning registration and travel by coach to Monmouth, returning to school in time for lunch.

The Royal Forest of Dean Orchestra presents

**FOREST MUSICAL LANDSCAPE**

**Jingle Bells**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2018 3PM COLEFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A Christmas concert for all the family in collaboration with Forest Musical Landscape

Conductor: Stefano Boccacci  
Leader: Ros Taunton

**Featuring**

Tchaikovsky: Nutcracker Suite  
Bach: Pastorale from Christmas Oratorio  
Mozart: Sleigh Ride from German Dances  
Johann Strauss II: Perpetuum Mobile  
Waldteufel: The Skaters' Waltz  
Anderson: Sleigh Ride

**Berry Hill School Choir**

Tickets on the door £8 (£5 concessions) schoolchildren free Retiring collection in aid of Berry Hill Primary School

making music

# Diary Dates

## November 2018

- Fri 23rd Nov - Skillzone and Glos Police HQ (Y5/6)
- Mon 26th Nov - Jolly Jar Week
- Tue 27th Nov - Author Visit (Y3-Y6)

## December 2018

- Sat 1st Dec - Christmas Fayre 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tues 4th Dec - Flu Vaccination (R, Y1/2/3/4/5)
- Wed 5th Dec - Book Bug Book Fair (more details to follow)
- Tues 11th Dec - Christmas Play (Day and Evening performances)  
Swimming (Y5/6)
- Tues 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- Thurs 20th Dec - Whole School Pantomime Trip
- Fri 21st Dec - Break up for Christmas (2 p.m. finish)