

Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available
on our website.

Weekly Attendance

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

Due to an increase in illness at the moment, our attendance is lower than expected. Hopefully we will see an improvement in attendance figures over the coming weeks.

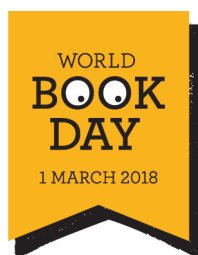
If you are having difficulty with maintaining your child's attendance, please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Charles (FSW) who may be able to offer support.

Oak	96.7%
Chestnut	99.2%
Beech	94.2%
Sycamore	89.7%
Willow	96.3%

World Book Day

Don't forget that on Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating our love of books as we join in with the annual World Book Day celebrations.

All children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. We will be enjoying stories throughout the day and as usual, each pupil will receive a book token that can be exchanged for a World Book Day book in participating stores. Many thanks for your support.



Beech Class Assembly

Beech Class will be having their class assembly on Monday 26th February at 2.40 p.m. Parents and Carers of Beech Class children are welcome to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Healthy Breakfast

We will be holding our Healthy Breakfasts on Thursday 15th March and Friday 16th March. This is always a popular event that the children look forward to and enjoy.

A letter will be sent out shortly with further details.



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. Further details regarding booking will follow shortly.

Thank you.

Parents in School

A letter has been sent home this week regarding our parents in School sessions. If you would like to come in for a visit please return the form to school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Free School Meals

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

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Remember that Universal Free School Meals are only valid while children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All meals will have to be paid for in September for new Year 3, unless they are Free School Meals. So it might be worth checking whether you qualify.

Dinner Debt

Any outstanding dinner debts must be cleared immediately, otherwise no further meals will be given.

Thank you.

Car Park

We are currently awaiting quotes for the repair of the carpark and will inform you of the outcome when we have further details.

Meanwhile, please take care driving in the car park.

Thank you.

Make-up

May we remind parents/carers that children are not allowed to wear make-up to school.

Hair Accessories

Could we also please ask that children only wear sensible hair accessories to school, in school colours or natural hair colours. Long hair should be tied back.

Thank you for your support.

Achievement Assembly Awards

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



Oak Class - *Esmee Pritchard and Arlen Davies*
Chestnut Class - *Ruby Hampson and Oscar Johnson*
Beech Class - *Ellie-Mae Blewitt and Macey Blackburn*
Sycamore Class - *Carrera Hamm and Theo Wilkins*
Willow Class - *Bella Dunn and Freddie Bishop*

Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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

Oak Class - *Isabella Caruana*
Chestnut Class - *McKenzie Harris*
Beech Class - *Rosie Arnott*
Sycamore Class - *Ava Wakefield*
Willow Class - *Emily Morgan*



Well done!

Capoeira Taster Workshop

Capoeira is a Brazilian Cultural art form combining Martial Arts, Dance, Music, Acrobatic and Gymnastic movements.

Saturday 5th May 2018 - £5 entry

At Tanigawa Dojo (Mitcheldean, GL17 0DD)

Contact Andrew White 07774205509 or
Emma White 07500930087 for more information.

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.



Forest Traders Art Competition

Every 6 months Forest Traders put together a brochure full of local business details. 1500 are printed and distributed across the area via The Forest Activities Festival show in April, distribution companies and through the Forest of Dean District Council, as well as at local attractions.

The brochures are always popular and well received.

On the back of the brochure there is a page where 2 local children's artworks may be printed. It has been done previously with winners being delighted.

If your child would like to get involved in the competition, children need to draw their interpretation of Spring/Summer on A5 (half A4) LANDSCAPE paper. It is vital is in landscape. The paper needs to be plain white, the drawings can be colour or black and white but no glitter or stickers.

On the back, please write the child's name, age and school.

Entries need to be posted to: **Drake House, 1 Pavillion Business Park, Forest Vale Industrial Estate, Cinderford, GL14 2YD**

Please do not fold pictures and entries must arrive by Friday 23rd March

There are 2 age groups 2 to 6 and 7 to 11. Children will be split into groups depending on their age and one winner will be chosen from each age group by an independent judge. Winning children will be notified by Forest Traders.

For further information or any questions please contact 07843224988 or email contact@foresttraders.co.uk

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

Willow Class Assembly

Willow Class will be holding their class assembly on Monday March 26th at 2.40 p.m. Parents and carers of Willow Class are welcome to come along.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Diary Dates

February 2018

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| Mon 26th Feb | - | Parents in School Week
Beech Class Assembly 2.40 p.m.
(Parents/Carers of Beech Class, welcome) |
| Tues 27th Feb | - | Swimming (Y3,Y4) |
| Wed 28th Feb | - | Vision and Hearing Screening (Reception class) |

March 2018

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| Thurs 1st Mar | - | World Book Day |
| Mon 5th Mar | - | Parents in School Week |
| Tues 13th Mar | - | Swimming (Y3, Y4) |
| Thurs 15th Mar | - | Healthy Breakfast |
| Fri 16th Mar | - | Healthy Breakfast |
| Mon 19th Mar | - | Sports Relief Week |
| Tues 20th Mar | - | Parents Evening (3.30—6.30 p.m.) |
| Thur 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 |