

Ellwood School News



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All newsletters are also available on our website.

Weekly Attendance

Well done to Chestnut Class who achieved 99.2% for their attendance this week.

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. 100 % is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term.

Oak	97.4%
Chestnut	99.2%
Beech	98%
Sycamore	94.8%
Willow	70.0%

Behaviour in After School Clubs

We have recently had several reports from staff and external coaches with concerns about the behaviour of some children attending clubs after school. Please be aware that staff voluntarily run the clubs and some of the coaches are not employed by the school but are external providers. Therefore, we do not expect them to accept or tolerate poor behaviour. This behaviour includes; not listening, dangerous or unsafe behaviour or being rude to staff. If a child misbehaves in an after school club, an Orange Slip will be sent home as a warning and if two slips are issued the child will no longer be able to attend the club. This is unfair for the other children and the staff running the club.

We would appreciate it if you could talk to your child/ren about expected behaviour in clubs and hopefully it will help all involved in clubs to have an enjoyable time

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Cash

We are no longer able to accept cash for payments of school trips etc. Please make payments using ParentPay. If you require a ParentPay Activation letter, please contact the school office.

Dinner Accounts—dinner accounts should always be kept in credit. Please clear any dinner debt as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

K' Nex Challenge

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a K'nex challenge last week with Zhia Akers and Astrid Elsmore winning the challenge. This means they will both go through to represent the school at the County K'Nex Challenge later on in the year. Well done!

Everyone that took part did a great job and Mrs Marshall was very impressed by the work they produced.

Hair

Please be reminded that extreme hair styles such as shaved patterns/ coloured hair is not permitted and should be saved for the school holidays.

Thank you for your support.

Reading Raffle Winners

This week's Reading Raffle winners were:



Oak - Aimie Roberts
Chestnut - Troy Jennings
Beech - Niall Edey
Sycamore - Tegan McAuliffe
Willow - Luke Phelps

Well done!

Achievement Assembly Awards

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

Oak Class - Brady May and Miura Hamm
Chestnut Class - Darcie Childs and Tianna Williams
Beech Class - Frankie Jones
Sycamore Class - Ethan Hemming and Alexa Hampson
Willow Class - Luke Phelps and Freya Breese



Well done!

Weekly Writing Awards

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



Oak - Maisie Sayce
Beech Class - Zac Ellway and Ryan Winman
Sycamore - April Donoghue
Willow Class - Carrera Hamm

Well done!

We are proud of your writing achievements!

Local Reading Project

We are taking part in a local reading project with Mrs Wright and Mrs Woodhouse overseeing it. As part of the project we have been given 6 kindles to help support the children's love of reading - which is fantastic!



Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please visit Gloucestershire County Council for further information on eligibility and how to apply. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Attendance - Penalty Notices

We have received new guidance from the Local Authority regarding attendance. Penalty Notices will now be issued to each parent, if children have missed 10 sessions (5 days) or more, which are unauthorised, such as holidays, during term time. This amounts to £60 per parent/carer or adult who has day to day responsibility for the child. There is no flexibility in this, so please be aware if you are planning any unauthorised holidays. Penalty notices have already been issued this academic year.

Please take a look at our Attendance Policy, which may be found on our school website.

February Half Term Playscheme

Tuesday 19th Feb.
Wednesday 20th Feb.
Thursday 21st Feb.

Sessions are:
9:30 - 3
9:30 - 12 or 12 - 3.

Prices:
£18 all day.
£9 half day.

For children aged 2-7.

Email: playscheme@childoc.org.uk or ring: 01594 837552
for a booking form.



Used Christmas Cards

Many thanks to all of you who kindly donated their used Christmas Cards. The organisers (Mrs Walker and Freya Breese(Y6)) collected 3 wheelie bins full of Christmas cards from our school and two others. These cards have now been taken to the Cobalt Unit at Cheltenham Hospital and will be used as therapy. 5 people a day process the cards as therapy to make new cards, which in turn raises money for the NHS.

Many thanks for your support and to Freya and Mrs Walker for organising this.

Wool

If anyone has any unwanted balls of wool we would be really grateful for them, for a weaving project.

Please send them in with your child or drop them off at the office.



Thank you!

GLoucestershire *Boys' Choir*

A new choir for
Gloucestershire led
by
Ben Sawyer

Aimed at boys in
years 5, 6, 7 and 8

Great performance
opportunities

Music from a variety
of styles and genres



**FREE
TASTER
DAY**
Sunday 20th
January 2019
2.15pm-4.30pm

Christ Church,
Cheltenham

If you cannot make this day, do
still get in touch!



Register interest at
www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir

Health and Wellbeing

Just to let you know that the school will be visited next week by the school nurses to carry out Health and Wellbeing checks for Year 6 and Reception children.

Height and Weight - Year 6

Height/Weight and Vision - Reception Class

Healthy Schools Status

We are really pleased to have been awarded a 'Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning Award' which reflects the achievement of improving the health and wellbeing of the school community and encouraging healthy behaviour in our pupils.

Diary Dates

January 2019

- Tue 22nd Jan - Swimming Y3/Y4
Health and Wellbeing - Y6 and Reception
- Fri 25th Jan - Young Voices Concert

February 2019

- Tue 5th Feb - Swimming Y3/Y4
- Fri 15th Feb - Break up for half term
- Tue 26th Feb - Swimming Y3/Y4

March 2019

- Tue 12th Mar - Swimming Y3/Y4
- Wed 13th Mar - Class Photos / Y6 Leavers Photos