

# Ellwood School News



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## Parents in School—Feedback

We have had some very positive feedback from the 'Parents in School' visits and all those who attended really enjoyed the experience. Parents were surprised at the high standard and level of work. They were also pleased with the good behaviour and engagement of the children. They were impressed by the hard work shown by the teachers and teaching assistants and their dedication to the pupils learning. They also recognised the ability of the teachers to meet the needs of all pupils in the class, the positive relationship between pupils and their peers and pupils and staff and the calm and relaxed atmosphere within the classroom. It was also highlighted how much the children are taught and how much work they complete within a short time and how wonderful the class displays and class environments are.

Thank you for coming in and for your feedback.

## Steam Museum Trip

The children in Sycamore and Willow classes had a great time at the Steam Museum in Swindon, learning about what it was like to live through World War 2. The interactive workshops were really informative and the children found out about rationing, evacuation and also the important role of women during wartime Britain.

All children were well behaved, with staff at the museum commenting on the children's good behaviour.

What a wonderful experience and great day out!



### Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Well done to all the children who took part in the Hockey tournament at Dean Academy, on Tuesday. The children played against 7 other teams and played well; winning 1 game, drawing 2 games and losing 2 games. We finished 5th overall.

Well done everyone who took part.



### Fundraising for Village Zip Wire

A movie night is being held at Sling Club on Friday 10th March at 4.30 p.m. The film being shown is 'Hop'.

The cost is £1.50 per child which includes a hot dog.

Please come along and help raise some money.

### Spelling Challenge

Please keep practising the words sent home with your children. The spelling challenge will take place on Wednesday 5th April.

# Spelling

### Healthy Breakfast—Reminder

Our Healthy Breakfast is taking place on the 16th and 17th March in the morning before school.

Please return your reply slip if you haven't already done so.

Thank you.



### Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March

Just a reminder that Red Noses will be on sale in school from Monday 13th March, at a cost of £1.

Thank you



### Security Cameras

We are very pleased with our new security cameras that were installed last week. It will help to keep our pupils and staff safe. It will also be a deterrent for trespassers.

### Friends—Jumble Sale

Just a reminder that Ellwood Friends will be holding a Jumble Sale and Rags2Riches collection in April. If you are having a Spring clear out, please bear us mind.

More information and dates will follow shortly.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Oak Class for having the highest attendance so far this term.

Good attendance is central to raising pupil standards and attainment. Pupils must attend regularly and be at school on time every day the school is open, unless the absence is unavoidable. If your child is too poorly to attend school, please telephone the office before 9.15 a.m. on the morning of absence.

Our target is 97%

We still have a number of pupils with attendance under 90% which is classed as 'persistent absentees'. If this is the case we may need to refer to outside agencies.

Oak	98.2%
Chestnut	96%
Beech	97.4%
Sycamore	96.9%
Willow	95.9%

## Diary Dates 2017

### March 2017

- Mon 13th Mar - Red Noses on sale in school
- Wed 15th Mar - Class Photos and Leavers Photos
- Thur 16th Mar - Healthy Breakfast
- Fri 17th Mar - Healthy Breakfast
- Mon 20th Mar - Daylight Theatre Trip (Years 5 and 6)
- Tue 21st Mar - Parent Consultations
- Thur 23rd Mar - Parent Consultations
- Fri 24th Mar - Red Nose Day and Cake Sale
- Sat 25th Mar - Gymnastics Competition (Y1—Y6)  
(More information will follow)

### April 2017

- Wed 5th April - Whole School Spelling Challenge  
Easter Service KS1 (1.45 p.m.)  
Easter Service KS2 (2.30 p.m.)
  - Thurs 6th April - Street Party (Sycamore and Willow)
  - Fri 7th April - Easter Egg Raffle
- Break up for Easter Holidays**