

Ellwood School Updates

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Friday 10th January 2020



Welcome back to the Spring term! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

- ⇒ **Monday 13th Jan** - Clubs restart. You should now all have had your reply slips to say which clubs your children are in.
- ⇒ **Wednesday 15th Jan** - Year 5 Gamelan Project. Leaving school at 8:30am for Gloucestershire therefore please make sure children are here in plenty of time.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 21st Jan** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- Fizz pop Science club. Years 1-6.
- ⇒ **Thursday 23rd Jan** - K'Nex Challenge - Years 5 & 6 in school time.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 28th Jan** - Fizz pop Science club. Years 1-6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 4th Feb** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Friday 14th Feb** - Last day of term. (**Half term Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb**)
- ⇒ **Tuesday 25th Feb** - Swimming Year 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Thursday 5th March** - Provisional date for French pupils to visit (Pen pals).
- ⇒ **Tuesday 10th March** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Saturday 14th March** - Gym Competition (Selected children only). More info to follow.
- ⇒ **Monday 16th March** - Provisional date for parents in school week.
- ⇒ **Friday 20th March** - After school clubs finish.
- ⇒ **Monday 23rd March** - No clubs this week.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 24th March** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April** - Provisional dates for parents evening.

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- * School starts at 8:55am prompt, therefore please ensure children are here on time to allow time for registration and so lessons can start at 9am prompt.
- * Please check your parent pay accounts for any outstanding debts and ensure they are paid as soon as possible. We cannot provide lunches unless your parent pay accounts are in credit, parents/carers will be phoned and asked to provide a packed lunch.
- * Clubs - Please collect children from the back playground from any after school clubs, the bottom gate will be open.

Important Information

- * **Gym Club** - As a reminder the beginners gym club will start on 13th January until Monday 3rd February. The session on 10th February will be for those beginner children who have qualified for the competition. The first four weeks of the beginners Gym club will be training children to give them the chance to qualify for the competition on March 14th . We will be holding the qualifying session on 3rd February in the normal Gym club. The advanced group will also be carrying out a qualifying session towards the end of the half term but this will be in school time. More details will follow of who has qualified and more information about the competition.
- * **Arrival and departure from school** - Please ensure children are at school for 8:45am at the bottom gate off the carpark, the front side gate will no longer be open in the mornings. The children will become our responsibility from 8:45am and once handed over to a parent at the end of the day, they become your responsibility again.
- * **Christmas Fayre** - We raised over £1000 from the Christmas fayre which was fantastic! Thanks for your support, we are very grateful. Together with the £200 we made from the film night this paid for the whole school trip to the Pantomime at the Savoy which was a lovely treat for everyone at the end of term.
- * **New Play Equipment** - The new fantastic play equipment has been finished and will start being used in the next few weeks once children have been taught how to use it safely. **Please do not allow your children on the equipment before or after school.**
- * **Chair of governors** - We would like to welcome Mrs Ulyatt as our new chair of governors and we are grateful to Mrs Cornock for staying on as a Governor.