

Ellwood School Updates

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Friday 28th February 2020



Spring Term



Diary Dates

- ⇒ **Tuesday 3rd March** - Gym Competition practice at the Gym Centre (**competition entrees only will need to bring a packed lunch**).
- ⇒ **Thursday 5th March** - French pupils to visit (Pen pals). Please remember food items and to pick children up at 6:30pm from Whitemead. Children must wear school uniform.
- ⇒ **Friday 6th March** - World book day - Separate letter sent home with details regarding this.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 10th March** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 10th March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**, will need to bring a packed lunch, if Free School meals please order a packed lunch with the office in advance).
- ⇒ **Wednesday 11th March** - Year 6 leavers and class photos.
- ⇒ **Thursday 12th March** - Forest Schools (**Beech Class**).
- ⇒ **Saturday 14th March** - Gym Competition (**Selected children only**).
- ⇒ **Monday 16th March** - Provisional date for parents in school week.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 17th March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**).
- ⇒ **Thursday 19th March** - Forest Schools (**Beech Class**).
- ⇒ **Friday 20th March** - After school clubs finish.
- ⇒ **Monday 23rd March** - No clubs this week.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 24th March** - Swimming Years 5 & 6.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 24th March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**).
- ⇒ **Wednesday 25th March** - Gamelan Project - Gloucester.
- ⇒ **Thursday 26th March** - Forest Schools (**Beech Class**).
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April** - Provisional dates for parents evening.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**).
- ⇒ **Thursday 2nd April** - Forest Schools (**Beech Class**).
- ⇒ **Friday 3rd April** - Last day of term.

Reminders/Important Information

We are currently over subscribed in all year groups now at Ellwood. We receive so many enquiries about children wanting to move to our school which is so positive and shows we have a good reputation amongst the community. We had over 50 applications for children to join our reception class in September.

- ⇒ **Uniform Reminder** - Please remember no hooded tops or trainers to be worn in to school. We understand that children may need to wear trainers on the odd occasion while new shoes are being purchased but not in a regular basis.
- ⇒ **Parent Pay** - Please can you log on and clear all outstanding debts.
- ⇒ **Swimming Year 5&6** - Please remember swimming kits, dates are on the front sheet. Thanks.
- ⇒ **PE Kits** - Please be reminded that your child/ren should have their PE kits with them in school every day. We have a lot of children at the moment who either don't have them, or have some kit missing. We no longer phone home for forgotten kits.
- ⇒ **Volunteer Readers** - We are looking for some volunteer readers to come in regularly to hear children read, if you are a parent of a child in school you would be allocated to a different class. If you are able to commit to coming in regularly we would need to have a DBS check completed but we can do this through the office. If you are able to offer an hour or two a week that would be great.
- ⇒ **French Visit (Years 5&6)** - As mentioned overleaf, please remember to send your child/ren in to school in their uniform, remember food items to bring in and to pick children up at 6:30pm prompt from Whitemead.
- ⇒ **Achievement Assembly** - We had a great achievement assembly this week, nearly 20 children achieved various different certificates for house points and we had a high number of reading bands and certificates given out as well. Well done everybody!
- ⇒ **Review Day** - We had a Review day on Thursday with an external school improvement consultant, which involved school staff, senior leadership team and middle leaders. Mrs Ulyatt, chair of governors also attended. We looked at a number of areas including phonics, early reading, problem solving and reasoning in Maths, book scrutiny's, pupil conferencing and we looked at current assessment information. Behaviour was good across the school. The day was very successful and pupils, staff, governors and leadership were praised. We are pleased that the work we do is of a high quality. We are never complacent and have high expectations and will keep striving for any improvements. Thank you to all staff for being so dedicated and going above and beyond for the children.

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Coronavirus - We understand your worries and concerns about it. It is a difficult time for everyone, including schools across the country. Be assured we are following the very latest guidance given from Public Health England, the NHS and the Local Authority. We will make any necessary changes, as and when we are advised.

Please reinforce good hygiene with your child/ren and extended family.

If you or your family members are travelling for pleasure or business, in different locations, which may put you or your child/ren at risk, please seek advice and follow the NHS and public health guidelines. It is everyone's responsibility to take the necessary precautions and follow the instructions given.

More information can be found at the below websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Phone 111 if you are concerned about a medical issue.

Thank you for your support at this difficult time, we really do appreciate it.