

Ellwood School Updates

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Friday 13th March 2020



Spring Term



Diary Dates

- ⇒ **Saturday 14th March** - Gym Competition (**Selected children only**).
- ⇒ **Tuesday 17th March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**).
- ⇒ **Thursday 19th March** - Forest Schools (**Year 5**).
- ⇒ **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 (**Year 5**).
- ⇒ **Friday 27th March** - Non uniform day/Raffle prize donations for Easter raffle.
- ⇒ **Monday 30th March** - Easter raffle tickets go on sale.
- ⇒ **Monday 30th March** - Introductory Cricket sessions - Reception—Year 3
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March & Thursday 2nd April** - Parent's evening.
- ⇒ **Tuesday 31st March** - Gym (**Chestnut Class**).
- ⇒ **Thursday 2nd April** - Forest Schools (**Year 5**).
- ⇒ **Friday 3rd April** - Easter assembly and Easter raffle. (No parents this time due to the current Coronavirus situation).
- ⇒ **Friday 3rd April** - Last day of term.
- ⇒ **Monday 20th April** - First day back (Summer Term).

Reminders/Important Information

- ⇒ **May Bank Holiday** - Please remember that the Government changed the early May bank holiday this year, the bank holiday is now **FRIDAY 8th May** not Monday 4th May.
- ⇒ **Parent Pay Debts** - We have almost £1000 worth of debts still outstanding on Parent Pay. We really need these debts to be cleared by Monday. Please check your accounts and ensure your debts are cleared. Unfortunately trips wont be able to go ahead anymore without full support from parents. Thank you to all those parents who continue to support and contribute to the trips. We haven't had one trip yet where the children haven't thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a great experience. We are sorry that we need to keep asking this every week, we want to ensure we close this financial year without any deficits for educational activities, as this money means less money to plan in for the next year.
- ⇒ **Gymnastics Comp** - It is the Gymnastics Competition on Saturday. You should all of had your letters detailing which round your child/ren are in and what time the doors open. We look forward to seeing the children there along with their families.
- ⇒ **Easter Assembly** - Our Easter Assembly will be on Friday 3rd April. We have taken the decision not to invite parents in this time, as we are trying to limit the number of adults coming in to school at this time.
- ⇒ **Healthy Breakfast** - We had planned to do a healthy breakfast at the end of the month, but again, due to the current Coronavirus situation, we have decided not to go ahead with this.
- ⇒ **Coronavirus** - Please keep the school informed if any family member in the household has a suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus. We can then make the necessary adjustments in school to ensure we protect our pupils, our staff and the wider community. We have drafted a coronavirus contingency and emergency plan for the school, should it have a severe impact on us. Thank you for your support with hand washing and your understanding at this uncertain time.
- ⇒ **New Infants Reading Books** - Mrs Woodhouse, Miss Peart and Mrs Genner Morris have been working hard to sort and reorganise all of the new reading books in the infants. This is proving to be a big task but we are getting there. We are so pleased with the amazing amount of good quality books we have across the school. Books are so expensive and our children are in such a fortunate position to be able to have such lovely home readers. We are way ahead of other schools with our reading scheme. This was highly commended in the recent school review. Our phonics teaching and resources were also praised. Well done to our staff for ensuring our teaching of reading is so good.

Quick Sticks Hockey

Well done to those children who took part in the Quick Sticks Hockey event yesterday, Ellwood school were one of two schools to qualify and get through to the County Finals on March 24th!

