

# Ellwood School News

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AUTUMN UPDATE 2011

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## Harvest

Many thanks for your contributions for Harvest, I hope you were able to view the wonderful display of produce in the Hall. The children enjoyed the service in the Chapel and next year we have been able to arrange for two services so that parents/carers will be able to share in the Celebration and thanksgiving.



## Forestry Commission Land Adjoining School Car Park



During the summer term pupils from Mrs Smeaton's class wrote to the Forestry Commission to ask if it would be possible to fence in the above land, so that the space could be used by all pupils for outdoor games, sports and activities. We have been unable to utilise it fully because of safeguarding and Health & Safety concerns - including straying animals and their droppings! The field is licensed to the Football Club and they and the Forestry Commission have no objection to the proposal and the Football Club are keen for the space to be used more. The Forestry Commission have confirmed that they will make a contribution of £150 towards the cost. We would like to assure you that fencing the land would not restrict access to others, vehicular access and two gates (one at the end nearest the school and one on the roadside) would be incorporated. The land would also be able to be used for other school events and by the wider community. We would also ask that if you are out walking your dog in this area, you remembered to carry your poop scoop! If you have any comments or can be of assistance with the fencing of this area, please contact the school your input and help are very much appreciated.

## Car Parking

Please do not park on the on the road or at the entrance or exit to the car park as it raises concerns for the safety of children who are walking / riding their bikes to school. Children must be able to walk or ride safely around the front of the school, without needing to go onto the road. I know that none of us want one of our Ellwood pupils (or siblings) to become an accident statistic.



## DRESSING UP CLOTHES, TOYS, WELLINGTON BOOTS!

If your children have outgrown any of the above Oak class would love to have them. They will be put to very good use!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Details will follow shortly regarding the Christmas Shoe Box appeal.



## WATER BOTTLES

Please note that the price for a Water bottle is now £1.10.



## Pantomime

ADVANCE NOTICE - A provisional booking has been made to give all children the opportunity to go to the Pantomime at The New Theatre, Cardiff on Thursday 19th January 2012 to see Robinson Crusoe and the Caribbean Pirates. Further details will follow next term. Voluntary contributions will be requested for this visit to take place.



## BOOK of POETRY

The Friends of Ellwood are organising the publication of a Book of Poems written by pupils in Willow, Sycamore & Beech classes, whilst pupils in Oak & Chestnut have created a class poem from pupils ideas. This would make an ideal Christmas gift for friends & relatives. Further details after half term.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN TERM 2

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### **OCTOBER**

Fri 21st - End of Autumn Term 1

Mon 31st - Start of Autumn Term 2—Inset day (Staff Only)

### **NOVEMBER**

**Tues 1st - Start of Autumn Term 2 for PUPILS**

Tues 1st - Willow—Forest activities 10.00-11.30am

Thurs 3rd - Beech—Forest activities 10.00—11.30am

Mon 7th - Cycle Training week for Year 6

Tues 8th - Willow—Forest activities 10.00-11.30am

Tues 8th - Parent Consultations 3.30pm - **ALL CLASSES**

Tues 8th - Soccer 6 Football Tournament

**Weds 9th - PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS 8.30 START**

Thurs 10th - Parent Consultations 3.30PM - **ALL CLASSES**

Fri 11th - Remembrance Service in the chapel

Thurs 17th - Willow—Forest activities 10.00-11.30am

Tues 22nd - Willow—Forest activities 10.00-11.30am

Weds 23rd - Swimming Gala at Whitecross

Weds 30th - Rainforest afternoon (Willow class)

### **DECEMBER**

Sat 3rd - School Christmas Fayre - Doors Open 11.00am

Mon 5th - KS2 'Christingle Rock' Dress Rehearsal 9.30am

Mon 5th - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.15pm

Tues 6th - KS1 Nativity 2.15pm

Tues 6th - KS2 'Christingle Rock' 6.00pm

Weds 7th - KS2 'Christingle Rock' 2.15pm

Weds 7th - KS1 Nativity 6.00pm

Tues 13th - School Christmas Lunch

Weds 14th - Choir to perform at Great Oaks Hospice (evening event)

Thurs 15th - Children's Christmas Parties

Fri 16th - End of Autumn Term 2 - 2.00pm finish

Further details to follow on activities.

Have a lovely half term break

Vicki Cole  
Headteacher



## CRB Checks

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE - tick box(es) as appropriate and sign below.

Child's Name ..... Class No. ....

I would like to help with school trips/help in class. I have a CRB check issued by Gloucestershire C.C. Education Department, I have not changed my employment since it was issued.

Please bring the original to the school office and we will record the details from it.

I would like to help with school trips/help in class. I do not have a current CRB check issued by Gloucestershire C.C. Education Department, but I am willing to undertake one - please send me