

Ellwood Community Primary School

BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG

September 15th 2022



We cannot believe we are at the end of the second week of the autumn term already. The first two weeks have flown by. The children have settled very well and they are all working hard.

We hope you found the meet the teachers sessions useful if you were able to attend. Please let the class teacher know if you missed the session and they will provide you with any relevant information you might need.

We have introduced class dojo as another means of linking school with parents. The main purpose of it is to enable teachers to share what the children/classes have been up to and give parents an insight in to the sort of activities the children have been carrying out in school. It doesn't replace eschools or other means of communication, it is more for classes to share what they have been doing. It is free for schools and parents, so please don't buy in to the extras they offer as there is no need. The class pages are secure and only accessible to the classes or school. If you do not wish your child's photos to be shared in the group, please let the class teacher know. If you are concerned about photo consent, please contact the office, otherwise we will use your parental permission form.

After school clubs will start next week, thank you to everyone who has signed up to a club. Those of you that have signed your children up using the online forms all have places in your chosen clubs.

Please remember to let the office know if there are any changes to contact details, telephone numbers and emails. Please also keep us updated with any medical needs or allergies. It is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure school are informed.

We are aware of the increases to the cost of living, please check if you are entitled to free school meals, even if your child is in receipt of universal free school meals (Years R—yr 2), you can still sign up for free school meals and it helps the school financially, as we receive additional funding for your child. You can use the following link to do this <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Since their return to school this term, the children have experienced two significant historical events; The children have celebrated the life of the Queen and have also watched Charles III be proclaimed King Charles III. As you may be aware Monday 19th September is now a bank holiday, school will be closed to allow everyone to pay their respects to the Queen and mark the last day of the period of national mourning.

The children have also witnessed the change in prime minister from Boris Johnson to Liz Truss. The older children will touch on this throughout the year as part of learning about the British values, particularly democracy.

We hope you and the children have a great weekend and are able to observe some of the Queen's funeral events, we will see you all on Tuesday 20th September.

Have a fantastic long weekend.

After School Clubs


After school clubs will start next week, thank you to those of you that have already signed up to a club for this term.

Those of you that have signed up all have a place. If for any reason your child no longer wants to do a club they have signed up for, please let the office know.

Clubs – Autumn 2022

All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Club dates: **Monday 19th Sept– Friday 21st Oct** |

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
Football	Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15	3/4/5/6	Pro Stars
Colouring Club	Thursday Lunchtime	4/5/6	Mrs Charles
Yoga	Wednesday 3:15 – 4:00	3/4/5/6	Caroline Rickards
Biking	Thursday 3:15 – 4:15	1/2/3	Follow my lead
Art Club	Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15	1/2/3	Mrs Aston
Dance	Monday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2 & 3	Miss Yee Yee 

Rags2riches

Remember our next rags2riches collection will be on 21st September! Have a sort out over the weekend and bring the bags in to school Wednesday morning!



Carpark safety

Can we please remind parents/carers to maneuver around the carpark safely at all times. Please drive in to the carpark using the entrance and circle around using a one way system to the exit. Please do not block the entrance and be mindful of other cars pulling in when you are exiting. Safety is our main priority for parents/carers, children and staff.

Thank you.

Monday 19th September

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning is under way. It will continue until Monday 19th September when the State Funeral will take place. Her Majesty's funeral will be a bank holiday and therefore school will be closed for this day to allow families and staff to follow the events and pay respects.

The passing of Her Majesty is a historic moment in our lives and many of us will not have witnessed events of this nature in our lifetime. We have held an assembly at school to celebrate aspects and events in Her Majesty's life, the children have also had the opportunity to discuss things further within their own classes.

Class Dojo

Please note that class dojo is not being used as a messaging tool, it is for classes to share what they have been doing and for teachers/the school to post events and reminders about things happening at school.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 15th September - Year 1 Meet the teacher 3:30—4:00

Friday 16th September - Year 6 Meet the teacher 3:30—4:00

Wednesday 21st September - Rags2riches collection

Friday 30th Sept - Weds 5th Oct - Book Fair

OCTOBER

Thursday 13th October - Cheltenham literature festival—Year 6

Wednesday 19th October - Nasal flu vaccinations—Whole school

Friday 21st October - Harvest assembly, children are invited to dress as a farmer for the day and to bring in a donation for the food bank.

Friday 21st October - Last day of term

Monday 31st October - Start of Autumn term 2

NOVEMBER

Thursday 3rd November - Individual school photos

Thursday 17th November - Ashmolean Museum (Sycamore & Willow)

Wednesday 23rd November - No pens day