

Ellwood Community Primary School

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February 4th 2022



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance this week is a little lower than we would hope for. Our aim is to have weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation.

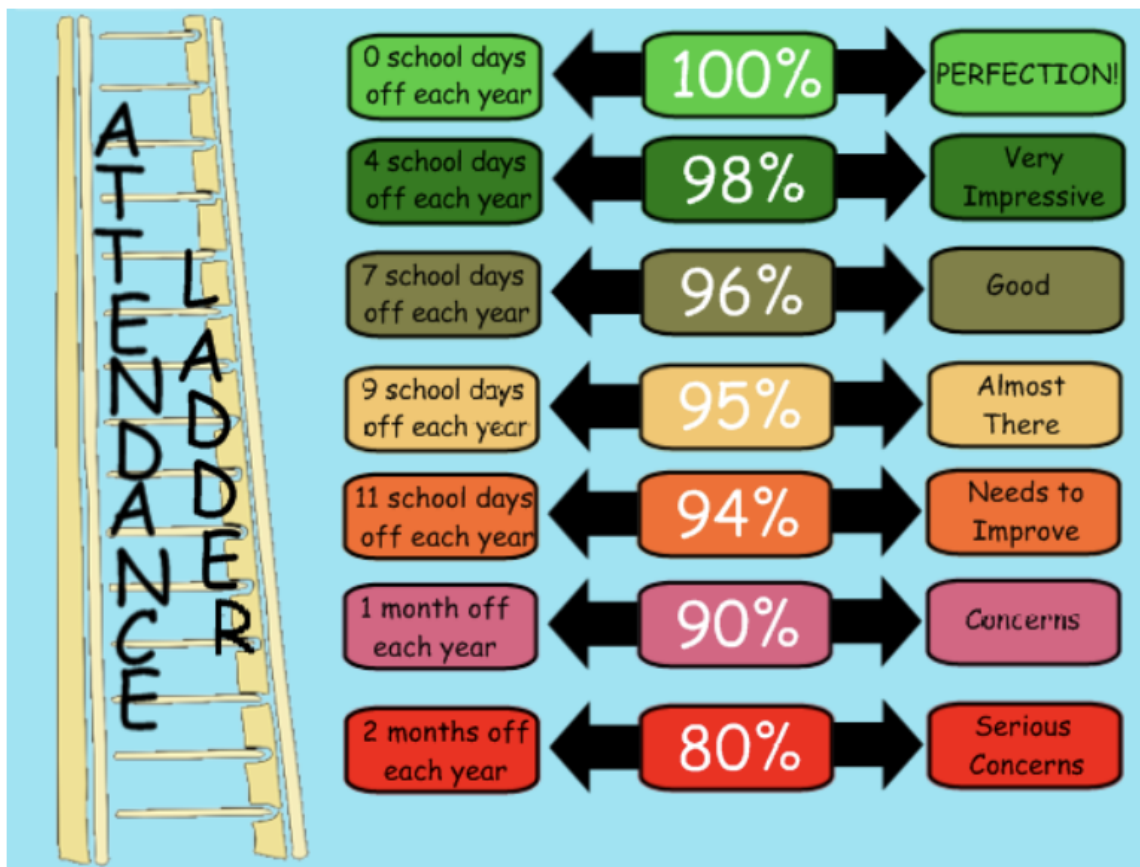
Well done Chestnut Class for having the highest attendance this week!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m. by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	97.4%
Chestnut	97.9%
Beech	91.7%
Sycamore	91.7%
Willow	93.3%

Attendance



Monday 7th February

Non—Uniform Day (Dress to Express)

Just a reminder that to start our Children's Mental Health week, children may come to school wearing non-uniform on Monday 7th February, so that they have the chance to express who they are.

Willow and Sycamore Classes should also bring in their PE kits or wear their PE kits on Monday 7th February, as they will be having their Rugby PE session on Monday instead of Thursday.

Oak and Beech Classes should also bring in their PE kits for their normal PE session on Monday afternoon.

Thank you!



After School Rugby Club

Just to clarify Rugby Club will be taking place as usual on Thursday after school.

Tuesday 8th February

Cricket Roadshow

Please may we remind parents/carers that all children should come to school wearing their PE kits on Tuesday 8th February. The whole school will be taking part in a Chance to Shine Cricket Roadshow. Each class will get the opportunity to take part in an exciting workshop.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be taking place face-to-face this term on Tuesday 15th February and Wednesday 16th February. Please remember to follow social distancing guidance and wear a face mask whilst in the school building.

Please see information below, regarding booking appointments.

Bookings should be made on eSchools. The booking system will open at 4pm on Tuesday 1st February and will close on Monday 14th February at 12 p.m.

Reception (Miss Peart)	Tues 15 th Feb and Weds 16 th Feb 3.30 – 6.00p.m. (Enter and exit via Oak outdoor classroom door)
Year 1 (Miss Hek)	Tues 15 th Feb and Weds 16 th Feb 3.30 – 6.00p.m. (Enter and exit via Chestnut playground door)
Year 2 (Miss Chisman)	Tues 15 th Feb and Weds 16 th Feb 3.30 – 6.00p.m. (Enter and exit via hub door – front of school, up slope)
Year 3 (Mrs Aston)	Tues 15 th Feb and Weds 16 th Feb 3.30 – 6.00p.m. (Enter and exit via hub door – front of school, up slope)
Year 4 (Mrs Howell)	Tues 15 th Feb and Weds 16 th Feb 3.30 – 6.00p.m. (Enter and exit via hub door – front of school, up slope)
Year 5 & Year 6 (Mrs Woodhouse)	Tues 15 th Feb and Weds 16 th Feb 12.30 – 5.00p.m. (If your appointment is before 3:15 please enter via main office, if your appointment is after 3:15 please enter via Willow class back door on the playground)

Please note that if your child has a MyPlan, MyPlan+ or EHCP, a separate letter will be sent home inviting you to a Shared Conversation and a Parents' Evening slot will not be needed.

Thank you.

Foodbank

The Coleford Foodbank will be re-opening from Wednesday 2nd March at the Salvation Army, Broadwell.

School are able to refer parents/carers to the foodbank.

Year 6 Manor Adventure

This is just a reminder that the next Manor Adventure payment was due on February 1st. If you haven't already done so, please make your next payment as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Mr Toomer Visit

Thank you to Mr Toomer who visited Beech and Chestnut classes this week.

As part of our topic Mr Toomer spoke about his Grancher Harry and the similarities and differences for a child growing up in the 1900s. The children were also very lucky to have the opportunity to see Harry's medals

Mr Toomer also demonstrated with jam and weetabix how coal is under the surface and how miners would have to dig down to find the coal. The children enjoyed this visual demonstration of how mining works.

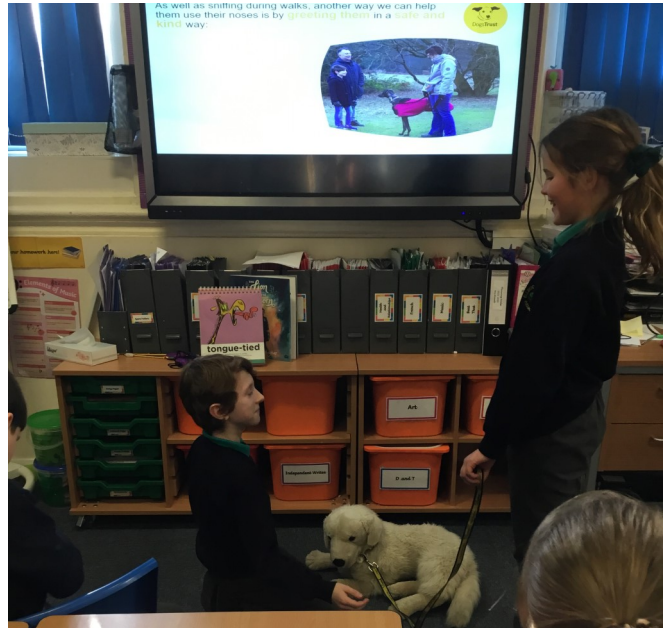
Thank you Mr Toomer!



Dogs Trust Visit

Sycamore and Willow enjoyed a talk from the Dogs Trust today. The children played some fun games to help learn all about dogs' senses. They learnt about how to stay safe around dogs and how to keep dogs safe.

The children will be bringing home some leaflets about what they have learnt today to share with their family!



Half Term Activities at Taurus Crafts



taurus crafts

THE PERFECT DAY OUT THIS HALF-TERM

This half term why not get involved in some of our terrific family activities? With activities available every day from 19th until 27th February, making it easy to plan out your time together

Use this quick guide to discover what activities we have on offer during your visit and see the back for more details.

Date	February 2022	
18 th	Quiz Night - 6:30pm until 9pm	
19 th	Paint your own	Keepsakes box
20 th	Windy chimes	
21 st	Knights and Unicorns	The Platinum Pirate
22 nd	DIY gifts	Marshmallow slime
23 rd	Soap making	
24 th	The amazing Arnie	Fairy doors
25 th	Candle dipping	Squishes
26 th	Garden craft duo	
27 th	Le Taurus Flea	Pebble painting

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Taurus Crafts, Lydney, GL15 6BU - 01594 844841
www.tauruscrafts.co.uk - enquire@tauruscrafts.co.uk

Half Term Activities at Taurus Crafts cont....

The amazing Arnie. A 40-minute magic show, full of laughter, intrigue, and wonder. £4 per child & £2.50 per adult. Shows 12:00 - 12:40 and 2.00 - 2:40, Tickets can be booked online via our website.

Windy Chimes. Choose from a range of designs and decorate your own windchime £5 (30min approx, 11.00 - 1.00 & 2.00 - 4.00, All ages.

Pebble Painting. Create some joy by decorating a pebble or two. £2 each (20min approx.) 11 - 1 & 2- 4, All ages

Knights and Unicorns. Create your own Wooden items to play with, items inc. Shields, swords, wands, and mini unicorns. From £4 (30min w.) All ages, 11- 1 & 2 - 4.

Paint your own. Decorate pottery items with acrylic paints, then take them home the same day. From £6 (30min approx.) All ages, 11- 1 & 2 - 4.

The Platinum Pirate. Make a puppet and learn to perform with Lullaby Leesa! Free or donations (20min approx) All ages. Shows; 10.20, 11.20, 2.00.

Garden duo. Help wildlife by making your own seed bombs & bird feeder. £8 (30min approx.) 11-4, All ages.

Soap Making. With Bubble & Fizz from Coleg Elidyr, make your own unique & vegan friendly soap bar. £6 each - Concessions offered. Age: 3+ (making time: 20-30min approx. & 1hr approx setting time) 10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 3.30pm

Candle Dipping. Make a candle by dipping into different coloured wax to create a rainbow effect. £4 (15-20min approx) Age 6+. 11-3.

DIY Gifts. Decorate heart-shaped baskets or paint your own heart shaped frame ready for Mothers day. From £4 (30min approx.) 11- 1 & 2- 4, All ages

Keepsake Box. Decorate your own keepsake box with paint. (25cm x 20cm x 10cm). £10 (40min approx.) All ages, 11-4.

Marshmallow slime. Make your own slime, choose your colour and customise with glitter, polystyrene balls. From £6 each (Duration 30min approx.) All ages, 11-4.

Fairy Doors. Make and decorate your own fairy door using natural materials and a splash of paint. From £8 (30min approx.) All ages, 11-4.

Squishies. Customise your own squishy or squishy keyring. Limited items available, first come first served. From £5 (30min approx.) All ages, 11-4.

Being creative has no time limit and our durations are suggestions.

What's On

Le Taurus Flea, 27th Feb.

If you want to find antiques, vintage, retro or pretty much anything secondhand and unique. 10am until 4pm.

Quiz Nigh, 18th Feb.

Test your knowledge at quiz night. 6:30pm - 9pm, £15.95 per group. Booking essential: To book you're space call 01594 844841 or you can book via Whatsapp by messaging 0750 6425 740, £5 Deposit required

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

- Monday 7th February - Start of Children's Mental Health Week
Non—School Uniform Day
Oak, Beech, Sycamore and Willow - bring PE Kits
- Tuesday 8th February - Chance to Shine—Cricket Road Show
PE kits—everyone
- Wednesday 9th February - Viney Hill Trip (Year 2 and Year 3)
Outdoor Clothing, packed lunch and water bottle
- Thursday 10th February - Whole School Art Project
- Friday 11th February - Trick Box Launch (Whole School)
- Tuesday 15h February - Dean Heritage Centre Visit (Chestnut & Beech)
Skillzone Trip (Willow Class)
Swimming (Y4)
- Wednesday 16th February - Skillzone Trip (Sycamore Class)
- Friday 18th February - **Break up for Half Term 3.15 p.m. finish**
- Monday 28th February - **First day back**