

Ellwood Community Primary School

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December 15th 2022



Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. This week, our whole school attendance was 88.2%.

Well done to Oak class for getting the highest attendance this week!

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

Thank you.

Oak	95%
Chestnut	79.3%
Beech	89.2%
Sycamore	93.3%
Willow	86.3%

Dear Parents and Carers,

We find ourselves at the end of the first term already and what a fun-packed four months it has been. We welcomed the new reception class into school, two new teachers and sadly said goodbye to one special lady back in October.

We have had so many events this term: pupils representing the school in sporting events, others visited a museum, we had an author visit, internet safety talks, Goodrich castle and Perrrygrove trips. Many pupils participated in a multitude of other activities, sporting and clubs. Also not to forget learning new academic things too!

We rounded this term off with a Christmas fayre, nativity, Carol service, film afternoon, Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day, pantomime and a party tomorrow!

Thank you to all staff for their hard work and dedication. They really do go that extra mile for the children. Thank you to all our volunteers who help in school and to our governors for giving up their time in their busy schedules to support the children and the school.

The children have been a delight this term. They are an absolute credit to you, and we are all proud of each and every one of them. Thank you for supporting the school and your child. It really does make a difference when we can work in partnership together, for the good of the children. We hope you have enjoyed watching them flourish this term and soon we will be having another busy, fun filled spring!

Looking forward to next term, we have more exciting things planned for the children: events, clubs, trips and other fun activities. We would encourage everyone to try something new.

Please let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all again next term on Wednesday 4th January (3rd is an inset day).

Best wishes
Mrs Milford

Secret Shopper Event

Thank you to everyone who sent money in for their child to participate in the secret shopper event. The children absolutely loved it once again this year!

A big thank you to Mrs Genner-Morris for organising it all you did a fabulous job!

Christmas Jumper Day

The children looks fantastic in their Christmas jumpers this week and thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinners as well!

Here are Oak class (Reception) looking very festive!



Some words from Mr Toomer (parent Governor)

What a wonderful evening we were treated to last Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone in Oak, Chestnut and Beech for performing a fabulous Nativity play - we even had a hoe-down and a party!

You all gave a fabulous performance, and I am sure that everyone who came to see it enjoyed it. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who made it such an occasion. It is great when we can all come together as a community to enjoy the children's achievements.

We are very pleased to announce we have been awarded Music Mark again this year, in recognition of the music curriculum in school.



Parent pay

Please make sure Parent Pay is up to date for the new term. We appreciate times are financially hard, if you have outstanding payments that are due, maybe just pay a little bit off each week to clear them.

Thank you for your support.

Nativity Pictures!



Clubs for Spring 2023

Clubs will run from Monday 9th January until Friday 10th February. Please make a note of these dates if your child will be participating in a club.

Clubs – Spring Term 1 2022

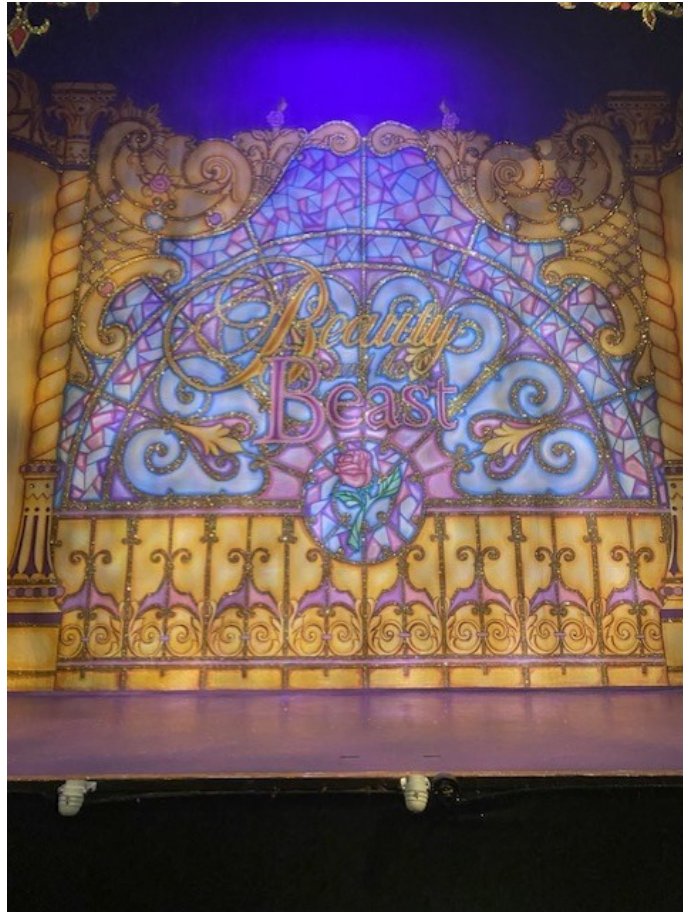
All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Club dates: Monday 9th January – Friday 10th February (5 weeks)

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
Yoga	Monday 3:15pm – 4:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Caroline Rickards
SATs booster	Monday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 6	Mrs Woodhouse
Boardgames	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 3, 4, 5	Mrs Sheppard
Phonics	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 1 (invite only)	Miss Hek
Choir	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Aston
Dance	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2 and 3	Progressive sports
Multi-Sports	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2 and 3	Pro Stars
Netball	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 4, 5 and 6	Miss Hayward & Miss Hek
Lego club	Thursday Lunchtime	Year 2 and 3 (max 10)	Mrs Charles
Biking	Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Follow my lead

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime

The children absolutely loved the trip to the Courtyard theatre in Hereford today. It was a really light hearted and fun pantomime. The children were all so well behaved, well done everyone!



Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- Friday 16th December
- Last day of term - **2pm finish.**
 - **If frosty, Oak, Chestnut, Beech-1:45 and Sycamore/Willow 2pm**
 - Class Party - bring a treat to eat and wear party clothes!

JANUARY

- Tuesday 3rd January
- **INSET DAY**
- Wednesday 4th January
- First day back in school
- W/C Monday 9th January
- Clubs start
- Tuesday 10th January
- Swimming - years 3 & 4 alternate weeks
- Thursday 12th January
- Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week
 - Forest Adventures - Willow

Reminder

A reminder that we are finishing at 2pm on the last day of term!