

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - June 25th 2021

Attendance since April 2021

Overall, our attendance since the start of the Summer term is pleasing. The attendance figures do not include any COVID related absences.

100% is our expectation unless ill or exceptional circumstances, with 97% our target for the term. We understand if children are genuinely poorly this cannot be helped. However, we have a number of children whose attendance is below 90%. This is classed as a persistent absence. This means that external support may need to be provided, such as, a school nurse or Local Authority inclusion officer. If this applies to your child, please help improve their attendance or contact school for further support.

Oak	97.6%
Chestnut	97.4%
Beech	96.1%
Sycamore	97.6%
Willow	97.6%

Class Allocation Letters

The pupil/class allocation letters for September have been sent home today with your child. If your child is in Year 2 or Year 5 in September, the split is determined by the children's age. Please note this is not negotiable. Teachers have been allocated to year groups and classes but this may alter if circumstances change.

Healthy Snacks – Key Stage 2 Children

May we please remind parents/carers to provide only healthy snacks for break time, such as; fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, rice cakes, bread sticks.

Please avoid sending in crisps, sugary snacks, muesli bars, chocolate bars/biscuits, peperamis/fridge raiders etc.. We have also noticed that a number of lunch boxes are containing huge chocolate bars which are not permitted.

A significant number of children are less active compared to years ago and therefore obesity is on the increase.

For further information about healthy eating and lunchbox ideas, please visit the Change for Life website: www.nhs.uk/change4life

Thank you.

Year 4 - Healthy Eating

For Healthy Cooking Week, Year 4 made healthy Mexican Bean Burgers. They had so much fun mixing the ingredients together and squishing the mixture into the shape of a burger. They even designed and made their very own burger boxes for their healthy 'takeaway'. Thank you staff for giving them these lovely opportunities.



Sycamore Class

Sycamore have been looking at a European artist named Anselm Keifer. He was born in Germany around the time of WW2. While he was growing up, he was surrounded by remains of buildings that had been destroyed during the war. He used to paint, draw and create sculptures of these. After practising their drawing skills, Sycamore took a trip to Dark Hill Ironworks to draw the remains of the ironworks building. They came up with many questions they have about this building and they will research them over the next couple of weeks to find out more about these ruins that are on our doorstep!



Year 4 - Sports Day



Izzy R - Mountain Biking

Izzy recently won a medal at a Mountain Biking Competition. Well done Izzy - what an amazing achievement!



Year 1 Sports Day

Robin



Goldfinch



Woodpecker



Kingfisher



Oak Class

Oak class had a great time in the woods on Thursday afternoon. They made some fantastic dens.



Sports Day Presentation

Today we announced the winners of the house Sports Day Competition.



Goldfinch were the overall winners — Well done Goldfinch!



Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested.

The 2 main tests are:

- PCR tests – mainly for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked
- rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a result in 30 minutes using a device similar to a pregnancy test

Both tests are free.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school, college or to an entry test for a selective school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- someone in their household is showing symptoms
- someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble has symptoms and they have been in close contact with them since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- they or someone in their household or support or childcare bubble has tested positive for COVID-19
- they are required to [quarantine having recently visited a red list travel ban country](#)

[Book a PCR test](#) if you or your child develop symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result

Stay at home and self-isolate

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), stay at home and self-isolate as soon as you receive the results. Your household needs to isolate too.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, arrange to have a [PCR test](#) if you have not already had one. Stay at home while you are waiting for a home test kit, a test site appointment or a test result. You can leave your home in a few specific circumstances, but do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. See circumstances in which [you can leave home](#).

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- a member of their household (including someone in their [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to [quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area](#)
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

You must follow this process and ensure everyone onsite or visiting is aware of it.

Summer Raffle

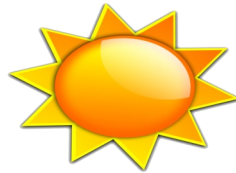
Just a reminder that if you would like to donate any prizes for our Summer Raffle, they would be gratefully received. Many thanks to all of those Parents/Carers who have already donated prizes—they are much appreciated!

If you would like to donate something we would particularly like donations of prizes suitable for children, such as activity sets or games.

If donations could be brought into school by Wednesday 30th June that would be great. This will allow us time to make up the prize bundles and take photos.

Raffle tickets will be going on sale week commencing 5th July. We will running it as we have with previous raffles this year, whereby you may purchase a square and the squares then entered into a draw. Each square will cost £1. The draw itself will be held on Thursday 15th July.

Summer Raffle



Plant Sale

We have raised almost £40 for the school garden. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. The plant sale will continue until the 16th of July. If you, or your family have any unwanted plants please put them on the table at the front of the school. Spare vegetable plants are particularly welcome.

Thank you
Mrs Rees



Year 6 Cake Sale

Many thanks to parents/carers for supporting the Year 6 cake sale today. All funds raised will be going towards their Year 6 Leavers Celebrations.

Thank you for your support.



Diary Dates

JUNE

Wednesday 30th June - Raffle Prize Deadline

JULY

Monday 5th July - Summer Raffle Tickets on sale

Wednesday 7th July - Y5 Day at Dean Academy
Y6 Kwik Cricket Competition

Thursday 8th July - Y5 Super Learner Day at Five Acres
Y4 Kwik Cricket Competition

Monday 12th July - No Electricity Day (Eco School)

Tuesday 13th July - Cattle Country Trip (R and Y1)

Thursday 15th July - Transition Sessions

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Friday 16th July - Transition Sessions

Friday 16th July - Manor Adventure Residential (Y6)
Monday 19th July

Monday 19th July - Cotswold Wildlife Park (R—Y5)
(More details to follow)

Tuesday 20th July - **Last day of term for children
(Finish at 2 p.m.)**

Wednesday 21st July - **INSET DAY (Staff only)**