

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Responsibility

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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 97.1%**, just above our target of 97% so well done all!

Well done to **Oak class** for getting the highest attendance again this week, you are doing so well!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30am ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	98.6%
Chestnut	97.2%
Beech	97.4%
Sycamore	97.5%
Willow	95.3%

Holidays in term times cannot and will not be authorised following the school's attendance policy, local authority and dfe guidance. Unfortunately this is non negotiable. This applies to holidays recently taken, recent requests and any planned holidays.

There are 175 days which are not in term time for holidays to be taken. Holidays in term time will result in a penalty notice for each child and to each parent. It can also be given to any adult who cares for the child, in the same household. Several penalty notices have been issued last term and this term.

As always, the Gloucestershire school holiday dates are always available on the Gloucestershire local authority website, several years in advance, and it is parents responsibility to check this prior to booking any holidays.

Please don't be offended if you receive a penalty notice as this is the procedure and process by which we are governed.

Class Focus — Beech class

Beech class have enjoyed taking part in Forest Adventures this term and have had a fantastic time so far!



In P.E they have been focusing on agility, they have been having fun working in teams and showing resilience.

The Curriculum at Ellwood Community Primary School

At Ellwood Community Primary School, we pride ourselves on the Curriculum we provide for our children. The Curriculum, is well planned sequentially across all the year groups. We cover the Statutory National Curriculum for Year 1 - 6 and the EYFS Curriculum for the Reception class. We thought it might be helpful to share the overview of the Curriculum to give parents more of insight into the subjects which are taught at Ellwood. The vast majority of subjects are taught each week, however on occasions, subjects such as Art and DT are alternated every half term. English and Maths are taught daily, Science is taught for at least 1 ½ hours a week, PE (physical activity - which includes gym, swimming, daily mile, Forest adventures) is taught at least 2 hours per week. Non-core subjects are taught for approximately an hour a week each. Obviously on occasions this is adapted, depending on other events, trips, time constraints and curriculum areas but we provide a full and enhanced curriculum to all our pupils. There is a Curriculum section on the school website which parents can have a look at if they wish to find out more information. Meet the teacher meetings, termly overviews, parents consultations, the website and Dojo are also good opportunities to find out what the children have been learning and their intended learning for the term ahead.

The National Curriculum (yr 1-6) consists of compulsory subjects and these are:

maths

science

design and technology

history

geography

art and design

music

physical education (PE), including swimming

computing

ancient and modern foreign languages (at key stage 2)



We also provide additional subjects and learning linked to:

RSE (Relationship, Sex and Health education)

RE (religious education)

Personal, social and health education (PSHE) with additional Life skills

Citizenship

British Values

School values

Personal Development

Trick Box (strategies to support well being and emotions)

Picture News (linked to current news/British values)

No outsiders (helping children develop tolerance and respect for others)

The EYFS Curriculum consist of:

Early Learning Goals

Communication and Language

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Self-Regulation
- Managing Self
- Building Relationships

Physical Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing

Mathematics

- Number
- Numerical Patterns

Understanding the World

- Past and Present
- People Culture and Communities
- The Natural World

Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating with Materials
- Being Imaginative and Expressive



Sporting Achievements

On Wednesday, there was a year 5/6 team cross country competition at Fives Acres High School. The children that took part showed determination and resilience on a difficult 1.2km race.

All of the children completed the races and did amazingly well, we are so proud of you all. A special mention to Jack who came 7th, Layla who finished 11th and James (who is currently a year 4) finishing 22nd. Amazing achievement for all!



Eco Council

Eco Council have been busy sorting the recycling at school and we have a new opportunity.

We are collecting CLEAN GREEN plastic milk lids for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The collection point is a green bag on the Reception Class fence or opposite Maple (Year 2 room). Please bring in your CLEAN green lids whenever you have some.

Thank you from Mrs Rees and the Eco Council.



At Ellwood School we really encourage strong links, good relationships and two way communication between home and school. We strive to work in partnership with parents to ensure all our children are happy, safe and reaching their full potential.

Here are some ways parents can contact the school:

- At the beginning of the school day a member of staff is always available at the rear playground gate.
- Teachers are available for a short conversation with parents after school.
- Phone the office and leave a message - 01594 833232 and someone will make contact with you.
- Pop in to the school office and leave a message.

Email the office - admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

- We hold termly shared conversations with parents of SEND pupils.
- Meet the teacher events in the Autumn term - this gives information about the class routines, homework and the learning which will take place during the academic year.
- Questionnaires and feedback forms from parents, pupils and staff.
- Parents in schools weeks.
- Parents evenings
- Informal chats
- Making an appointment with the class teacher.

Throughout the term parents are invited in to events such as: Harvest Festival, Nativity, Internet safety talks, class assemblies, garden party, open morning, structured conversations, parents evenings, show cases and sports events

Keeping parents informed about events and celebrations is also very important. We strive to do this through:

- Weekly newsletter - this is emailed to parents, however a paper copy can be collected from the school office on request. The newsletter is also sent via the eschools APP and on the school website.
- Text messages and APP messages
- Letters are sometimes sent to parents via the children's book bag
- Facebook

Dojo

Parents are regularly given the opportunity to feedback to school in a variety of ways, including:

- Questionnaires
- Parent View online
- Meetings with the FSW

My plan and structured conversation feedback

Please let us know if you aren't receiving any information from the school or are having any trouble accessing it. We can reset any passwords or update our record with any changes of emails.

New Books!

We have purchased some lovely new books for the classes linked to : Feelings, Families, Diversity, Friends & Worries and Fears.

These are such lovely, beautifully illustrated books. We hope the children enjoy having access to them in their classes - "We are the same but different" reading baskets.



The Library



Halloween Costume Swap



25 September - 9 October

DONATE a costume to any library (thank you!)

9 October - 1 November

SWAP an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome



Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- Thursday 5th Oct - *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Open evening for prospective Sept 24 parents
4:00pm—5:30pm
- Monday 9th Oct - *Cheltenham Literature Festival Years 1 -5*
- Tuesday 10th Oct - *Food bank assembly*
- Thursday 12th Oct - *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Tuesday 17th Oct - *Rags2riches collection*
- *Swimming - Years 5 and 6*
- Thursday 19th Oct - *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Wed 25th Oct - *Parents' evening*
Thurs 26th Oct - *Parents' evening*
- *Gymnastics Year 1*
- Fri 27th Oct - *Harvest Assemblies - Parents invited*
Years R, 1, 2 & 3 - 2:15pm—2:45pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 2:50pm—3:20pm
Dress as a farmer for children