

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

October 13th 2022



## Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have our weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation. Last week our whole school attendance was 95.9%

We still have some children off with sickness, hopefully we can get our attendance above the 97% mark next week.

Thank you for your support with getting your child to school on time, lateness has reduced this week. This has really helped teachers to start their lessons on time which benefits all of the children.

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

Oak	98.8%
Chestnut	94.8%
Beech	95%
Sycamore	93.3%
Willow	98.7%

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](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

## Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the recent book fair. We sold £400 worth of books!! This will give the school a nice commission and allow us to buy some new books from scholastic for the children to use in school.

We are looking forward to holding a Book for Bugs (£2.50) book fair next year and will confirm the date in due course.

Thanks.



## Harvest Assembly

On Friday 21st October we will have our Harvest Assembly with Reverend Michelle. Children are invited to dress as a farmer for the day and bring in a donation for the food bank.

Parents are invited to attend the assemblies as below:

R,1,2,3 - 9:10 - 9:40

4,5,6 - 10:00 - 10:30

Thank you.



## Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Please return your child/ren's nasal flu vaccination form asap if you haven't done so already. The vaccinations are taking place next Wednesday. If we do not have a form for you, the vaccination team will need to contact you on the day which will delay the process.

Many thanks.

## P.E Day

KS1 had a great time learning how to play archery and KS2 had a fantastic time playing tennis. It was fantastic to have an external coach come in to school to deliver the sessions. Thank you to Miss Hek for organising this lovely experience for the school, it was great fun!



The children demonstrated lots of school values, respect, friendship and resilience.

## Parents' evening

Please remember to sign up for a parents' evening slot. The booking system will close on Monday 17th October at 9am.

All parents should try to attend an appointment. If your child has a my plan/send need, you only need to attend the shared conversation meeting that will be arranged separately.

The meetings will take place between 3:30–6:00pm on Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October.

Thank you.

## COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
- Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)

\*children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

\*\*people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital ([www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination) or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#).

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).



## School Photos

School photos will be taking place on Thursday 3rd November! All children should come to school in school uniform. If it is a P.E day, please send your child in with their kit in a P.E bag.



## Clubs Autumn Term 2

Club forms will be sent out shortly for some new clubs we will be offering after half term.

The following clubs will remain the same, therefore if your child was part of one of the below mentioned clubs this term, they will continue to be part of that club until Christmas.

### Existing clubs:

**Football - Wednesday (Pro Stars)**

**Dance - Monday (Miss Yee yee)**

**Art Club - Tuesday (Miss Comley)**

**Colouring Club - Thursday lunchtime (Mrs Charles)**

### New clubs that will be offered:

Yoga will be changing to years 1, 2 and 3 for next term on Wednesdays

Netball club will be offered to years 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesdays

Year 6 will have a SATs booster club on Mondays

Fencing club will be offered to year 1 on Mondays

Young Voices - Tuesdays - TBC - More information to follow

Bike club will run again for years 1, 2 and 3 on a Thursday. Please see separate letter that will be sent out.

Sign up forms for new clubs will be sent out on Monday.

Thanks.

## *Diary Dates*

### **OCTOBER**

- Thursday 13th October - Cheltenham literature festival—Year 6  
- Open evening for prospective parents 2023 4pm - 5pm
- Wednesday 19th October - Nasal flu vaccinations—Whole school  
- Parents' evening 3;30-6:00pm
- Thursday 20th October - Parents' evening 3:30—6:00pm
- 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. Parents are invited to attend the assemblies as below:  
R,1,2,3 - 9:10 - 9:40  
4,5,6 - 10:00 - 10:30
- Friday 21st October - Last day of term*
- Monday 31st October - Start of Autumn term 2*

### **NOVEMBER**

- Thursday 3rd November - Individual school photos
- Wednesday 9th November - Goodrich Castle trip - Chestnut & Beech class
- Monday 14th November - Odd socks day - Anti-bullying week
- Thursday 17th November - Ashmolean Museum (Sycamore & Willow)
- Wednesday 23rd November - No pens day