

# Ellwood Community Primary School



**Bulletin - November 5th 2021**

## Welcome Back

Welcome back! Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable time over half-term. The children have settled back in well and are all working hard. We are looking forward to an exciting half term with lots of things to look forward to in the run up to Christmas.

## COVID Update

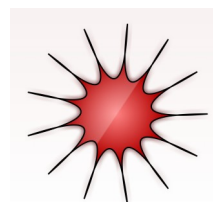
We still have a few positive cases in school but not yet classed as an outbreak as the numbers are relatively low; the children are spread across the school and not all in one particular class. For the time being we will continue with the procedures we currently have in place and keep you updated of any changes. Thank you for your support with this.

Please remember to have a PCR test for your child if they are showing any symptoms and keep us informed of the outcome. We have now had CO2 monitors delivered into school and these have been installed in each classroom. Please be aware these are not going to prevent COVID but are a gentle reminder to staff to increase the ventilation in the rooms as much as physically possible if the monitor indicates they need to. We are keen to put as many measures in place as possible and welcome any help to try and prevent the spread of the virus.

## Flu Vaccines

A reminder that Flu Vaccines are taking place on Monday 8th November.

Thanks.



## **Parents' Evenings**

Please remember to go onto eSchools and book an appointment for parents evening. Staff will only be able to carry out parents' evening on the allocated dates and will not be able to accommodate additional meetings unless there is an urgent/serious reason.

If you have been sent a letter regarding a structured conversation for your child, you do not have to book a parents evening appointment as well.

### **Year 6 (Mrs Marshall) Parents' Evening**

Mrs Marshall's parents evening and structured conversations have been postponed. We will let you know when they will be rescheduled.

### **Parents' Evening - COVID Guidance**

Please enter and leave the classroom and building as soon as your appointment has finished via the allocated door for your child's meeting. Parents/Carers should wear face masks whilst in the school building , sanitize hands and socially distance.

If you have any COVID symptoms please do not attend parents' evening appointments and let the school office know.



Thank you for your continued support.

## PE

Please see below the PE timetable for Autumn Term 2.

For your information, Swimming and Forest Adventure are classed as a PE sessions. So if your child's class does both swimming and Forest Adventure there will not be additional PE lessons.

Thank you.

<b>Autumn Term 2</b>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Please send your child into school wearing the appropriate clothing for either PE or Forest Adventures.</p> </div>  </div>				
Monday	Oak class: PE kit	Beech class: PE kit		
Tuesday	Sycamore class: PE kit	Chestnut class: PE kit		
	Swimming: Year 5 & 6 (alternative Tuesdays)			
Wednesday	Willow class: Forest Adventures	Chestnut class: PE kit		
Thursday	Beech class: PE kit	Sycamore class: PE kit		
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures			
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow

### Yoga Club – Finish Time

Apologies for the confusion over the finish time for Yoga Club on a Thursday afternoon. Yoga club finishes at 4 p.m.

Thank you!



## Oak Class — Diwali Festival

This week Oak class have been learning about the Diwali festival.

They made diya lamps out of clay and the children really enjoyed moulding and painting their clay lamps.



## Oak Class — Bonfire Night

This week we have learnt about fire safety linked to bonfire night. We practised sparkler safety rules while holding a sparkler. We had a great afternoon.



## Year 1

Year 1 went into the woods yesterday to use their senses to describe the woods. The children enjoyed acting out the 'Magic Porridge Pot' pretending to be the characters in the story.



## D&T Club

We have had lots of fun in our first D&T club making felt poppies and poppy wreaths. We will finish the wreaths in the next session.



## Poppy Appeal

The below items are currently for sale at school. If your child would like to support the Poppy Appeal and purchase one, please send them in with the correct money as we are unable to provide change.

Thank you!

The image displays various items for sale to support the Poppy Appeal. On the left, there are several zip pulls in different colors (black, white, red, blue, pink, light blue) with 'LIVE ON' printed on them. A diagram shows how to use a zip pull, with a warning: 'Warning: Not suitable for children under 3 years.' To the right are two red poppy-shaped reflectors with black centers and silver hooks. Below these are two wristbands: a blue one with 'THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION' and 'POPPIES' and a white one with red poppy patterns. To the right of the wristbands are several snap bands in various colors (yellow, pink, blue, light blue) with red poppy patterns and 'THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL' printed on them. At the bottom, there is a cartoon illustration of several red poppies with stick figures for bodies, engaged in various activities like running, playing a drum, playing soccer, riding a bicycle, and dancing. Below the illustration is a green banner with the text 'Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal' and the Royal British Legion logo.

Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00

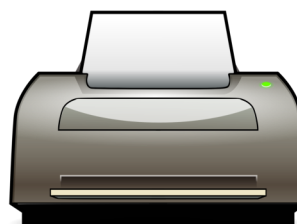
Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

## Ink Cartridges

We are recycling used ink cartridges at school; if you would like to send any used cartridges in then please do so.

Thanks.





## Cool Milk

Sent from Cool Milk "Cool Milk currently helps us with the provision of fresh drinking milk. As part of their continued development, they are offering a rewards scheme to parents who continue to offer milk to their children after the free entitlement finishes. Our school has been specially selected to trial the rewards scheme on behalf of Cool Milk. The newly introduced rewards scheme, which (unlike voucher codes or flash sales) offers you guaranteed money off and cashback on purchases. It includes a host of brands, including Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S, Apple, Costa, Curry's, and more!

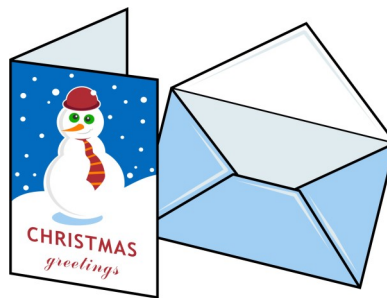
If you have already paid for milk for your child for this term you will receive an email shortly from Cool Milk to register for the rewards scheme. However, if you have not and your child would like to have milk, please register at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com), follow the instructions online and once your payment has been received Cool Milk will email details of the reward scheme.

\*Please note should you cancel your milk order you may find that access to the rewards scheme is removed."

## Cauliflower Christmas Card Orders

The deadline for card orders is Monday 8th November. Please can the photocopied sheets be ticked and returned to school by Monday 8th November and put in your child's reading folder.

Thank you!



## Children in Need

Friday 19th November

For Children in Need this year children may come to school wearing pyjamas. In exchange we would kindly ask for a small donation, that may be paid on the day.

Thank you!



## Olive Grove Events

The Olive Grove events, based at the Mount of Olives Church, Gloucester Road, Coleford, are having 3 shows in the run up to Christmas.

"Our Atlantic Roots" - a folk duo from America, now based in the UK. On Saturday 27th November at 7pm. #supportlivemusic

"4Front Theatre Group" - performing a "Pan-tivity" (Pantomime - Nativity). On Saturday 4th December at 4pm. Great fun for all the family.

"Lydney Town Brass Band" - Carols concert - Sunday December 12th at 4pm. Get you in that Christmas mood!

Further details of all events and ticket bookings at [Olivegrove.org.uk](http://Olivegrove.org.uk)

**Don't be late!**  
Applications must be submitted by  
15 January 2022

## Was your child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018?



Any child born between the above dates can start school in the school year starting from **1 September 2022**. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school therefore you must apply to us to receive a school place for your child by the closing date **15 January 2022**

If you have not heard from us by 1<sup>st</sup> December you must contact us so we can send you the information you will need to apply for a school place. If you do not apply on time you may not get a place at the school you want.

### Key dates

**November 2021** – You should receive a letter from us advising you how to apply for a school place

**15 January 2022** – Deadline for making your application

**19 April 2022** – Allocation Day (find out which school we can offer your child)

If you have any queries about applying for a place at primary or infant school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admissions.

#### Co-ordinated Admissions,

Shire Hall, Westgate Street,  
Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Email: [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Web: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

#### Apply Online!

- It's quick and easy to use
- Confirmation when your application is received
- You will see the school allocated on 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Environmentally friendly

## *Diary Dates*

### **NOVEMBER**

- Monday 8th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 9th November - Swimming Y5 & Y6
- Thursday 11th November - Remembrance Day
- Monday 15th November - Open evening for new starters (4.30 p.m.—6.00p.m.)
- Friday 19th November - Children in Need  
(Children may come to school in pyjamas)
- Tuesday 23rd November - Swimming Y5 & Y6
- Friday 26th November - Author Visit (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)

### **DECEMBER**

- Tuesday 7th December - Swimming Y5 & Y6
- Monday 13th December - West Midlands Santa Safari
- Friday 17th December - Last day of term