

# Ellwood Community Primary School



**Bulletin - July 2nd 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

We are nearly at the end of the Summer Term and feel pleased that all our bubbles remain open. Thank you for all your support in keeping our school open and therefore keeping the wider community safe. We have really appreciated your support, kind words and continued positivity through these challenging times. We are so proud of the children who have adapted to the challenges and changes and have shown resilience. We hope that we are able to start the next academic year as normal and have a consistent year, without anymore disruption.

School reports have been sent home today and I have read each and every one of them. I am so proud of all the children, their progress and their achievements this year. Please celebrate their success with them. They are a real asset to the school and a real joy to be around.

We hope you all have a good weekend and that you enjoy the football!

## COVID Update

We are aware that guidance is hopefully changing on Monday 19th July. However, the Local Authority have categorically told us not to change anything before the end of term and to adhere to the current risk assessments put in place, to avoid any bubbles having to isolate in the holidays, therefore, impacting on planned/booked holidays.

We will keep you informed of arrangements for September as soon as possible with regards to drop off and pick up times. We are hopeful that pre-COVID drop off and pick up times will resume in September.

Hot lunches should also resume as normal and these may be ordered on the day. A menu will be sent out shortly and will be available to view on the school's website.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals and would like further information, please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

## Summer Raffle

Please remember to send some money in with your child if you would like to take part in our Summer Raffle. There are some amazing prizes on offer, such as: tickets for days out, games hampers, book hampers, smellies, wine, food hampers and much more!

Tickets cost £1 each and you may buy as many as you like. Please send money into school in a named envelope stating whether you would like to enter the children's or adult raffle.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15th July - Good luck!

### Children's Raffle Prizes



### Adult Raffle Prizes



# Summer Raffle



### Cotswold Animal Park Trip

A letter was emailed home this week outlining the details for the trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park on Monday 19th July. Please ensure you give consent, medical, dietary and contact details on ParentPay. There is no payment required for this trip as it is being funded by the money raised through our school fundraising. Please ensure permissions are given by Friday 16th July.

Thank you.

### Reports

Today your child/ren will have been sent home with their school report. As well as the report we have included several documents that need to be returned to school for our record keeping. Please return the Data Collection Form (amended if needed), completed Parental Permission form, Caterlink form and asthma plan/Healthcare plan (if applicable).

Thank you.

### Plant Sale

Thank you to all those who have donated plants or bought plants over the last few weeks. We have raised an amazing £73 for the school garden, which is fantastic!

The table will be taken down on Friday 16th July.

Thank you to Mrs Rees for organising and overseeing the plant sale.



## Library Visit

Mrs Logan-Giles very kindly came into school this week to tell the children about the Summer Reading Challenge taking place at Coleford and Lydney Libraries, over the Summer holidays. If you get a chance to pop along to the library to sign up for the challenge that would be fantastic!

Many thanks to Mrs Logan-Giles for coming along and spending the morning speaking to our children.



*Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.*

We're teaming up with **WWF** for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment. Get your hands on stickers, certificates, and golden medals – just for reading! You can read anything you like – fact books, funny books, books about ponies, books about aliens, poetry, graphic novels and comics... – anything at all!

Whatever your interests, whatever your ability – the challenge is for **YOU!**

Are you excited to join the #WildWorldHeroes this summer?

*Pop into your local library from Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July to sign up for the Challenge.*

*It's FREE to join the library, and FREE to join the challenge!*



**The Library**

## Year 5 Taster Days

The Year 5 children visited Dean Academy and Five Acres High School this week to take part in Year 5 taster days. The children had a great time and got to experience what it will be like when they move onto secondary school.

Many thanks to Mrs Clements, Mrs Genner-Morris and Mrs Threadgall for accompanying them.

## Transition Sessions

Thursday 15th July and Friday 16th July we will be holding our transition sessions. Children should come into school as usual using the same entrances. They will be registered with their current teacher and then taken to their new class with their new teacher for the session.

Thank you.

## **Forest New Life**

### **Forest New Life Church, Parkend**

We have made a last minute decision to run a Holiday club this year, although we don't exactly know what restrictions there will/won't be, we plan to run it as if restrictions will still be in place, so being as Covid safe as possible.

### **Wonder zone Holiday Club**

Just wanting to let the school know that we, Forest New Life Church are running a holiday club for 5 days at the end of July. from Monday 26th to Friday 30th July 10am - 12noon. More info and the sign up form from the link. We are limiting numbers to 40 children per day.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wonder-zone-holiday-club-tickets-161400759015>

(if problems signing up please email me, [jonathan.fnlc@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.fnlc@gmail.com) for help)

### **Secondary school aged youth club**

Something for the current Yr 6 class (those about to start secondary school in September)

We have been for a while, been really keen to start up a youth club, but wanting the timing to be just right, rather than starting and stopping. We hope that in September the timing will be right! To keep up to date with the developments of this, please email [jonathan.fnlc@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.fnlc@gmail.com) to be the first to hear of all developments.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe summer break.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, Jonathan Kear email, [jonathan.fnlc@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.fnlc@gmail.com) or by phone, details below.

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Forest New Life Church

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## Pupil Wellbeing Questionnaire

The children have completed another Pupil Wellbeing Questionnaire this term and we are very pleased with the results. The results were positive in the Autumn, considering the children were transitioning back in to school after a significant time off school. However, these are even better this term. We have highlighted the areas and shown the improvement for the agree column. Here is the summary of the Pupil Wellbeing Questionnaire Summer 2 2021.

134 Pupils completed the Wellbeing questionnaire.

Question number:	Statement:	Agree or Completely Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
1	I know what is expected of me at school.	87% +6%	8%	5%
2	I have everything that I need for school (e.g. equipment, uniform, PE kit etc.)	97% +7%	3%	0%
3	I feel safe in school.	86% +3%	8%	6%
4	There is someone at school who cares about me.	87% +3%	9%	4%
5	I enjoy coming to school.	76%	14%	10%
6	The staff are nice to the pupils at school.	93% +3%	5%	2%
7	Pupils behave well at school.	62% +14%	20%	18%
8	There is someone I can talk to if I need help at school.	89% +19%	6%	5%
9	The pupils are nice to each other at school.	76% +11%	16%	8%
10	People listen to me at school.	79% +16%	12%	9%
11	I generally enjoy school.	83% +7%	10%	7%
12	I am doing well at school.	80%	13%	7%
13	I can cope with my school work.	74% +5%	19%	7%
14	I feel happy at school.	82% +8%	14%	4%
15	I know to do if I feel worried about something at school.	90% +6%	6%	4%
16	I feel like people notice when I have done well at school.	76% +2%	14%	10%
17	I feel that I am treated fairly at school.	85% +12%	7%	8%

% Increase compared to September's findings

## Kwik Cricket Competitions

### Year 6—Kwik Cricket Competition

Congratulations to all of the year 6 pupils who participated in the kwik cricket tournament at St John's cricket club in Cinderford on Wednesday. They played extremely well, winning both games in their pool by a significant margin, and were runners up in the final after a very closely fought match, only 12 runs in it. It was so good to be able to participate in a real-life competition again. They were also congratulated by other schools on their sportsmanship - well done Year 6!



### Year 4—Kwik Cricket Competition

The year 4's did so well and loved the cricket on Thursday. They came second overall; and beat Yorkley and Lydbrook but then got beaten by Ann Cam who were very good! Behaviour from the children was impeccable—well done Year 4 cricketers!

Thank you to all the parents/carers who kindly transported the children to and from the event, we are so grateful for your support.

Many thanks also to the teachers and teaching assistants for going along and helping to umpire the games.

## *Diary Dates*

### **JULY**

- Monday 12th July - No Electricity Day (Eco School)
- Tuesday 13th July - Cattle Country Trip (R and Y1)
- Thursday 15th July - Transition Sessions
- Thursday 15th July - Summer Raffle Draw
- Friday 16th July - Transition Sessions
- Friday 16th July - Manor Adventure Residential (Y6)
- Monday 19th July
- Monday 19th July - Cotswold Wildlife Park (R—Y5)
- Tuesday 20th July - **Last day of term for children  
(Finish at 2 p.m.)**
- Wednesday 21st July - **INSET DAY (Staff only)**