

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

Telephone: 01594 833232
email: admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk
Website: www.ellwoodschool.co.uk



Our value this term is: Honesty

June 13th 2024

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 94%**

Well done to Chestnut class for getting the highest attendance this week. Please be reminded that holidays during term time will not be authorised and you will likely incur a fine from the Local Authority.

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

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	95%
Chestnut	98%
Beech	93.8%
Sycamore	90.2%
Willow	93.1%

Sponsored bounce tomorrow!

Thank you so much to those of you that have returned your sponsor forms for tomorrows sponsored bounce. We have been blown away by your support. We have raised just over £1000 which is amazing.

This will be put towards an outdoor undercover area for forest adventures and will help to subsidise our whole school beach trip!

More details to follow on regarding the beach trip over the coming weeks.

Football - Pro Stars - WINNERS!

A huge well done to the year 3/4 football team that won the tournament last Friday!

The team were undefeated in their tournament and didn't concede one goal. What an amazing achievement for all of you.



Summer Holiday Activities and Food

Please see below and the link to register is : <https://www.fvaf.org.uk/haf-fun>

Summer Holiday Activities & Food

We've teamed up with [Gloucestershire County Council](#) and arranged a packed timetable of FREE fun!

The [HAF programme](#) is open to all school aged children, who live in the Forest of Dean, and who qualify for free school meals.

If funding allows, sometimes activities are extended and offered to all children and young people across Gloucestershire through the [Holiday Activities Programme \(HAP\)](#).

There's something for everyone - we've got sports clubs, cooking, crafts, play sessions and so much more...

You need to be registered to book | All sessions must be pre booked

[REGISTER HERE >](#)

For information or support with the HAF Spring programme contact:
HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk or ring the HAF helpline on 01452 427960.

BOOKING OPENS 12PM 1 JULY 2024!

Reminder—Hallie's Heroes

We will be supporting Hallie's Heroes on Monday 15th July and inviting all children to dress as a superhero for the day!

We will be ending the day with a cake sale for which we would be really grateful of cake donations on the day.

Thank you!



Attendance and holidays in term time

We wanted to politely remind you that following the DFE guidance, the Local Authority's and the school's attendance policy, it is very likely you will receive a fine if you take your child out of school for 10 or more sessions (5 school days) within a 10 week period. We have been informed by the DFE that as of September the cost of the fine will be increasing as they try to tackle attendance issues. We will inform you of the changes once we have all the details.

If a pupil is absent due to illness immediately before or after a holiday then medical evidence may be needed for the days taken as sick. If this is not provided, the absence will be unauthorised and therefore a fine will still be given. It will then be down to parents to prove to the Local Authorities legal team that you were not away on holiday for those days. The Local Authority will issue a fine, if they have reasonable belief or evidence that parents are not being truthful and it is likely the child had taken a holiday. The Local Authority and DFE are really cracking down on this and are aware that some parents in the county are not being genuine about the absences.

This is not personal, it is a school policy following guidance issued by the DFE that we have to follow.

Reading event

We will be holding our next reading reward event on Friday 5th July.

In order to qualify for the reward, children must have 4 regular read stickers in their reading records this term (Summer 2).

We had lots of children enjoy their reading reward event last term and are looking forward to having even more children join in next time.

Thank you,

Mrs Woodhouse



Keep an eye out for these great events that are being planned! Like their facebook page to ensure you are up to date on when the events are!



**SKILLS
FOR LIFE**
Multiply

FREE

COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FUN & CREATIVE...

COMMUNITY ARTS

OPEN MORNING



**THURSDAY 4th JULY / 10am-1pm
at CINDERFORD ARTSPACE**

- **Fun, creative activities**
- **Meet, chat and catch up**
- **Find out about the programmes we offer**
- **Refreshments available**
- **All welcome**

**TO BOOK OR FOR MORE
INFORMATION EMAIL
sue@artspacecinderford.org**

* Our FREE creative Multiply courses build numeracy confidence and skills through a range of fun and creative Art activities. Multiply is free to eligible learners - 19yrs+, resident of Gloucestershire, has less than L2/GCSE C Maths or need to refresh.

 Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

ARTSPACE
CINDERFORD

Diary Dates

JUNE

- Thursday 13th June - New intake meeting 17:00pm (EYFS)
- Friday 14th June - Sponsored bounce (raising funds for a covered outdoor area for Forest Adventures).
- Wednesday 26th June - Year 5 Dean Academy taster day
- Friday 28th June - Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for summer fair

JULY

- Monday 1st July - Year 4 trip to Viney Hill
- Thursday 4th July - EYFS Cattle Country trip
- Friday 5th July - Rags2riches clothes collection
- Tuesday 9th July - Sports day
- Friday 12th July - Transition day in school
- Monday 15th July - Hallie's Heroes - Dress up as a superhero and cake sale
- Super learning week
- Wednesday 17th July - Whole school beach trip