

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Friendship**

*December 15th 2023*

## Weekly Attendance

Thank you to those parents who support their child's 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 97.7%**

Well done to **Oak class** for getting the highest attendance again this week!

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

Please visit the following link which will help give advice about whether your child is to ill for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

A polite reminder that we can not authorise holidays in term time and it will result in a penalty notice. Unfortunately, the Local Authority have already issued several penalty notices and fines this year. For those of you that like to plan ahead, you can find the Gloucestershire schools term dates on the GCC website a few years in advance.

**Please remember that if your child experiences sickness or diarrhea they need to stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhea.**

Thank you.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	97.6%
Beech	97.5%
Sycamore	99.1%
Willow	95.3%

## Charlie Hatton Visit

Yesterday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Downhill Mountain Bike World Champion Charlie Hatton!

Charlie was kind enough to hold an impromptu assembly with KS2 this morning. Due to travel plans over Christmas and New Year this was planned just minutes before, so we are very grateful!

The children watched a video of Charlie's winning race and asked some great questions about his career, his bikes and why he decided to he wanted to be a mountain biker.

Charlie is an ex-pupil of our school so it was lovely to welcome him back as a World Champion! We are hopeful he will be able to pop in another time to speak to the children again.



## Singing at the Sling Community Café

Year 3 had a lovely morning singing at the Community Cafe in Sling on Wednesday. What a lovely thing to do for the community.

Mrs Aston was very proud of the great job they did and the lovely manners shown.





## KS2 Christmas Assembly

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be holding a Christmas assembly on Tuesday 19th December at 2:45pm.

Parents/carers of children in these year groups are welcome to attend the event that will be held in the school hall.



## Reminder - Whole School Pantomime - Monday 18th December

Please ensure you have paid for the pantomime on parent pay.

We will be going to watch Mother Goose on Monday 18th December at the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth. Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on this day which we will eat before leaving.

If you are currently receiving free school meals for your child and would like school to provide a packed lunch, please let us know by the end of tomorrow.

Normal drop off and pick up times apply for this trip.

Thank you.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Milford who has successfully completed her National Professional Qualification in Executive Leadership (NPQEL).

The programme took 18 months to complete and was carried out in her own time. It covered a wide range of areas linked to leadership across a number of other schools, for example in multi academy trusts.

One of our aims for the children at Ellwood School is to be "lifelong learners" and you have shown us the importance learning and continuous development. We can always learn new things!

Well done to Mrs Milford!

## Christmas Reminders

### **Friday 15th**

- Books for Bugs Book Fair. The book fair will be set up during the afternoon this Friday 15th December from 1.45pm for parents to browse and again will remain set up after school for children to browse with you. Hot drink and mince pies available!

### **Monday 18th**

- Whole school Pantomime. Please send your child to school with a packed lunch. Normal drop off/pick up times apply.

### **Tuesday 19th**

- KS2 Christmas assembly 2:45pm Years 4, 5 & 6 parents invited to join.  
- Christmas lunch.

### **Wednesday 20th**

- Class parties, please bring packed lunch (festive themed if you like eg decorated lunchbox or festive food etc)  
- Children can wear non-uniform with Christmas jumpers  
- Christmas Fair 2pm-4pm  
- School finishes @2pm

- Please can any green milk lids come into school before the end of term so that Mrs Rees can take them for recycling.
- If you have any waterproof coats , trousers or wellies that are unwanted please send them in for spares, we would really appreciate it!

Thank you.



## Willow class - year 5/6 class focus

Y6 had their final Gym session today. The children really impressed the coaches with their behaviour and attitudes. Everybody worked very hard during all of the activities, and some of the pupils managed to do a somersault off the box!

In Life Skills, we have been thinking about how to offer support to others, and how to make sure we make good choices even in situations where other people might make bad decisions.

We have been busy practising for our Christmas service and we are looking forward to singing to an audience.

Mrs Woodhouse taught the children about the meaning of Christingle, and the children enjoyed making their own.





## Reception to Year 3 Nativity Play

Well done to all children who took part in the Nativity performances yesterday at Whitemead. You were all amazing! Thank you to staff for organising it and the Whitemead venue for hosting it. It makes it so much easier for all of us, when it is in a larger venue.

Thank you to all adults - parents, family, governors and friends, who attended and watched the performances. The children really appreciate you supporting them. The costumes were amazing too- thank you!



## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER

- Friday 15th Dec - Books for Bugs Book Fair - 1:45pm for parents to shop in secret! Also set up after school for children to browse.
- Year 4 & 5 singing at The Elms nursing home
- Monday 18th Dec - Whole school pantomime trip (**packed lunch needed**)
- Tuesday 19th Dec - KS2 Christmas assembly @2:45pm - Parents of years 4, 5 & 6 are invited
- Christmas lunch
- Swimming - Years 5/6
- Year 4 - Multi-sports competition @Dean Academy
- Wednesday 20th Dec - Christmas party day (**packed lunch needed**)
- Christmas jumper day
- Christmas Fair 2-4pm **School finishes at 2pm**

### Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY

- Monday 8th Jan - First day back
- Mon 8th Jan -
- Weds 10th Jan - Year 6 bikeability (more info to follow)
- Thurs 11th Jan - Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Gymnastics - Year 5
- Tues 16th Jan -
- Weds 17th Jan - Year 6 bikeability (more info to follow)