

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Honesty**

June 29th 2023

## 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 95.6%**

Well done to **Oak class** for getting 100% attendance this week, amazing!

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

Thank you.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	94.8%
Beech	95.1%
Sycamore	94%
Willow	95.5%

## Clothing update for TOMORROW (Friday 30th June):

What to wear:

- school uniform top
- own trousers/leggings/shorts (we are mostly on wide open paths).
- sensible shoes for walking

The weather forecast is mixed therefore if you want to send your child in with a light-weight waterproof jacket you are welcome to. ☐☐

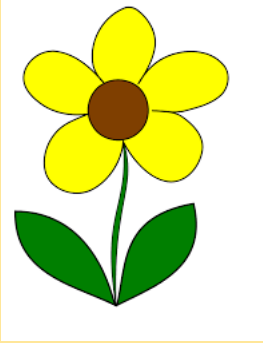
We were planning to wear high-vis jackets but we have decided that it might be too warm so if all children wear their school uniform top it will make it easier to identify them at Whitmead.

What to bring:

- lunchbox
- water bottle
- snack

Thank you. ☐

A reminder that plants are on sale at the front of the school. If you have any spare plants please just pop them on the table. Thank you..



Oak Class are busy looking after their giant pumpkin ready for the Bream Autumn Show.



The Summer show will be on August the 19<sup>th</sup> and there are lots of things you can enter. Attached separately to the newsletter is an entry form with further details, paper copies are available from Mrs Rees.




**with**



**Free Workshops**



**for Young Gardeners**

**Summer Holiday Activities at Bream Community Library**  
**For primary children and above**

1	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2.00 – 4.00pm	Find out about all things Radish: how to grow and show, plus ways to eat them.
2	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2.00 – 4.00pm	Make a cresshead character and enter it for the BGS Summer Show.
3	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2.00 – 4.00pm	Recycled Craft. Re-imagine plastic containers to be useful in your garden.

**Places are limited so..... Booking is essential**

If you'd like to join us, email  
[breamgardeningociety@gmail.com](mailto:breamgardeningociety@gmail.com)  
 and tell us your name, age and contact details

## Reminders/Updates

**Parent pay**- Please remember to clear any debts and make payment for any outstanding trips.

**Absences** - Please remember to phone the office before 9:30am if your child is absent.

**Rags2riches** - Thank you to those of you that donated old clothes for rags2riches this week. Through our donations we managed to raise £65.70 for the school so thank you!

**Attendance and safety outside of school site** - Well done for last weeks attendance and for children arriving on time. Attendance has slipped again this week with more illnesses reported. Hopefully attendance will be back up above 97% again next week.

Please make sure you are supervising your children or ensuring they walk in pairs/threes if they walk to and from school. If your child walks home alone, ensure the teacher knows and you have explicitly said you give them permission. Ideally this should only be year 5/6.

Please don't allow your children to arrive at school too early unless supervised by an adult. Children also shouldn't be playing in the field without an adult present to ensure they are safe. We want to do all we can to make sure the children are safe but as a school we are only responsible once the children are inside the school site in the mornings.

The safety of the children is paramount, please can we make sure everyone is driving slowly and supervising children carefully in car park. Turn engines off while waiting to help the environment and reduce noise. We have had no recent concerns raised by residents regarding this so we think there has been an improvement. Thank you for your support!

**Mrs Marshall Memorial Walk** - Tomorrow! Please remember a packed lunch and make sure children are wearing their Ellwood School polo top along with bottoms and sensible shoes of their choice.

### **Super learning week - Monday 3rd July-Friday 7th July.**

At Ellwood Community Primary School we aim to provide children with as many different experiences as possible and instil high aspirations for all children. We are organising a "Super Learning" week filled with many different activities, guest speakers and subject specialists to come and work with the children.

Below are just some of the exciting activities we have planned; Gardening (KS2), African drumming/art (KS1), healthy eating, picture news activity, golf taster day, African dance (EYFS, Chestnut and Beech).

On **Tuesday 4th July**, Reception, Chestnut and Beech parents are invited to watch the children perform and African dance outside if the weather is dry. This will be at **2:45 - 3:10pm**.

**Diversity-** We have purchased some new books which show a variety of famous leaders throughout the world who are from a varied background . As we are mainly a white British area and school we want to ensure we help prepare our children for life in modern Britain and show how diverse our country and work can be. The books focus on pioneers, inventors, Scientists and many more. We hope the children enjoy hearing about different people and how they have impacted the world we live in.

Do you or your child/ren have any worries or concerns?

Please come in to school and speak to Mrs Charles or Mrs Rowley if you or your child would like some extra support or someone to talk to about concerns/worries. Mrs Charles and Mrs Rowley are both ELSA trained (emotional, literacy support assistant) and are here to support the emotional needs of our pupils and parents/carers if needed.

## A message from GCC regarding the HAF programme.

For the Summer school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.**

[Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive 2 weeks of vouchers for the summer holiday at £15 per child per week](#), whilst the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) provides support for the remaining 4 weeks of the holiday. For more information on the HAF programme, you can visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf).

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register** - you will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the SUMMER HOLIDAYS are now open until midday 11 JULY. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 17 JULY. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 19 JULY, please encourage them to email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by [clicking here](#). If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the same link.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).

Please pass on this information to relevant parents and encourage them to apply, thank you.



## Author Visit!

We have an award winning author visiting school on Wednesday 12th July to do some exciting workshops with the children. There will also be a chance to buy one of her books and get them signed after school!



Multi Award-Winning Author  
**Charlotte L. Taylor**  
Wednesday 12th July



### Book Sale After School:

Any two signed books for £15 or sold individually.



[www.toadstooltales.com](http://www.toadstooltales.com)





## Curriculum - Maths

Year 2 pupils have been busy learning about different units of measure this week. They really enjoyed their practical session measuring and comparing ml. We explored how the same volume can look like different amounts when it is poured into containers with different capacities.







# Picture News

Each week classes look at a 'Weekly Picture News' story. Let's have a look at this week's story...



What is bravery?

## Let's look at this week's story

Four children have been found alive after surviving a plane crash and spending forty days alone in Colombia's Amazon jungle. Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1<sup>st</sup> May. They then became the focus of a massive rescue operation, involving soldiers and local people. Speaking of the incredible feat of survival, Gustavo Petro said, 'They were alone, they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history'

This week's story looks at events related to ...



## Reflection

Bravery comes in many different forms. Having the support of others can make a big difference to the choices we make and the courage we show, when facing difficult and scary experiences.



## Individual Liberty

There are some situations or challenges we face that may be tricky. Learning how to manage risks can help us make choices and take action in response to these.



## UN Rights of a Child

Governments should let families and communities guide their children as they grow up. The Huitoto traditionally learn hunting, fishing and gathering from a young age.



## Protected Characteristics

Race can mean your colour, nationality or your ethnic or national origins. The Huitoto are an indigenous group whose traditional land is around the Southern Colombian city of Leticia. We should never be treated unfairly because of our race.



## Useful vocabulary

### Airfield

Transported by aircraft from a place that can be difficult to reach. Transport planes delivered all humanitarian supplies, including food, to safety after spending forty days in the jungle's rain forest.

### Feat

An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength. Landing of the incredible feat of survival Gustavo Petro said.

### Heralded

Made something publicly known, especially by celebrating or praising it. Colombia's president Gustavo Petro heralded the rescue as a joy for the whole country.

### Jungle

An area of land overgrown with dense forest and tangled vegetation. These children's lives have been difficult due to being in a jungle.

### Siblings

Brothers and/or sisters. The four siblings were the only survivors of the plane that crash landed in the jungle on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### Survived

Continuing to live or exist in spite of difficult circumstances. The four alone they themselves achieved an example of total survival which will remain in history.





## *Diary Dates*

### **JUNE**

Friday 30th June - Mrs Marshall memorial walk - packed lunch required

### **JULY**

Monday 3rd July - Year 4 trip to Viney Hill  
- Dean Academy Y5 taster day (transport and lunches provided)

W/C Mon 3rd July - Five Acres transition week

Tuesday 4th July - African drumming 2:45-3:10pm Rec, Chestnut & Beech

Friday 7th July - Golf taster day Y1-Y6

Tuesday 11th July - Whole school trip to Wild Place

Wednesday 12th July- Transition day (and new EYFS)

Thursday 13th July - Transition day

Friday 14th July - Transition day

Wednesday 19th July- EYFS trip to cattle country