

# Ellwood Community Primary School



**Bulletin - March 5th 2021**

## School Reopening on Monday 8th March

We are really looking forward to all the children returning to school on Monday. The teachers have planned some nice exciting activities for the children. We are confident that the children will settle back into the school routine and will be really glad to see their friends again.

## School Kindles and Reading Books

Please can any Kindles and reading books - (levelled reading books / library books / quality texts and 100 brilliant books) which have been borrowed over the lockdown period, be returned on Monday 8th March.

Thank you.



## Before Your Child Leaves Home in The Morning

Please check for any of the following symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste

If any of these symptoms are evident DO NOT send your child to school, contact us on 01594 833232 or send a message to 'Admin' on [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk) and let us know .

Please seek medical advice and book a test .

## **Risk assessment and procedures for isolation**

The latest risk assessment has been emailed to all parents and is also available to view on the school website. We hope that the measures put in place this term will help to minimise the risk to the school community. We know that once the children return to school they will be mixing with their friends in school within the safety measures we have in place and in a smaller bubble. However, we all need to continue to remember that outside of school, we are still in a lockdown situation and therefore we need to abide by the social distancing restrictions that remain in place.

This means that children should not be socially mixing with anyone outside of their household bubble/support bubble. We know that some activities may start next month but these should be limited to one other group / setting. We know that this poses challenges for everybody but it is essential to help minimise the potential risk to everybody within our community. We really appreciate your support in following these restrictions in order to keep everyone safe.

Whilst we can and have put many measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus, we cannot guarantee that a member of our school will not contract it. If anyone were to show symptoms of the virus we have to place them into quarantine in school as soon as possible and you will need to collect them from school.

Please remember to follow the guidance;

- If a member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus or tests positive then your child **MUST NOT** to come to school.
- Your child and household are eligible for testing if any of you have symptoms of coronavirus. If the tests are negative, then your child may return to school when they are feeling better. If no one else in the household is positive.
- If the tests are positive, then your child and all family members living within the household are to self-isolate for 10 days.
- If your child or another child in their class tests positive, the rest of their class will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days.
- If an adult in your child's class has a positive Lateral flow test, then we would close your child's bubble and await the result of the PCR test.
- If a whole bubble had to isolate, our remote learning policy would be applied and your child would receive work on the learning platforms.

## **Medication in school**

Could we please remind parents/carers to check that any medication that is required to be administered in school, such as inhalers, are in date and that they are sent in to school on Monday.

Thank you.

## Drop off and Pick-up Times from Monday 8th March

Group	Drop off	Pick up
EYFS	8.55 am Bottom playground gate/ and then to EYFS door	3.15 pm Bottom gate (playground)
Chestnut	8.45 am Bottom Gate playground Year 1 -Chestnut Class door Year 2 - Infant door and then to Maple Room	3.05 pm Bottom Gate playground
Beech	8.45 am Front yard gate / Hub door Year 2 to Maple Room Year 3 to Beech Class	3.05 pm Front gate
Sycamore	8.55am Front yard gate / Hub door Year 4 to Sycamore Class Year 5 to the Hall	3.15pm Front gate
Willow	8.55 am Double gate back playground Year 5 Hall door to Hall Year 6 Willow door	3.15 pm Double gate back playground

PE Kits - Spring Term 2				
Please send your child into school wearing the appropriate clothing for either PE or Forest Adventures.				
Monday	Oak class: PE kit			
Tuesday	Chestnut class: PE kit	Beech class: PE kit	Sycamore class: PE kit	Willow class: PE kit
Wednesday	Sycamore class: Forest Adventures			
Thursday	Year 3: PE kit (if your child is attending multi-sports club)			
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures			
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow

### Return to School summary

- School Lunches - children to continue to bring packed lunches. These may also be ordered daily from Caterlink. (Ham, Cheese, Tuna or Egg baguette).
- Small bags only - containing reading book, water bottle and snack only.
- PE kits to be worn to school on PE days (see above chart)
- Parents/Carers please continue to wear face masks at drop off and pick up times.
- Sanitise/wash hands before coming to school.
- Individual hand sanitisers may be sent in with your child (please label with child's name).
- School uniform to be worn.
- Hair to be tied back, if long .
- Only natural hair colour.

## Chestnut Class

We are looking forward to the children playing with the new play equipment in their outdoor play area.



## Chestnut Class - New resources

With the money raised from the Christmas hamper raffle, Chestnut Class has been able to buy the following resources



## Times Tables Rockstars Tournament

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Gloucestershire Times Tables Rock Stars tournament this week!

Over 100 schools signed up to the tournament this year and Ellwood school have come 30<sup>th</sup>. We think that this is fantastic news and want to congratulate all of the children who got involved. A special well done to Maccy Aston in Year 5 who was Ellwood's highest earner overall!

## Cricket

Just a reminder that children in Years 1–6 will be having Cricket lessons each Tuesday, so they should come to school dressed in their PE Kits.

Thank you.



## Uniform Ordering

Brigade have informed us that the deadline for Summer Uniform ordering is 1st August 2021. For further information please visit the Brigade website:

[www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

Thank you.



## Support for parents and carers to keep children safe on-line

Please follow the link below for further information provided by the DfE

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus/covid-19/support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online)

## Eco School Competition Winners

We had some really amazing entries for our Eco School Competition and it was a tough decision to choose the winners. We are pleased to announce the winners, as follows:

- Reception - Preston Thorne (*Ladybird on a leaf*)
- Year 1 - Alfie Ellis (*Bees in the garden*)
- Year 4 - Seth Morgan (*Fish full of plastic waste*)
- Year 5 - Harry Bishop (*Why save the planet*)

Congratulations to all of our winners and everyone that took part in the competition. Prizes will be awarded when children return to school.



## Easter Chocolate Raffle Donations

We will be holding our very popular Easter Chocolate Raffle again this year and we would really appreciate any donations of chocolate. This can be a chocolate bar, a box of chocolates or an Easter egg. Please bring any donations of chocolate into school w/c 8th March .

We will be holding the raffle in a similar way to the Christmas Hamper raffle, where you will be able to buy a square which will then be entered into a draw. You may buy as many squares as you like with squares costing £1 a square. Squares will be available to buy week commencing 22nd March ,with the draw taking place on Wednesday 31st March.

Many thanks for your continued support.



## New Playtime Equipment

With some of our fundraising money that has been raised through parent/ carer contributions we have been able to purchase some new playground playtime equipment which is amazing. We can't wait for the children to enjoy playing with it all.



## New PE Equipment

We have been able to purchase some great new PE equipment for the children which we are looking forward to using during the coming weeks.





## World Book Day — Potato Characters

Seb — Oak Class



Phoebe V — Oak Class

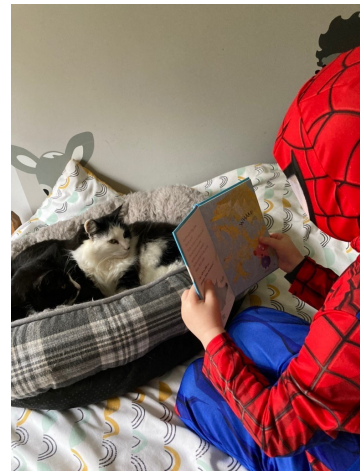


*Rapunzel*

Eira - Oak Class



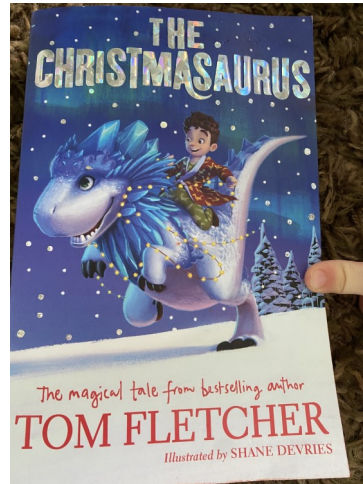
# World Book Day—Oak Class



# World Book Day - Oak Class cont..



# World Book Day - Chestnut Class



## World Book Day—Chestnut Class Continued



# Big Moments of summer fun!



## For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

**Sign up today at**

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre



# This is our game.

A young boy in a yellow t-shirt with 'DYNAMOS CRICKET' printed on it is holding a cricket bat. He is in a batting stance, looking towards the camera. The background behind him is a solid pink color.


Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Sign up today, at

[dynamoscricquet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricquet.co.uk)

## Mother's Day

Tesco Lydney Store are asking for people to nominate a Mum for Mother's Day. Please look at the information below for further details.



# Nominate a Mum for Mother's Day

Here at Tesco Lydney we would like to hear from you about why the special lady in your life deserves some special recognition this Mother's Day.

She could be your Mum, Step-mum, Mother - law or someone who is like a Mum to you.

Just tell us why you would like to nominate her along with her name, your name and a contact number.

Entries can be posted in the box in store however, due to covid regulations you will need to fill these out and bring with you to post. Alternatively, they can be emailed to [Mothersday2021@yahoo.com](mailto:Mothersday2021@yahoo.com).

Closing date is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 10pm.



## Diary Dates

- Monday 8th March** - **Whole School Return to School**  
w/c 8th March - Donations of chocolate for Easter Raffle
- Thursday 11th March - Year 3 Multi-sports (After School Club)
- Thursday 18th March - Year 3 Multi-sports (After School Club)
- Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day  
(Non - uniform: wear something red to school)
- w/c 22nd March - Easter Raffle - squares go on sale
- Thursday 25th March - Year 3 Multi-sports (After School Club)
- Thursday 31st March - Easter Raffle Draw
- April**
- Thursday 1st April - Break up for Easter
- Friday 2nd April - Good Friday
- Monday 19th April - Return to School