

Ellwood Community Primary School

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December 1st 2022



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 94.2%

We have had quite a lot of illness this week in school. Hopefully the children will have recovered by next week and we can get back to being above 97%

Well done to Sycamore for getting the highest attendance this week!

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	88.1%
Chestnut	94.8%
Beech	95%
Sycamore	98.3%
Willow	92.2%

Importance of School Attendance:

In the UK it is a legal requirement that all children attend school between the ages of 5-16. When children and young people do not attend school and are not able to access a suitable education in other ways, it leaves them vulnerable to falling behind their peers, academically, socially and emotionally.

The phrase 'persistent absence from school' was defined in 2015 as less than 90 per cent school attendance. Being 'persistently absent' was reported to have economic, social and psychological costs for children and young people and their communities. In addition, children and young people who are absent from school, to any extent, are more likely to leave school with few or no qualifications and are more likely to be out of work, suffer mental health difficulties and become homeless.

Please come and see us if you need support in relation to your child's attendance.

If your child has attendance lower than 90% you may be contacted to be offered support.

Thank you!

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is currently in full swing!

Thanks to everyone that has come along and for the kind donations given. There is a lovely atmosphere in school and everyone seems to be enjoying viewing all of the different stalls, especially the crafts created by the children!

Thank you to all of the local business for their generous donations, we are very thankful! We will finalise the amount we have raised next week and will let you all know.

A big thank you to Mrs Genner-Morris for organising everything, she has worked lot of additional hours voluntarily and has given up hours of her own time to plan, sort and source items to organise the fair. She has also organised all of the staff too!!

Thank you to all the other staff for volunteering their time to stay and help run a stall. We know it's additional to what is expected and we are so lucky to have a dedicated team. We couldn't offer the children special events and trips such as the pantomime without staff fundraising.

Thank you to the parents for donating prizes for the raffle and items for the stalls. We had some fabulous donations. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community, working together for the good of the children.
Thank you!



Road safety

Last week we had road safety week across the whole school.

The children took part in activities such as; practicing safely crossing the road, making road safety posters, the importance of wearing sensible clothing such as reflective clothing. This is particularly important at this time of year.



Road Safety

Car park and disabled bays

We have mentioned this before in previous correspondence, however, a parent has raised their concerns again regarding other parents parking in the disabled parking areas in the car park when they do not have a blue badge.

The disabled areas are designed for people displaying a blue disabled badge.

Please be reminded that there are disabled areas by the small gate at the rear of the yard and also near the car park entrance .

The school does not own the car park and we are so grateful that we are able to use it for the school community to park in. Years ago, there wasn't a car park at all and this must have been horrendous. Therefore, we need to ensure that it does not create any issues, as we would not want to jeopardise the arrangement.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

After school clubs

Today was the last day of clubs before Christmas.

We will be sending out the forms to sign your child up to clubs starting after Christmas shortly!

Parent Pay

A reminder again please to pay any outstanding debts on parent pay. We still have quite a large amount of parents that have not consented or paid for the Christmas Pantomime trip in Hereford. Please ensure you do so asap.

Thank you!

Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- Thursday 1st December - Christmas fair - 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Friday 2nd December - Reception class trip - Perrygrove
- Monday 5th December - Internet safety talk
- Tuesday 6th December - Christmas Performance - KS1 - R, Y1, Y2 & Y3
- Monday 12th December - Week commencing 12th Dec will be our Christmas shopping event!
- Wednesday 14th December - Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 15th December - Whole school Panto trip to Courtyard Theatre, Hereford
- Friday 16th December - Last day of term - 2pm finish

JANUARY

- Tuesday 3rd January - **INSET DAY**
- Wednesday 4th January - First day back in school