

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Respect**

**January 11th 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 97.4%**.

Well done to oak **class** 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](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

Oak	100%
Chestnut	95.2%
Beech	99.6%
Sycamore	97.3%
Willow	95.7%

## Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement Day

The whole school will be taking part in the Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement day on **Friday 26th January**.

Please can everyone come to school in warm PE kit on this day!

Thank you!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you and your families have had a restful holiday. It was lovely to see all the children and staff back at school after the holidays.

We have welcomed some new members of staff of this term; Mrs Williams, in the infants and Mrs Stratham in the juniors. We hope you enjoy your time at Ellwood School.

The children have settled very well, even though they had a lovely long holiday, they are getting back into routine.

We have a short but very busy term ahead of us. Thank you for your continued support, helping your child with their reading and homework.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Milford

Some Winter safety tips we thought might be useful to share with the recent cold snap of weather!

### [Winter Water Safety](#)

In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.

Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service is asking for your help to share these important life saving messages with children and families.

- When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.
- Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.
- Enjoying time outdoors during the winter - time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route which is not alongside water

Please talk to your children about not going onto icy ponds, rivers or canals under any circumstances.

## **Attendance**

The Government have launched a national campaign to highlight the importance of and improve school attendance.

14% of our pupils were categorised as persistently absent last term, this is something we really want to improve. For a child to be persistently absent last term it means they have missed on average a whole day of school a fortnight.

### **The link between attendance and attainment is clear:**

- Research shows that, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got grades 9 to 4 (C or above) in their English and maths GCSEs**, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

### **And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance!**

### **But attendance is important for more than just attainment:**

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships, reduce anxiety, increase resilience** which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.

Nearly 30% of our pupils achieved 100% last term which is a fantastic achievement. We will monitor this each term and would love to see even higher numbers next term!

We appreciate the winter months can be difficult with illness. If a child seems unwell in the morning but perks up during the day, please send them into school....moments matter!

We would like to see a reduction in the amount of holidays that are being taken within term time. We referred a high amount of requests to the Local Authority last year and fixed penalty notices were issued.

## **Thank you!**

Thank you to Mr Sandford for providing us with some new wood chippings for our log circle area.

We really do appreciate it!

## Little Princess Trust

During the Christmas holidays, Isabella from year 6 decided to have her hair cut in aid of the Little Princess Trust. Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. We are very proud of Isabella and this really promotes our value of Kindness.

If anyone would like to donate to Little Princess Trust, Isabella has brought in a donation pot which will be in the main entrance from next Monday.

Isabella would also like to hold a cake sale in aid of Little Princess trust on **Friday 9th February**, all proceeds will then be donated to them. We are kindly asking for cake donations to be brought in on the morning of Friday 9th February please.

Well done Isabella for your kindness and support to Little Princess Trust!



## Oak Class Focus

We have made bread rolls today following on from our learning about the Little Red Hen.

We have created a story map, art work and written a recipe for our bread. We have enjoyed making the bread rolls and they smelt delicious!

We have enjoyed our first bike lesson today too!





TIC+ is a Gloucestershire based charity who provide advice, support counselling and care services, including advice over the phone. They can offer advice (or sign-post) on most issues relating to young people.

They also provide a free, confidential and anonymous parent advice support line - 0800 6525675.

To find out more, please visit [www.ticplus.org.uk](http://www.ticplus.org.uk)



CCP's community-based services will deliver short term support that builds on a person's existing strengths to improve the lives of children, young people and families with multiple and complex needs.

Services including housing support, family support, health and wellbeing, money management and developing links with other people and community networks.

Please visit [www.ccp.org.uk](http://www.ccp.org.uk) or telephone 0300 365 2002.



With effect from 1st February 2021, self-referrals are no longer accepted. If you and your family are in need of a food parcel, to request support from The Forest Foodbank, please contact one of the approved agencies, which include CCP, The Salvation Army, CAB and FODDC Housing. If you require help with your gas or electricity, please tell the agency so that they can let The Foodbank know.

To find out more, please visit [www.theforest.foodbank.org.uk/get-help](http://www.theforest.foodbank.org.uk/get-help)

### Free school meals

Please remember to apply for free schools meals if you think you might be eligible. If you have applied previously and have been rejected, it is always worth reapplying as they do sometimes change the criteria that needs to be met. For any help or support with the forms, please contact Mrs Charles or Mrs Rowley.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

The department of Education is seeking parents views on draft guidance for schools and colleges on how best to support pupils questioning their gender in schools and colleges.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### Clubs – Spring Term 1 2024

All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Club dates: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
<i>Y6 SATs booster</i>	<i>Monday 3:20 – 4:20pm</i> <i>All year 6</i>	<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Mrs Woodhouse/Mrs Genner-Morris</i>
Feelings & Mindfulness workshop	Monday lunchtimes	Year 5 (max 6-8)	Mrs Rowley
Hama beads	Tuesday 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (max 15)	Mrs Milford
Multi-sports	Wednesday 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 1, 2 & 3 (max 15)	Cam Mills
Lego lunchtime club	Wednesday lunchtimes	Years 3 and 4 (max 10)	Mrs Charles
Hockey club	Thursday 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 4, 5 & 6 (max 15)	Cam Mills
Feel Good Friday	Friday 8:00 – 8:35am	Years 1 – 6 (20 max)	Mrs Charles

## New Age Kurling

Well done to the Kurling team who were amazing in their year 3/4 competition at Newent yesterday! They won their group and came third overall. What an excellent result and brilliant sportsmanship.

Thank you to Miss Williams and the parents for enabling their child to attend and to Joey's mum for helping with transport.





**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**



PRESENTS



**NSPCC  
ROCKS**

**FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024**

7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

**PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!**



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!



**[TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS](https://ttrockstars.com/online-events)**

Cygnets 2 Swans Present

# Little Snow White



**Coleford Baptist Chapel**  
**Newland Street, Coleford**

**Friday 16th February 5pm**

**Saturday 17th February 3pm**

**Adults £7.00 Concessions £3.00**

**THEUGLYDUCKTEAM@GMAIL.COM**

## *Diary Dates*

### **JANUARY**

- Tues 16th January - Years 3/4 Swimming
- Tues 16th Jan -  
Weds 17th Jan - Year 6 bikeability
- Thurs 18th January - Year 5 Gymnastics  
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Thurs 25th January - Year 5 Gymnastics  
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 26th January - Whole school Cricket experience day (PE kit to be worn)
- Tues 30th January - Years 3/4 Swimming

### **FEBRUARY**

- Thurs 1st February - Year 5 Gymnastics  
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Monday 5th February - Safer internet day
- Thursday 8th February - Year 5 Gymnastics  
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Friday 9th February - Cake sale in aid of Little Princess Trust (donations welcome please!)