

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - June 11th 2021

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We were very fortunate to have some warm and sunny weather, which was lovely.

This term promises to be very busy with lots of exciting activities planned throughout the remaining half term.

Offsite Visits

We are very pleased to say that we have managed to organise an opportunity for all year groups to have an offsite visit within this academic year.

The children from Reception to Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit Cotswold Wildlife Park on July 19th which will be a great way to end the term. We will be sending out more information regarding this trip shortly.

We have also managed to ensure that the Year 6 children have still been able to attend their end of school residential trip, which the children are really looking forward to.

Thank you to the staff for the taking the time to negotiate with providers and make these trips possible, especially with all the COVID restrictions still in place.

Fingers crossed that no further restrictions are implemented.

Headbumps

Please do not be alarmed if you have a phone call to say that your child has bumped their head. This is currently the school procedure and school will make a phone call for all bumps to the head to ensure that you are made aware. It is quite difficult, particularly with younger children to know the severity of the bump, therefore by phoning home parents/carers are informed and can monitor their child at home, if necessary.

Sports Day

Due to COVID, Sports Day will be run in year group bubbles, with scores being recorded towards an overall house score. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite parents to spectate this year.

Sports Day will take place week commencing 14th June and children should come into school in their PE kits on the day that they are running their races. This is in addition to the days that children come to school wearing their PE kits on PE/after school club days.

- Monday June 14th - Year 1
- Tuesday June 15th - Year 5
- Wednesday June 16th - Year 2 and Year 3
- Thursday June 17th - Reception and Year 6
- Friday June 18th - Year 4



Chestnut Class

Chestnut class had a visit from the Naughty Bus this week, who made a mess in the classroom! The children worked hard to write letters to the Naughty Bus to explain the classroom rules. The children spent time outside to gather ideas ready to write stories about the Naughty Bus.



COVID UPDATE

We have received guidance from the Local Authority regarding current restrictions and measures for schools.

The guidance is as follows:

‘Whilst cases in county are low, the incidence of positive cases in school still have the potential to cause significant disruption to school operation and learning’. Testing programmes should be maintained to continue to detect cases early. It is equally important for those who have been vaccinated to continue to test, particularly as they may be carrying the infection but not exhibiting any symptoms.

The county has experienced a handful of variants of concern/variants under investigation (VOC/ VUI) cases which have been linked to travel and contained no evidence of wider community transmission. However, it is important to keep in mind that VUIs and VOCs remain a national threat and we need to remain vigilant. This includes maintaining measures to keep schools COVID-19 secure such as bubbling, staggered start and finish times, following the rules around hands, face, space and fresh air, regular testing and taking up the vaccine when eligible. Further information from the DfE is detailed below.

Further easing is anticipated on 21 June and updates on the implications for schools will be notified in due course.

Variants of Concern (VOC)

A variant of COVID-19 is classified as ‘of concern’ if there are signs it could:

- cause more harm
- be more easily transmitted
- escape immunity from previous infection or vaccinations

It can take weeks of research to establish this in newly identified Variants of Concern (VOC), which is why immediate action is needed to contain the spread.

In areas where VOCs are identified, local action is taken immediately to limit the spread and contain the variant. The more cases we find, the better chance we have of stopping it spreading.

Schools and colleges will be offered surge testing using PCR tests if they are in an area identified as having cases of a COVID-19 VOC. The Local Authority Director of Public Health is responsible for deciding the exact operational response under the [contingency framework](#).

The same [national guidance](#) continues to apply in areas where new variants have been identified and education settings can remain open. All pupils and staff should continue to follow national guidance, including ‘hands, face, space, fresh air’.

We strongly encourage staff and students in areas of VOC to take a rapid self-test (LFD) test twice a week, even if you don’t have symptoms.

We will keep you updated with any changes after the Prime Minister's announcement on 21st June.

EYFS (Reception) - Year 6 Covid-19 testing

School staff and parents/carers

No symptoms

Twice-weekly testing with Lateral Flow Device tests

If LFD positive

Isolate immediately (along with household). Book a PCR test at a testing site within 48h*. Continue to isolate while you wait for your results.

Adults in a household or support bubble, where children regularly attend educational settings are advised to test twice-weekly.

To find out where to get a Lateral Flow Device test, visit:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/testing

Anyone with symptoms

Symptoms include a *new* continuous cough, loss or change of taste or smell and/or a high temperature.

Isolate immediately (along with household) and book a PCR test. Only the person with symptoms needs a test. Continue to isolate while you wait for the results.

PCR

Positive

If PCR positive, continue to isolate (with your household) for 10+ days.

Isolation should start from the date of the positive test or the onset of symptoms.

Negative

Back to school or work when better

PCR test: At a testing site or at home (select when booking).

Please book here: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or dial 119

Primary aged children (Reception to year 6)

No symptoms

No symptoms? No test!

There's no need to test children in this age group if they have no symptoms. This includes after isolation, when going back to school

*If LFD positive, visit a testing site within 48h, to book visit:

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

PLANT SALE NOW ON !!

There is a table situated at the front of the school where you can help yourself to plants and make a donation for the school garden . Money can be left in the jar or given to Mrs Rees. Unwanted pots can be returned. If you have any spare plants please just pop them on the table.

Thank you.



P.S Do look over the fence as the school garden is looking fantastic and is a haven for wild life.





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Coleford



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From 27th July to 20th August 2021



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Summer Term 2

Please send your child into school wearing the appropriate clothing for either PE or Forest Adventures.



Monday	Oak class: PE kit	Beech class: PE kit		
Tuesday	Sycamore class: PE kit	Willow class: PE kit		
Wednesday	Sycamore class: PE kit	Willow class: PE kit		
Thursday	Oak class: PE kit	Beech: Forest Adventures		
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures	Chestnut class: PE kit		
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow

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Diary Dates

JUNE

- Monday 14th June - Year 1 Sports Day
(Children to come in PE kit)
- Tuesday 15th June - Year 5 Sports Day
(Children to come in PE kit)
- Wednesday 16th June - Year 2 and Year 3 Sports Day
(Children to come in PE kit)
- Thursday 17th June - Reception and Year 6 Sports Day
(Children to come in PE kit)
- Friday 18th June - Year 4 Sports Day
(Children to come in PE kit)

JULY

- Tuesday 13th July - Cattle Country Trip (R and Y1)
- Friday 16th July - Manor Adventure Residential (Y6)
Monday 19th July
- Monday 19th July - Cotswold Wildlife Park (R—Y5)
(More details to follow)
- Tuesday 20th July - **Last day of term for children**
(Finish at 2 p.m.)
- Wednesday 21st July - INSET DAY (Staff only)