

Ellwood School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a good weekend and good week so far. Sorry we haven't been in touch as often over the last few weeks but as you can appreciate, we have been very busy preparing the school for the return of certain year groups.

The week so far has gone well and the children are starting to understand our new way of working and are trying really hard to understand social distancing. As you can imagine the logistics of this are similar to a military operation!

The staff have been amazing and have been eager to welcome the children back, despite the risks to themselves and their families. They have also not followed some of the union guidance and have returned to work. We are all very fortunate to have such an amazing team of staff at Ellwood school who go above and beyond on a daily basis.

Below are some photos of children currently in school doing some fun activities!



Learning Platform

The learning platform is going extremely well and teachers have agreed to continue to plan for the children who are not attending school. Please be clear this is not a requirement for schools, but it was something we wanted for our pupils. Schools are only expected to sign post parents to learning sites such as the Oak academy and BBC sites provided and organised by the Government.

Our teachers have built and planned an amazing platform covering a range of subjects and also enables pupils/parents to receive feedback and communicate with each other. This is another task they are completing, along side working in school every day with other children. Therefore we need to remind parents that the platform is additional to what is expected and teachers can not be planning individually for children or have requests for different work. If you require more work for children please look at the suggested website links on the school website, or activities suggested by the class teacher.

Thanks ☆

Keyworker/EHCP/Vulnerable children

Due to the increased number in keyworkers/EHCP and vulnerable children now attending school, we need to have five working days notice (not 48 hours as previously stated) if any new children want to attend and if the numbers continue to increase it will be on a first come, first serve basis, as we don't have the physical space and capacity to have unlimited numbers.

Due to this, we can only accept keyworker children on the days the parents/carers are working. If you are a keyworker and your child is currently attending school and you haven't previously sent in evidence of your job role and shift pattern, can you please do so asap.

Reception/Year 1 Children

If you have a child in one of the above years that is not currently attending school, but who you would like to start attending from 22nd June, please ensure you let us know by Friday 12th June. Please email the class teacher, leave a voicemail at school or email admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Reading Books

As previously stated we will not currently be sending home reading books due to cross contamination and people attending site to collect. Mrs Woodhouse will send a list of websites to obtain online books from or where you can purchase cheap books from. There are lots of resources available and activities uploaded on the platform (Tapestry for Reception class) which have reading opportunities.

It currently looks as though some children may not return to school fully until the Autumn term. It is important that children are completing school work at home and accessing the platform. Please email your class teacher if you are having any problems with this.

Gloucestershire School Games

Gloucestershire School Games have launched an exciting new competition for children across the county to get involved in. The competition consists of 3 challenges.

The first challenge is based on ball skills. The pictures below contain the details for KS1 and KS2 children.

If your child would like to take part, they will need to practise the task and record their scores.

The idea is that children practise the tasks to achieve their personal best.

Please send their **best score** to six@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk by Wednesday 17th June. The scores will be collated and sent off to the organisers.

Let's see if Ellwood can be winners.

Good luck everyone!

Key stage one
Ball skills challenge

Time: 60 seconds

Equipment: ball & Stopwatch

Task: Sit on the floor. How many times can you roll the ball around your body?



Key stage two
Ball skills challenge

Time: 60 seconds

Equipment: ball, wall & stopwatch

Task: stand 2 metres away. Throw and catch the ball as it rebounds as many times as you can. Let the ball bounce if you'd like!



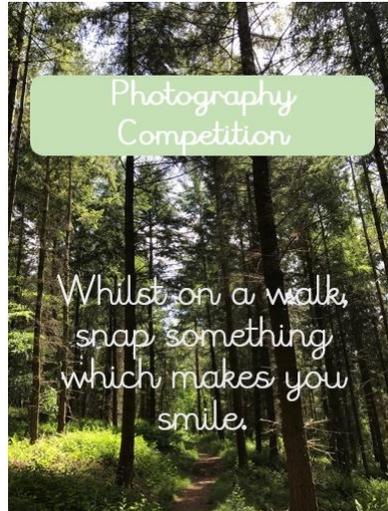
Gloucestershire School Games have recently launched another competition for children to get involved in. This competition is about promoting health and well being.

Photography Competition - Throughout June 2020

If your child would like to take part, all they need to do is take a photo of something that makes them smile whilst out and about in the beautiful Forest of Dean!

Entries can be sent in directly to School Games: info@gloucestershireschoolgames.org.uk

Good luck!



Reading Books

Whilst we are still unable to offer our school reading books due to issues with cross-contamination, there are plenty of other ways for your children to maintain four reads a week. On-line resources are being updated daily to aid with home schooling.

The following resources are widely available on-line and highly beneficial:

- Reading comprehension activities
Oxford Owl online (<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>)
 - Audio books
- Reading/following sets of instructions
 - Reading/following recipes
 - Phonics practice

<https://www.booksforbugs.co.uk/>

Art Competition

Spirited Arts - Art in Heaven Competition 2020

This term's competition at Ellwood School

This is an exciting RE/Art project from NATRE that children can do at home. If your child would like to enter the competition, all they need to do is create a piece of art based on one of the three themes listed below:

- 1 - God's good earth?
- 2 - Holy Words!
- 3 - Where is God?

Artwork for the competition can be in almost any form. It can be 2D art, painting, drawing or pastel colours. It can be 3D, fabric or sculpture, video art, music or poetry. Once the artwork is complete, your child will need to complete a short piece of writing to accompany their art. About eight sentences is recommended.

Please send the art and write up to year.four@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk by Friday 26th June.

10 pieces of artwork from Ellwood School will be entered into this worldwide competition.

**More detailed information has been emailed out to parents/carers.
Good luck!**



Drowning Prevention Week

It is Drowning Prevention week from 19th June—22nd June. this link takes you to a powerful video and other useful resources.

The teachers will be putting up some activities on the platform for the children so look out for these.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/drowning-prevention-week>

