

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - December 11th 2020

Christmas Crafts

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to hold a Christmas fayre this year for everyone to enjoy together. Instead, each class has been busy working on an enterprise project to make Christmas items to raise money for their class fund.

If you wish to buy the items made by your child, please send a donation into school in the envelope provided. A suggested donation of £2.00 for your child's beautiful Christmas crafts, however any donation that you are able to give would be gratefully received.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Year 6 (on behalf of all of the children at Ellwood School).



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Just a reminder that squares are still available to buy, for £1 a square. You may buy more than one square if you would like to.

Please send money into school in a named envelope.

Thank you.



Christmas Party Day

Just a reminder that the last day of term, Friday 18th December, will be a Christmas Party day. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper along with their school uniform, if they would like to.

To celebrate the end of term children may bring along a party themed packed lunch and decorate their lunch box. School dinners will still be available to order on the day also.



Parent/Carer Christmas Hamper Raffle

Squares are still available to buy for the Parent/Carer Christmas Hamper raffle, for £1.00 a square. If you would like the chance of winning one of these amazing hampers, please send money into school with your child in a named envelope. Thank you and good luck!

1st Prize - A luxury hamper, containing 4 bottles of wine and a selection of chocolates.

2nd Prize - A savoury hamper, containing cheeses, crackers, crisps and nuts.

3rd Prize - A chocolate hamper, containing a variety of chocolate treats!



Tesco's Poetry Competition Winners

Children recently took part in a Bonfire Night poetry competition run by Tesco's Lydney.

The judges were very impressed with all the entries and found it very difficult to choose winners, as the standard was so high. Eventually, they decided on the following winners:

Aiden Beard

Cleo Stanton

Henry Bishop

Well done to the winners and to everyone that took part, we are so proud of you all!

We would like to thank the Tesco Lydney Store for running the competition and to Elsie's Mum for liaising with the school and helping it run so smoothly - thank you!

Weekly Achievement Oak Class

Indie - for great progress in phonics.



Weekly Achievement Oak Class

Seb - for fantastic sentence writing in phonics.

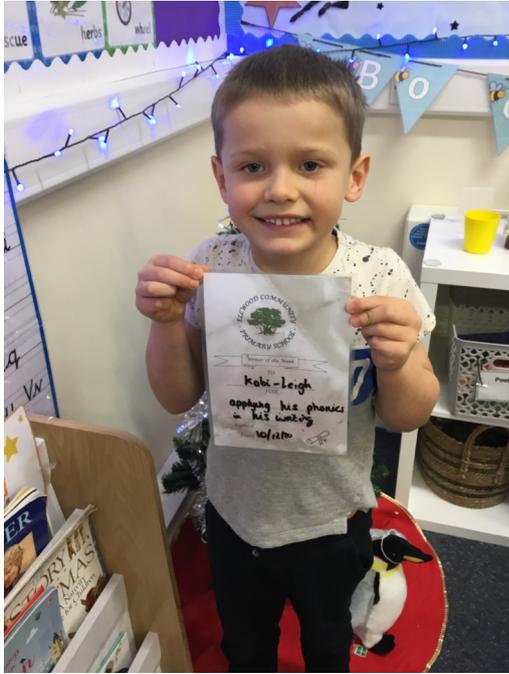


WEEKLY AWARDS

Writer of the Week

Year 1

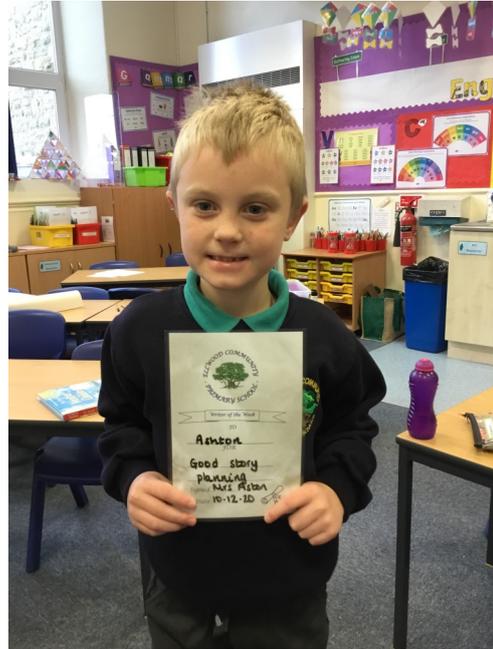
Kobi-Leigh - For applying his phonics in his writing.



Writer of the Week

Year 3

Ashton - for good story planning.



Year 2

Elena-May - for trying hard with her handwriting.



Year 4

Chase - for a great attitude towards his writing.



Writer of the Week

Year 6

Darcey - for writing a fantastic story.



PE Kit Days—Spring Term 2021

Monday - Oak Class - should wear PE kit to school.

Tuesday - Years 1- 6 should wear PE kit to school (Cricket)

Wednesday - Willow Class to wear PE kit if taking part in TAG rugby club after school.

Thursday - Y4 should wear PE kit to school (Gymnastics).

(07/01/21 to 11/02/21)

Beech Class to wear Forest Adventure clothing to school.

(07/01/21 to 10/02/21)

Friday- Oak Class - should wear Forest Adventure clothing to school.

TAG Rugby Club - Willow Class

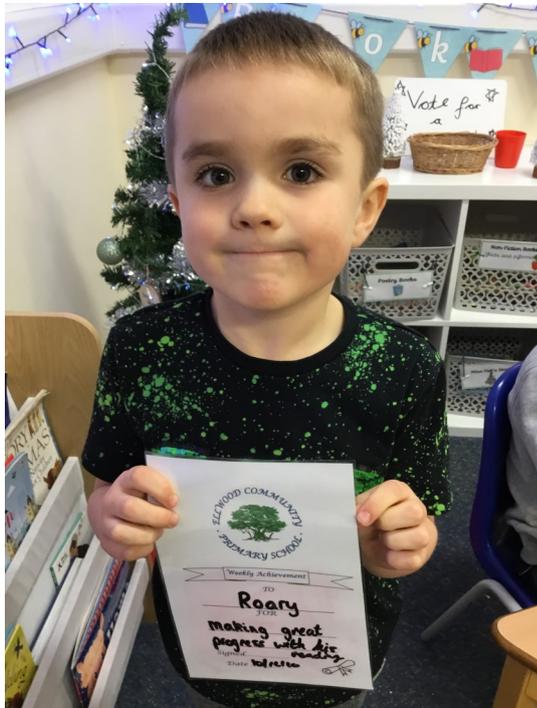
We are very fortunate to be able to offer the children in Willow Class the opportunity to take part in an after school TAG rugby club, run by Gloucestershire Rugby Club. This is a free club and will take place after school on Wednesdays, 3.15p.m.—4.00 p.m.

If you would like your child to take part please complete the form that has been sent home today with your child. Please return reply slips to school by Tuesday 15th December.

Thank you.

Weekly Achievement Year 1

Roary - for making great progress in his reading.



Weekly Achievement Year 3

Jasper - for being focused and on task.



Year 2

Ruby A - for always being a kind friend.



Year 4

Millie H - for always trying her best.



Weekly Achievement

Year 5

Joshua P - for working hard in all subjects.



Year 6

Ruby and Josh- for being excellent helpers at playtimes.



Christmas Movie Night

The children that attended movie night, all had a great time and were very well behaved throughout. Many thanks to the teachers and teaching assistant that helped organise and support this event.

A big thank you also to Tesco Store Lydney, for kindly donating the popcorn for the evening. The children really enjoyed it!



Year 2—Science

Year 2 have worked hard this term learning about habitats. Their final project was to create a 'shoe-box habitat'. They planned what animals and plants live in their chosen habitat and then used a range of materials to create them.



COVID Update

Friday 18th December

As you may have heard in the media, the Department for Education (DFE) released information this week, which would enable schools to take Friday the 18th December as an Inset day. We want to reassure parents that we will not be doing this, as it is very short notice for schools, not very beneficial and not helpful for working parents. Therefore, school will be open to all, **as normal, on Friday 18th and finish at 2.05pm (Chestnut and Beech) and 2.15 (Oak, Sycamore and Willow)**, as we had previously planned.

Our INSET will go ahead as planned on Monday 4th January 2021 and children should **return to school as planned on Tuesday 5th January**. Our current staggered drop off and pick up times will stay the same when we return in the new year.

Track and Trace

You may have also been made aware of the controversy about the additional pressures added to schools to be part of the track and trace system, particularly over the holiday period.

We wanted to make our school families aware of the following arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

CONTACT US IF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:

For the **first 6 days** after teaching ends, if a **pupil or staff member tests positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. **The school SHOULD be contacted.**

Please email admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk for reporting positive cases during the holiday period (only for the first 6 days); this email will be checked daily, until Christmas Eve which is 6 days after the final day of contact within school.

If we are informed that a **pupil or staff member has tested positive** for coronavirus **within the first 6 days** after teaching ends, we will **send an email, text notification** and also put a notice on the **school website** (home page) **and facebook**, to inform the **relevant bubbles** of their **need to self-isolate**. It is then down to individual families to ensure they follow these rules.

DO NOT CONTACT US IF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:

Where a **pupil or staff member tests positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the **school should NOT be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by **NHS Test and Trace**.

Where **pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days** following the end of term, **schools DO NOT need to be informed** about their absence until the first day of the new term.

We are hoping for all our school and staff families that we can make it safely to the end of term and avoid any of our families having to self-isolate over the festive period.

We urge everyone to continue their efforts in staying as Covid secure as possible.

HANDS

FACE

SPACE

- Please wear a mask at all times when around the school grounds
- Please continue to maintain social distancing
- Avoid car sharing with other people/children from different bubbles
- Please ensure your children are not in close contact with children from other bubbles outside of school
- Remain vigilant with regards to mixing with other bubbles over the festive period to help keep yourselves, your families, friends, staff and the community safe. We are conscious that there could be a spike in positive cases after Christmas due to people mixing and we really want to keep this as low as possible.

Thank you and stay safe.

Diary Dates

December

Monday 14th Dec - Christmas Cards handed out

Monday 14th Dec - Secret Shopping commences this week

Friday 17th Dec

Wed 16th Dec - Class Enterprise Crafts to be sent home
(Please bring a bag)

Friday 18th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Party Day
Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw

Early Finish

2.05 p.m. Chestnut and Beech

2.15 p.m. Oak, Willow and Sycamore

