

Ellwood Community Primary School

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Our value this term is: Responsibility

October 27th 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 95.5%**

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

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30am ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	98.1%
Chestnut	93.5%
Beech	93.1%
Sycamore	99.1%
Willow	94.4%

Have a lovely October Half Term!



A message from Mrs Milford

What a fantastic busy half term we have had. The weeks have flown by but the children are ready for a relaxing break now. They have become a little tired over the last week or so, but they have achieved so much this term already.

They have settled well in to their new classes and are now used to mixing with new children. All of the children have had some wonderful learning experiences and have relished these new opportunities. New pupils and staff have settled well in to Ellwood School life and are already valued members of our school community.

We have had a number of external professionals visit the school this term, looking at certain aspects such as; behaviour and attitudes of pupils, early reading, phonics, history and maths. These visits were very successful and when we have the final report back, we will share some of the findings. Overall, the feedback was very positive and pupils, staff and leadership was said to be strong. There are always areas to improve further and we all strive to be the best we can be. For a small school, with limited staff, we try hard to ensure the children have a good education, are well supported, feel happy and safe and have extra opportunities to develop their personal and wider development.

Thank you to all parents for supporting your child with their behaviour, academic work and for supporting the school.

We look forward to another busy term leading up to Christmas. Have a good half term!

Mrs Milford

Autumn Term 2

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



Monday				
Tuesday	Year 5/6 Swimming 7 th , 21 st , 5 th		Chestnut PE Kit	Beech PE Kit
Wednesday	Sycamore PE Kit		Willow PE Kit	Beech PE Kit
Thursday	Oak PE Kit	Year 3 Gymnastics starting 9 th November (for three weeks) Then Year 6 Starting 30 th November (for three weeks)	Willow Forest Adventures	Chestnut PE Kit
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures		Sycamore PE Kit	
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow

*If your child is swimming or doing 'Forest Adventures' please note this is counted as a PE session.

Design and Technology

Beech class have had fun creating some Pneumatic toys in D&T this week, they look fantastic, well done Beech!





Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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STAY WELL this Winter

NHS

Get your COVID vaccine

If you're over 65, under 65 with a chronic condition, pregnant, or a main carer for an older or disabled person, find out how to access your COVID vaccine in the Forest of Dean.



Flu vaccines are being offered at your GP surgery, you should receive an invite soon if you haven't already.

If you're registered with one of these practices then visit one of our drop-in clinics from 9am-12.30pm and 1.15pm-5pm:

Blakeney Surgery	Drop in to Lydney Fire Station	Sunday 29 October Saturday 4 November	Accessing the Lydney Community Fire Station Lydney Community Fire Station 2 Hill Street, Lydney, GL15 5HE The Fire Station is accessible for wheelchair users. Parking - Please do not attempt to park at the Fire Station itself. Parking is available close by at the Library or at Swan Road.
Brunston and Lydbrook	You will be invited to book an appointment at your GP surgery. Please don't call at this time.		
Coleford Family Doctors	Drop-in to the former Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road	Saturday 28 October Saturday 4 November	
Dockham Surgery	Drop-in to the former Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road	Sunday 29 October Saturday 4 November	
Drybrook Surgery	You will be invited to book an appointment at your GP surgery. Please don't call at this time.		
Forest Health Care	You will be invited to book an appointment at your GP surgery. Please don't call at this time.		
Lydney Practice	Drop-in to Lydney Fire Station	Saturday 28 October Sunday 29 October Saturday 4 November	Accessing the Former Health Centre at Dockham Road, Cinderford Former Health Centre, Dockham Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AN The Centre is accessible for wheelchair users. Parking - Parking is available at the Tesco Superstore adjacent to the Former Health Centre site.
Mitcheldean Surgery	You will be invited to book an appointment at your GP surgery. Please don't call at this time.		
Severbank Surgery	Drop-in to Lydney Fire Station	Saturday 28 October Saturday 4 November	
Yorkley and Bream Surgery	You will be invited to book an appointment at your GP surgery. Please don't call at this time.		

If you can't make one of the drop-in dates, you may also be able to book an appointment at a participating pharmacy via the National Booking System (nhs.uk/covidvaccination or phone number 119).

Find out more about the COVID Vaccination Programme in Gloucestershire:
nhsglos.nhs.uk/vaccinations

GCC Autumn Winter Menu 2023

WEEK ONE

6 November
27 November
18 December
22 January
19 February
11 March

MONDAY

Option One
Macaroni Cheese

Option Two
Vegetable Pasta Bake

Option Three
Jacket Potato with Cheese

Vegetables
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert
Orange Drizzle Cake

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken with Rice

BBQ Quorn with Rice

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans

Seasonal Vegetables

Cinnamon Swirl

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetable Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise

Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins

THURSDAY

Spagheti Bolognaise with Homemade Garlic Bread

Tomato Arrabiata Pasta

Jacket Potato with Cheese

Seasonal Vegetables

Vanilla Cake

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup

Vegan Sausages with Chips & Tomato Ketchup

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Peas & Baked Beans

Chocolate Shortbread

WEEK TWO

13 November
4 December
8 January
29 January
26 February
18 March

Option One
Vegetable Curry with Rice

Option Two
Vegetable Fajitas with Rice

Option Three
Jacket Potato with Cheese

Vegetables
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert
Eves Pudding with Chocolate Sauce

Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy

Vegan Sausage and Mashed Potato

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans

Seasonal Vegetables

Lemon & Berry Cake

Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Tuna or Salmon Mayonnaise

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Orange Cookie

Greek Chicken Pitta with Cucumber Dip & Potato Wedges

Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges

Jacket Potato with Cheese

Greek Salad

Vanilla Cake

Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup

Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Peas & Baked Beans

Cinnamon Cookie

WEEK THREE

20 November
11 December
15 January
5 February
4 March

Option One
Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Option Two
Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Cucumber Dip & Potato Wedges

Option Three
Jacket Potato with Cheese

Vegetables
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert
Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake

Chicken & Broccoli Pasta

Vegan Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce & Pasta

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans

Seasonal Vegetables

Vanilla Shortbread

Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise

Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Jelly

Cottage Pie

Shepherdess Pie

Jacket Potato with Cheese

Seasonal Vegetables

Apple Crumble & Custard

Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup

Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans

Peas & Baked Beans

Fruity Shortbread

MENU KEY

Added Plant Power

Wholemeal

Vegan

Chef's Special

Available Daily:

Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

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Clubs-Autumn Term 2

Please see below the selection of clubs on offer next half term. These will be offered on a first come first serve basis. Due to ratio limits, we cannot go over the maximum number of children allowed in each club. Thank you to staff for offering to run the before/after school clubs.

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

Club dates: **Monday 13th November – Friday 8th December**

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
Feel Good Friday	Fridays (Breakfast club) 8:00am-8:35am	Years 1 – 6 (Max 20)	Mrs Charles
Lego Club	Wednesday lunchtimes	Years 3 and 4 (Max 10)	Mrs Charles
Lego Club	Mondays 3:20-4:20pm	Years 1 and 2 (Max 15)	Mrs King
<i>Phonics/Reading</i>	<i>Mon – Thurs 8:20am-8:45am (Invite only)</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Miss Hek</i>
<u>Knex</u>	Mondays 3:20-4:20pm	Years 3 – 6 (Max20)	Miss Hayward
Multi-sports with Cam	Tuesdays 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 1 and 2 (Max 15)	Cam
<u>Boardgames</u>	Mondays 3:20 – 4:20pm	Years 3 – 6 (Max 15)	Mrs Sheppard
<i>Trick box mentors/Badge club</i>	<i>Lunchtimes (Invite only)</i>	<i>Trick box mentors</i>	<i>Miss <u>Chisman</u></i>
Football with Cam	Thursdays 3:20– 4:20pm	Years 5 and 6 (Max 15)	Cam

Carols at the Community Café—Sling Club

Wednesday 13th December 2023 10am - 12pm

Refreshments and mince pies available.

They will be joined by Clements End Chapel for a morning of Carols.

The Smuggle Fairies will also be at the Café with their wide selection of beautiful hand-made crafts and gifts,

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- Fri 27th Oct
- Harvest Assemblies - Parents invited
Years R, 1, 2 & 3 - 2:15pm—2:45pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 2:50pm—3:20pm
Dress as a farmer for children

HALF TERM

- Tues 7th Nov
- Swimming years 5/6
- Thurs 9th Nov
- Gymnastics year 3
- Mon 13th Nov
- Odd socks day to kick start anti-bullying week
- Thurs 16th Nov
- Read and rave
EYFS, Y1 & Y2 5pm - 6pm
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 6:15pm - 7:15pm
 - Gymnastics year 3
- Friday 17th Nov
- Children in need - non uniform day
 - Please bring in cakes for our cake sale
 - Cake Sale - After school

We would like to share with you that the KS1 nativity will take place on Thursday 14th December at Whitmead. More information to follow next half term.