

# Ellwood Community Primary School

## *BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

*September 29th 2022*



### EYFS

This week our new Reception class stayed for lunch in school and are now full time! It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident and familiar within our school. They have been meeting other children and staff and have really enjoyed meeting their buddies. The buddies in Year 6 have been doing a fantastic job! We are so lucky we are able to have a class of 20 in EYFS. This makes such a difference to their induction and first year in school. The children have settled in to school life so well and we are really proud of them.

### Autumn Term Learning

A few weeks ago, we held our 'Meet The Teacher' Meetings, this was an opportunity for you to see your child's teacher and find out what the year ahead will entail. It was great to see parents in school, if you were unable to attend, hopefully you will have been sent the topic web for this showing what the children will be learning. If you do need to get in touch with your child's teacher, they will happily arrange a convenient time to talk. Please bear in mind, that this may not always be at drop off or collection time due to teachers needing to be back in class and teaching. If you require a longer conversation, please phone the office and make an appointment.

### Parent online chats

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's class teacher directly rather than using group chats to discuss concerns. We know group and class group chats are useful for sharing information such as dates and events with other parents, but they can also be unhelpful, as sometimes the information being shared or relayed isn't always what has really happened and there is always some context surrounding events. Please talk to the school about any concerns. We have an acceptable use policy which explains the expectations from parents with regard to this.

### Children using apps such as snapchat/what's app

Also please be aware that the minimum what'sapp age is 16 years old, younger children shouldn't be using it. We are hearing reports of children falling out in group chats so parents, please ensure what messages are being sent and received and delete the app or block people/children if this is the case. On a positive note, keeping in touch with friends is very important but the means of doing this needs to be monitored.

You can find more information on internet safety online <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#advice>

## Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation.

Well done to Chestnut class for having the highest attendance this week!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m. by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

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| Oak      | N/A    |
| Chestnut | 99.14% |
| Beech    | 95.02% |
| Sycamore | 96.25% |
| Willow   | 93.53% |

Please note that it is not just consecutive days of holidays or absences that could result in a penalty notice. Therefore it does not need to be in a block of absence. It could be the odd day here and there over a 10 week period. See below.

If term-time leave is not granted, taking a pupil out of school will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in a sanction, such as a penalty notice. Fixed Penalty Notice: **If a pupil has over 10 sessions (5 days) of Unauthorised Absence/late after the register has closed in a 10 week period** each adult with parental responsibility would receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60.

More information can be found here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2102803/gcc-penalty-notice-code-of-conduct-revised-30-september-2020.pdf>

This is the same with lateness. If a child arrives late, after registration has closed, then the above will apply. Please make sure children are in on time to avoid a penalty notice. As a school, we need to follow the guidance given. The DFE and LA have reviewed the guidance this year and as a school we have to follow it. Children need to be in school on time, entering through the back gate.



The Eco Council are :

Willow  
Sycamore  
Beech  
Chestnut

Izzy Roberts  
Jack Beach  
Ellis Nixon  
Kuba

Oak

Phoebe Voyce  
To be elected later in the year.

Their first job will be to recycle our waste at playtimes more effectively.

The representatives will be ensuring that lights are off at lunchtime and at hometime along with any other issues that arise in their classes.



## Queen Elizabeth II

All of the children at Ellwood Community Primary School celebrated Queen Elizabeth II through creating art work inspired Byher. We then put all of their work on display to remember the Queen and her wonderful life.

Well done everyone!



## Census Day

We have a special Census Day menu next Thursday 6th October! Instead of the normal menu we will be offering the below options. We encourage all children to try a hot school dinner on this day and would be very grateful if you could encourage them to try one.

Thank you!



# CENSUS MENU

6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

SAUSAGE & CHIPS

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VEGAN HOTDOG & CHIPS

BOTH SERVED WITH BEANS OR SWEETCORN

*Dessert*

CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE WITH ICING

OR

FRUIT & YOGHURT



# Open Evening

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

4:00pm-5:00pm

Come along to our open evening to look around our dynamic school.

## Useful Info!

We thought this might be useful to share with parents as we know the guidance changed a few years ago.

Using a child car seat or booster seat.

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight. There is more information on the government website.

## September 2023 - Secondary School Applications

If your child is moving on to Secondary School next September, it is important that you register on the Gloucestershire Schools Admissions site before October 31st. Over the next few weeks, secondary schools will be offering open days which will enable you and your child to visit the school either during an Open Evening event or the School Day. Look at their websites for more details as we do not arrange these. If you are attending during the school day, please just let us know and complete an absence form. This is an exciting time for the children and it is a good opportunity to look at different schools so you can find the best school for your child's interests and needs. It is also good for them to get a feel of what a secondary school is like.

## *Diary Dates*

### **SEPTEMBER**

Friday 30th Sept - Weds 5th Oct - Book Fair

### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday 4th October - In the net - Y4 Tutshill school

Thursday 13th October - Cheltenham literature festival—Year 6

Wednesday 19th October - Nasal flu vaccinations—Whole school

Friday 21st October - Harvest assembly, children are invited to dress as a farmer for the day and to bring in a donation for the food bank.

*Friday 21st October - Last day of term*

*Monday 31st October - Start of Autumn term 2*

### **NOVEMBER**

Thursday 3rd November - Individual school photos

Thursday 17th November - Ashmolean Museum (Sycamore & Willow)

Wednesday 23rd November - No pens day