Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Honesty



June 9th 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 93.3**%

Well done to Chestnut class for getting the highest attendance this week.

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m.,

ideally before the start of school by either phoning the

school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	91.7%
Chestnut	94,3%
Beech	93.7%
Sycamore	93.1%
Willow	93.1%

We hope	you all had a l	lovely half
	have lots of f	
and trips	planned for t	his new half
term.		

It is so lovely seeing all the children playing outside and enjoying the sunshine now that the weather has finally improved. The children are working really hard already and are producing some fantastic work.

We hope they continue to work hard and have enjoyable last half term before the summer break! Fathers day raffle - the year 6 parents have organised a fathers day raffle. Tickets will be going on sale Monday 12th June for £1 a strip after school and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 16th.

If you have any prizes to donate or would like more info please contact

Suzanne Edey or Becky Wilkins.

Thanks.

Attendance

This term there are a number of fixed penalty notices being given to families who have been on holiday during term time, this is a fine for both parents or adults who live in the same household and care for the child/ren. Please be reminded that holidays in term time will not be authorised and are likely to incur a penalty notice form the local authority. The schools attendance is currently not very good and this needs to improve across all years.

We need to be at least 97% and we have been around 93-95% overall. We will be reviewing attendance again in the next few weeks and the parents of any low attendees will asked to attend a meeting, a support plan will be put in place and evidence of absences may requested.

Thank you for your understanding.



At National Online Safety, we kelleve in empowering parents, camers and trusted adults with the information to held an informed conversation about an line safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we balleve trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit waw.nationalondinesofety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a velochat function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially reause! inimate imdaes.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcan feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely -so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.



when video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).





Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

VIDEO RECORDING

When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coased by others into idoing things they den't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that ne harm can come fram it. What they don't know is whether the ather user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrase or blackmall them, or they could be kept by a potential enline predetor.

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ome IV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS (His)

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webchat function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person



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DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

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ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by athers, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being ceaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that (hey can always talk to you about anything online that werries them.



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Parent Pay debts - all debts on Parent Pay need to be cleared by the end of June, this is particularly important for year 6 who are leaving in July.

Dinner debts - thank you to those parents that have paid off outstanding dinner debts on Parent Pay this week. It is Caterlink who provide the lunches and therefore meals can't be ordered if they are not paid for in advance. As a reminder if your dinner debt rises above $\pounds 25$, we will not be able to order a child a lunch until it is cleared.

Outstanding trips and activities - we need a contribution from all parents for trips and activities such as swimming to go ahead. Unfortunately we would have to reduce trips/activities next year if we don't receive contributions from everyone, we really don't want to do this as they are great enriching experiences for the children.

Online safety - please make sure that children aren't accessing devices for more than an hour a day. New information has come out about children being addicted to devices and phones and it is drastically impacting on children's behavior, sleeping patterns and friendships. Social skills are being lost as children are not having face to face contact with peers and therefore are not able to cope when interacting in social situations and struggle with resilience when they have minor disagreements. Please monitor this carefully and the age restrictions of games and apps. Thank you.

Year 4 - keep practicing timetables for your statutory end of year 4 times tables test next week.

Hot weather - please remember as the weather is getting warmer the children may need hats, suncream and must always come to school with a water bottle.

Diary Dates				
JUNE				
Friday 9th June	-	Fund raising Friday - this week we will be selling drinks, snacks, ice pops and sweets ranging from 25p to ± 1		
W/C Mon 12th June		Year 1 phonics screening Year 4 multiplication check		
Friday 16th June	-	Pyjamarama day (wear pjs into school to donate an optional 50p to books trust) Books for bugs book fair		
Monday 19th June	-	Hopewell Colliery trip years 4, 5 and 6		
Wed 21st June	-	Sports day 1:15pm - 3:15pm		
Friday 23rd June	-	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations for the school fair		
Tuesday 27th June	-	Rags2Riches collection		
Friday 30th June	-	Mrs Marshall memorial walk		