

Ellwood Community Primary School

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January 14th 2022



Census Day — Thursday 20th January

On School Census day the government calculates part of our school funding based on the number of meals taken on the day.

We would therefore like to encourage as many children as possible to take a meal on Census Day, as this will help with our funding. This also may be a great opportunity for children to try a school meal if they haven't already done so, especially if they are eligible for either Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (R, Y1 and Y2).

We have a special menu on this day which is below. Usual school meal charges will apply (£2.34) and should be paid through ParentPay. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or is currently receiving Universal Free School meals (Years R, 1 and 2) then their meal is free of charge.

Census Day meals may be ordered on the day.

Many thanks for your support.

Sausage and Chips

Or

Vegetarian Sausage and Chips

with

Beans or Sweetcorn

and

Chocolate Cookie

Reading

We have seen a great improvement in regular reading at home this week, thank you so much for working with us and ensuring your child has the opportunity to read at home.



Clubs - Sports kit

If your child is taking part in a sports after school club, please ensure they bring their PE kit to school so they can change after school.

Thank you.

Year 6 booster

Thank you for ensuring your child/ren is attending the Year 6 booster club. All children attended and all worked hard. It is going to be so beneficial for them to practise their skills and recap their knowledge. The next session is Monday after school 3.15 p.m.— 4:15 p.m.

Thank you.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

We have received a letter from the Rotary Club thanking us for our participation in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme this Christmas. They received a total of 267 boxes from nine local schools, which is amazing!

Once the boxes arrive in Eastern Europe they will be distributed to families and children who are far less fortunate than us in the UK.

Thank you so much for your kind donations.

Message from Sling Playing Fields Committee

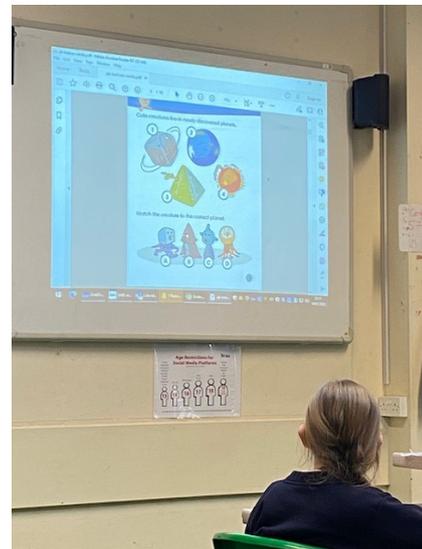
Sling Playing Fields AGM

Sling Playing Fields AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd February at 7 p.m. at Sling Clubhouse.

As always we welcome any new members looking to help get involved with the village playing fields. New equipment and fundraising events to be discussed.

Dean Academy Visit—Willow Class

Willow Class enjoyed another afternoon at Dean Academy trying their hand at some coding. This is such a fantastic opportunity.



Thank you to Dean Academy for slotting in these extra sessions this term. We have two more sessions to go!

Healthy Schools Programme—Family First

Please follow the link below to have a look at the Family First magazine, which is full of informative and useful information.

[Family First - Winter 2021/22 by Seven Star Media - Issuu](#)



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HELLO, PARENTS & GUARDIANS! WE ARE BEEZEE BODIES, AND WE WORK WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FREE (AND FUN!) HEALTHY LIFESTYLES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY TO BE HEALTHIER?

GOOD NEWS! WE HAVE NEW GROUPS STARTING NEAR YOU. CLICK BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE!*



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
PODSMEAD Podsmead Community Centre 16:30 - 18:30 Age 5 - 15 ONLINE 17:30 - 18:30 Age 9 - 12	BARTON All Nations Community Centre 17:00 - 19:00 Age 5 - 15 ONLINE 16:30 - 17:30 Age 5 - 8	CINDERFORD The Forest Road Centre 16:45 - 18:45 Age 5 - 15 ONLINE 17:30 - 18:30 Age 5 - 8	ONLINE 16:30 - 17:30 Age 9 - 12

*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/ go to school/be registered with a GP in Gloucestershire and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

Veganuary Tacos!



Is your family taking part in Veganuary? Or do you just want to increase veggies in your meals? Try tacos! Quick & easy for busy parents, and loads of fun for the kids to stuff their own!

SERVES 4

What you'll need:

- 1 tbsp olive oil, 1 onion (diced),
- 2 garlic cloves (diced), 2 x 400g cans black beans, 2 tsp ground cumin, 1 tsp ground coriander,
- 2 tsp paprika, 2 tsp chilli powder, 8 taco shells

FOR THE GUACAMOLE:

- 2 avocados, 1 red chilli, Lime,
- 1 garlic clove, Coriander

FOR THE SALSA:

- 3 tomatoes, 1 red chilli,
- ½ small red onion, Coriander

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS:

- Charred sweetcorn, vegan cheese, dairy free sour cream

What to do:

- Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion and sauté for 3 minutes.
- Add the drained beans and seasonings. Stir for 5-8 minutes until warmed, crushing some of the beans with the back of a spoon.
- Remove from heat and set aside.

TO MAKE THE GUACAMOLE:

- Crush the garlic and mix with the coriander and chilli in a bowl.
- Add the avocados and roughly crush with a fork so that it is still a little chunky.
- Add the lime juice and stir through. Set aside.

TO MAKE THE SALSA:

- Mix all of the salsa ingredients together in a bowl. Set aside.

TO CONSTRUCT YOUR TACOS:

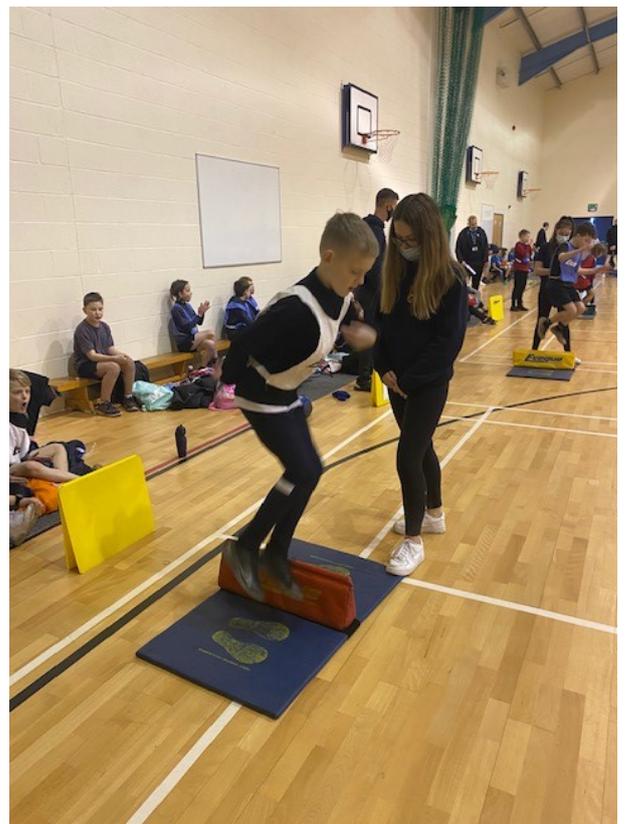
- Heat the taco shells according to packet instructions, stuff with your fillings and enjoy!



Dene Magna Indoor Athletics Event

On Monday we took a group of children to the indoor athletics tournament at Dene Magna school. The children competed in lots of different events and activities and came 2nd place overall, which is amazing!

A big well done to all that took part and for behaving so well, you were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Woodhouse for helping to organise this and giving the children the opportunity.





Oak Class

This week the children in Oak class have been learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.

They then made brown bread rolls and wrote instructions about how to make bread.

Well done everyone—they look delicious!

Thank you Miss Peart for organising such lovely opportunities for the children.



Oak Class - Yoga

Oak class enjoyed their first Yoga session this week with our external coach; Caroline Rickards.

They are very much looking forward to their next session!
It is brilliant for balance, core skills and mindfulness.



Diary Dates

JANUARY

- Tuesday 18th January - Swimming Years 3 & 4
- Wednesday 19th January - Clarinet (Y4)
- Thursday 20th January - *Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)*
- Friday 21st January - Dance Workshop—Whole School
(More information to follow)
- Willow Class—Dean Academy
- Thursday 20th January - Gymnastics Chestnut Class
School Census Day (See Special Census Menu)
- Monday 24th January - Art Workshop (Y1—Y6)
- Wednesday 26th January - Clarinet (Y4)
- Thursday 27th January - *Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)*
- Thursday 27th January - Gymnastics Chestnut Class
- Friday 28th January - Willow Class—Dean Academy