

**Ellwood Community Primary School**

***BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG***

***December 10th 2021***



**School Trip - West Midlands Santa Safari**

A reminder that it is the whole school Santa Safari trip on Monday. We are very excited about it and I'm sure the children are too.

Please remember to send your child in wearing their **school t-shirt and jumper**, they can wear something comfortable on their bottom half such as **joggers or leggings and comfy shoes/trainers**.

The children need to **bring 2 drinks, a lunchbox and 2 snacks** with them. Please also send them with a **warm coat and hat** if necessary.

Please ensure children are dropped off at **8:40am** so we can register them before leaving promptly at **9am**. We aim to return to school by **5:15/5:30**.

The children will receive a gift from Santa so there is no need to send them with spending money.



## Oak Class

Oak Class enjoying their Christmas Lunch - looks delicious!



## Oak Class – Nativity



## Year 1 – Christmas Jumper Day



## Year 1 - Instructions

Year 1 have been learning about instructions. We have discussed what makes a good instruction and looked at key features in different instruction texts.

To help them learn how to write and use instructions, the children have made mincepies and created their own instructions on how to do this. They look amazing!



## D&T Club

For the latest D&T club activity the children made shortbread. They all thoroughly enjoyed this activity!



## Christmas Film Night

Our Christmas film night for the children will be taking place on Thursday 16th December. Children will get to watch a Christmas film and each will receive a drink and some popcorn. Thank you to the staff for making this possible.

The films being shown are;

**The Grinch (Reception and Year 1)**

**Nativity (Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)**

This event is free and is one that historically all children have enjoyed!

The films will start around 3:20p.m. and pick up time will be 5:20p.m.

Please complete the online form which has been emailed out to parents/carers, to let us know if you would like your child to attend.

Thank you!



## Christmas Party Day

**Friday 17th December**

Just a reminder that Friday 17th December we will be having a Christmas party day. Children may come to school either in their party clothes or non-school uniform.

We would also ask that all children bring in a party themed lunch box. There will be no hot meals available on this day.

This will be a fun filled day to finish the end of term and celebrate Christmas!

**Please remember school finishes at 2 p.m. on Friday 17th December.**



## **Safeguarding and child protection**

At Ellwood Community Primary School we take safeguarding very serious and we always strive to ensure all of our children are safe and prevented from being harmed. All staff in school are trained in safeguarding and child protection and know the procedures to follow if they have any concerns about a child's safety or welfare. We have a duty of care to report any disclosures or concerns to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguard Hub). The MASH team will give advice or investigate any concerns further if they feel it is needed. We have a number of staff who are trained more extensively in safeguarding and child protection. They are called DSLs (Designated Safeguard Leads). Mrs Milford is the lead Designated Safeguard Lead, along with Miss Peart, Mrs Charles, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Woodhouse, who act as Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads (DDSL). If Parents have any concerns about a child they are also able to report their concern directly. Here is a link for more information:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-young-people-and-families/report-a-child-at-risk/>

## **Internet Safety**

We want to ensure all of our children are safe, particularly during the school holidays when children may be spending more time online. This link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> is a useful website for parents to learn more about online safety and it gives tips and advice to help parents keep their child/ren safe whilst online.

## **Car Park**

We are aware that the bad weather is starting to take its toll on the carpark this winter and we hope to be able to fill in some of the recently made pot holes as soon as possible. Please remember to drive slowly and carefully in the car park, particularly during the bad weather, when visibility is poor. We appreciate it can be very busy at drop off and pick up times. We also know that parents are sometimes rushing off to work or returning from work. We know how busy life can be! However, please take your time and stay alert. Also be mindful of the disabled bays, as we have a number of parents needing to use these at the current time.

Thank you for your support.

Forest of Dean - HAF & HAP Winter 2021

# FREE Children's Activities

The HAF program is funded by the Department for Education and is open to children aged 5-16 years who are eligible for free school meals.

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our HAF programme to all children in Gloucestershire of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally. This is called the HAP programme.

Both programmes will run from the **20th to the 23rd December 2021**.



Sign up to our **Children Activities Booking Site (CABS)** via the QR code in order to book places on either the HAF or HAP programmes. Booking opens on 1st December 2021

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Only children on the free school meals programme are eligible for the HAF project. All other children can only be booked onto activities with HAP in the title.*



## What's on offer

- Face-to-face sport, craft, art and leisure **activities** with local providers for children to socialise and play
- Exciting **activity packs** for all ages and access to an online video **activity library**
- **Free family tickets** to local attractions (some with a kids meal included, please contact providers directly for more information). *Tickets are limited and available on a first come first served basis.*
- HAF participants (eligible for free school meals) can also claim a **Winter Food Hamper** to enjoy over the holidays. *Hampers are limited and available on a first come first served basis.*

## Festive Bottles

Staff have been busy making these amazing Festive Bottles. Which would make a great gift for someone.

They will be on sale in the playground after school from Tuesday and cost £5 each. All proceeds raised will go into our school fundraising, which in turn will be used to provide exciting treats and experiences for our children here at Ellwood Primary School

Many thanks for your continued support.



## Children's Christmas Raffle



Year 1 Christmas Hamper



Reception - Christmas Hamper



Year 3 Christmas Hamper



Year 2 Christmas Hamper

## Children's Christmas Raffle continued.....



Year 4 Christmas Hamper



Year 5 Christmas Hamper



Year 6 Christmas Hamper

*Children's Christmas Raffle tickets cost £1 each. If you would like your child to buy a ticket, please send money into school in a named envelope.*

*The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 17th December.*

## **COVID REMINDERS**

If your child has a continuous cough or temperature please do not send your child to school. Please seek out a PCR test for your child and keep your child at home until the result has been received. If you do not wish to get a PCR test, then your child/ren should remain at home until they no longer have a temperature or continuous cough, after 10 days isolation.

We need to ensure we keep everyone fit and well, particularly our vulnerable children and adults in school.

Thank you for your support with this.

## **Sickness Bugs**

Please may we remind parents/carers that if your child/ren has had either sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours has passed since the last occurrence of sickness or diarrhoea.

At this time of year we do see an increase in the occurrence of stomach bugs so please remind children to wash their hands frequently.

Thank you.

## *Diary Dates*

### **DECEMBER**

Monday 13th December - West Midlands Santa Safari—whole school

Thursday 16th December - Film Night (Details of films in newsletter)

Friday 17th December - Christmas Party Day  
(Children to bring a party lunchbox)

**Last day of term - 2 p.m. finish**

### **JANUARY**

Monday 3rd January - Bank holiday

Tuesday 4th January - Inset day

**Wednesday 5th January - First day back in school (Start of Spring Term)**

Thursday 6th January - Gymnastics Chestnut Class

Monday 10th January - Young Voices concert (Birmingham)

Thursday 13th January - Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)

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Tuesday 18th January - Swimming Years 3 & 4

Thursday 20th January - Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)