

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Friendship

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Weekly Attendance

Thank you to those parents who support their child's 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 96.7%**

Well done to **Willow 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

Please visit the following link which will help give advice about whether your child is too ill for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

A polite reminder that we can not authorise holidays in term time and it will result in a penalty notice. Unfortunately, the Local Authority have already issued several penalty notices and fines this year. For those of you that like to plan ahead, you can find the Gloucestershire schools term dates on the GCC website a few years in advance.

Thank you.

Oak	95%
Chestnut	96.8%
Beech	94.2%
Sycamore	98.2%
Willow	99.1%

Harvest Festival - KS1

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Assemblies before half term, we really appreciate it. The children all looked and sounded great! Here are KS1 all dressed up as Farmers.



Year 2



P.E day change - Sycamore class

Please note that from next week, Sycamore's P.E days will be a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. They will no longer have P.E on a Wednesday.

Thanks.

Personal Development

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Ellwood Primary School, we believe in developing the whole child. We are advocates that success is not measured purely by academic achievements but by the character of the individual also. Our aim is to ensure that every child in our care is the best version of themselves through being given opportunities to take on a **responsibility**, modelling and setting high expectations of **respect**, valuing **honesty**, teaching skills and being given opportunities to show **resilience**, nurturing **kindness** within school and the wider school community and learning how to maintain healthy **friendships**. We provide children with a rich tapestry of opportunities that will shape life choices and prepare them for their next steps in life. We also enjoy celebrating their achievements from outside of school. With this mind, we have created a Personal Development award scheme.

Throughout the year your child will have discussions with a member of staff about their personal development, celebrate their successes and set personal targets. When your child has achieved a bronze, silver or gold award, they will be presented with a school-made badge that they can proudly wear to school. We suggest that they wear their highest ranking badge for each value as there are so many to achieve! The Personal Development Award Scheme is designed to continue with your child from reception to year 6 so please don't worry if they haven't achieved many awards YET! Some of the rewards relate to experiences they may have outside of school, so we welcome photos and notes of anything you think is relevant to an award. These could be emailed to admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk or sent in with your child to school.

Please have a look through the award scheme, which is available on class dojo and the school website, and get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Chisman [PSHE Lead]

Bream Show

Mrs Rees took our pumpkin along to Bream show, it was beautiful rather than huge so we won 2nd prize. We had great fun growing it. The Bream Garden Society are keen to get young people growing and run sessions from the Bream library if you are interested.



Rotary Shoebox


We are taking part in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme again this year, as it has proved very successful over previous years. This is a scheme that sends boxes to many different countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The boxes are delivered to disadvantaged children and their families, as well as hospitals and orphanages.

The Rotary Club is a non-religious, non-political organisation whose aim is to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Your gift could be the first real gift they have received for a very long time.

If you would like to take part, you will need one of our special flat packed Rotary Club boxes. Please collect one from the office if you would like a box to take home. Filled boxes will need to be returned to school by Monday 4th December for collection by the Rotary Club.

Reception class and Year 1 will be packing boxes in class and we ask for donations of items for the boxes to be sent into school week commencing 27th November, as we will be packing the boxes on Friday 1st December.

More info can be found here <https://www.rotaryshoebox.org/>



The image shows a flat-packed box for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. The top flap is open, revealing a form with the following sections:

- Rotary Shoebox Scheme** (with a small logo of a shoebox being packed)
- This Shoebox has been given by** (a blank line for a name)
- Please tick one box only to indicate who it's for** (with checkboxes for CHILD, TEENAGER, BABY (0-1), and HOUSEHOLD)
- Complete BOY/GIRL & AGE when appropriate** (with checkboxes for BOY and GIRL, and a line for AGE:-)
- Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind or receiving Customs may confiscate this box** (a warning box)
- We invite you to affix up to £3.00 in coins here towards transport costs** (a box for coins)
- Thank you**

The bottom flap of the box features the following text and graphics:

- Supported by Rotary Great Britain & Ireland** (with the Rotary logo)
- Spreading a Little Happiness** (with several stars)
- www.rotaryshoebox.org**
- Registered UK Charity 1091807**

Class focus- Sycamore

This week the children have started their multiplication and division topic - they have all impressed Mrs Sheppard and I with the progress they have made with their times tables. In the afternoons, they have started learning a routine in dance and they are earning how to make websites in computing.

Great first week back Sycamore!



Dene Magna Indoor Athletics Competition

Well done to our athletics team who competed at Dene Magna indoor Athletics competition today!

They all worked their socks off and showed true resilience. They came 4th which is amazing.

Well done team!



Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

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 £1 donation
- Please bring in cakes for our cake sale
- Cake Sale - After school

Tuesday 21st Nov - Swimming - Years 5 & 6

Thursday 23rd Nov - Gymnastics - Year 3

Friday 24th Nov - Crazy hair day in exchange for a donation for the Christmas fair

Thursday 30th Nov - Gymnastics - Year 6

DECEMBER

Monday 4th Dec - All Rotary shoeboxes to be returned

Tuesday 5th Dec - Swimming - Years 5 & 6

Thursday 7th Dec - Gymnastics - Year 6

Friday 8th Dec - EYFS Perrygrove trip
- Non-uniform day in exchange for choc or sweets for Christmas fair