

Ellwood Community Primary School

BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG

November 24th 2022



Reminders

It is **non-uniform day tomorrow** in exchange for Christmas Fair items. Children can donate chocolate, a raffle prize, bottles of any description for the bottle tombola, toys, books or games in good condition for the tombola.

Raffle tickets - please send in money for raffle tickets on Thursday 1st December in a named envelope indicating whether you want tickets for the children's or the adults' raffle. Tickets are priced at £1 for the both children's and adults' raffle. Tickets will also be available at the fair but we will have limited time to sell tickets and draw the raffle.

Children in need

We raised an amazing total of £125 for Children In Need—thank you for all of your donations!

We need your help.....

As part of our curriculum our aims are to provide children with links to the wider world and encourage children to have high aspirations for the future. To enhance our curriculum further, we need help from our local community. If you are skilled in the following areas or know someone who may like to help in school, please speak to Miss Hek:

Design and Technology:
Mechanisms
Chefs / food / farmers
Textiles
Structures

Computing
Programming
Computing systems
coding

We would like you to come in and talk to the children to support aspirations and help link what we are teaching to a purpose.

Thank you!

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 97.1% which is over our target of 97% so well done everyone!

Well done Chestnut Cass 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	96.3%
Chestnut	97.8%
Beech	97.5%
Sycamore	96.7%
Willow	97.1%

Importance of School Attendance:

In the UK it is a legal requirement that all children attend school between the ages of 5-16. When children and young people do not attend school and are not able to access a suitable education in other ways, it leaves them vulnerable to falling behind their peers, academically, socially and emotionally.

The phrase 'persistent absence from school' was defined in 2015 as less than 90 per cent school attendance. Being 'persistently absent' was reported to have economic, social and psychological costs for children and young people and their communities. In addition, children and young people who are absent from school, to any extent, are more likely to leave school with few or no qualifications and are more likely to be out of work, suffer mental health difficulties and become homeless.

Please come and see us if you need support in relation to your child's attendance.

If your child has attendance lower than 90% you may be contacted to be offered support.

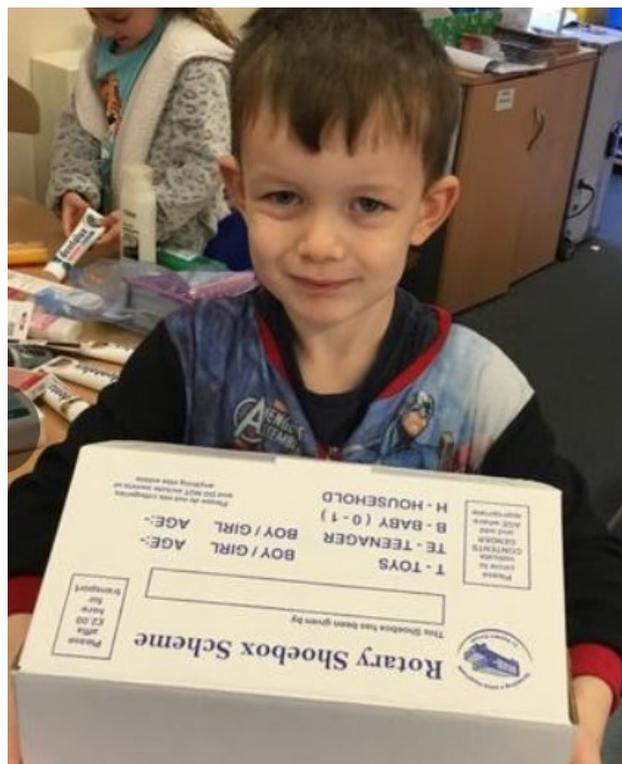
Thank you!

Rotary Club Donations

Thank you so much for all of your donations to the Rotary Club Shoebox Scheme!



Here are some pictures below of the boxes donated by Oak and Chestnut classes.



Sycamore and Willow—Ashmolean Trip

Last Thursday, Sycamore and Willow class went on a fantastic trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford! The children had a great time and were all so well-behaved. We have shared some pictures of the trip below.



Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Boxes are available now to collect from reception, or please let us know if you would like one sent home with your child. Historically we have always taken part in the shoebox appeal and are so grateful to all of our generous parents/carers for supporting it. You can choose whether to send your box to a boy or a girl as well as the age. The box requires £2 to be taped to the front of it and children can decorate the boxes at home if they wish.

Boxes need to be returned by Monday 28th November to ensure they are collected!

Spreading a Little Happiness
All Year
Not just at Christmas



Sending boxes full of gifts to children, teenagers, families, and even new babies, who are disadvantaged in Eastern Europe



Rotary Shoebox Scheme

This Shoebox has been given by: _____

Please name of donor (if you wish to be named)

<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD	<input type="checkbox"/> BOY
<input type="checkbox"/> TEENAGER	<input type="checkbox"/> GIRL
<input type="checkbox"/> BABY (0 - 1)	AGE:- _____
<input type="checkbox"/> HOUSEHOLD	

Please DO NOT include drinks, sweets or anything perishable

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Spreading a Little Happiness

Rotary Shoebox Scheme



www.rotaryshoebox.org

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Eco Club - Daffodil planting!

Thanks to Mrs Roberts for providing daffodil bulbs and helping Eco Club plant them. Keep a look out around our boundary fence in the Spring.



Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

– all you need to know for the winter holiday period 2022

For the winter holiday period, the holiday free school meal voucher scheme will be distributing two weeks of vouchers for every eligible child signed up to the scheme.

Each eligible child will receive a total of £30 for the two-week holiday.

Your child is eligible if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Your child attends a school in Gloucestershire
- Your child is in reception to year 11
- Your child is eligible for benefits related, pupil premium free school meals*
We confirm this by checking our term-time free school meal register so make sure you are registered. You can register by [clicking here](#).

*Please note this does not include infant free school meals available to all children in reception to year 2.

What you can do to make sure you receive your voucher first time:

On your email inbox settings, add the email selectcode@select-your-reward.co.uk to your safe sender list so that the voucher does not end up in your junk/spam



If you haven't already applied to the Holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme, you can register by visiting our [application page](#).

Applications for the Holiday FSM voucher scheme close at midday on the 6 December.

Vouchers for the winter period will be distributed on the 13 December

If you have not received your voucher by 14 December, please email us at childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk for the voucher email to be re-sent.





Join us at your School Nurse Hub for parents

We provide confidential, professional support with any concerns you may have for your child including healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise, self-esteem and resilience, sleep, dental health and hygiene, anxiety and behaviour

Drop in for an informal chat or take the opportunity to meet other parents with similar worries

Your local hub: Mitcheldean School
GL17 0BS

- 8/12/22 from 9:00 -10:00
- Topic: Behaviour/Anxiety/Sleep
- www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing/hubs



Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Friday 25th November - **Non-Uniform day** (in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair)

Monday 28th November - Rotary Shoeboxes returned to school

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st December - Christmas fair - 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Friday 2nd December - Reception class trip - Perrygrove

Monday 5th December - Internet safety talk

Tuesday 6th December - Christmas Performance - KS1 - R, Y1, Y2 & Y3

Monday 12th December - Week commencing 12th Dec will be our Christmas shopping event!

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day

Thursday 15th December - Whole school Panto trip to Courtyard Theatre, Hereford