

Ellwood Community Primary School

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January 12th 2023



Welcome Back - Spring Term 1

Welcome back to all of our families.

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and hopefully some time off with the family. I'd like to say thank you to Drew Jones' family for supplying us with a lovely Christmas tree for school, it looked beautiful and we are very grateful.

Please welcome Mrs Edwards to Ellwood school, Mrs Edwards is our new school business manager and will work along side Mrs Tait in the office. She will be here on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday afternoons and Fridays.

The Spring term has got off to a great start, this week we have shared with you each year groups learning overview for the term which we hope you will find useful. I look forward to sharing more exciting things with you that will be happening in school this term. Please make a note of club dates, P.E days and the important dates on the final page of the newsletter.

Mrs Milford



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 97.3%.

Well done to Oak class for getting 100% attendance this week!

Today, 99.2% of our pupils were in school which is an amazing achievement!

We have been reviewing persistent absence over the last couple of months. Persistent absence is classed as less than 90% attendance. The government have been increasing pressure and introducing new guidelines to the Local Authority which we in turn, need to be following.

Some parents may receive a persistent absence letter over the coming weeks/months as we start to increase our monitoring of this.

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	100%
Chestnut	96.6%
Beech	97.5%
Sycamore	94.6%
Willow	98.7%

Poetry Competition

The children have the opportunity to enter this poetry competition. Poems can be in any style and must link to the environment, e.g. litter, pollution and wildlife, to sustainability, conservation or exploring nature and local landscapes.

The choice is yours.

Entries can be submitted online or given to Mrs Rees by Wednesday February 1st. If your child didn't collect a sheet it's not too late, just ask Mrs Rees for one or alternatively go to www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions for more details.




Chestnut and Beech - History

This term, Chestnut and Beech class are looking at transport as part of their History lessons. If anyone has any contacts that you think would be willing to come in and talk to the children, perhaps with a car, van, ambulance, fire engine etc. Please let either the office or Miss Hek/Mrs Aston know.

Thank you.

P.E Schedule—Spring Term 1

Spring Term 1				
Please send your child into school wearing the appropriate clothing for either PE or Forest Adventures.				
 Monday	Willow: PE		Oak: Yoga	
Tuesday	Year 3 - 4 swimming 10.01.23 – 28.03.23 Alternative Tuesdays	Beech: PE Alternative Tuesday Starting 17.01.23	Sycamore: PE	
Wednesday	Chestnut: Dance	Beech: Pro Stars	Sycamore: Pro Stars	
Thursday	Chestnut: PE <small>Year 1 [AM]: Gymnastics 12.01.23-16.02.23</small>	Oak: Biking	Willow: Forest Adventures	
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures			
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow
*If your child is swimming, biking or doing 'Forest Adventures' please note this is counted as a PE session.				

Please remember for biking, no skirts or dresses to be worn. No need for P.E attire but trousers and sensible shoes are required.

Donations

If you have any unwanted gifts, smellies, books, games, chocolates etc maybe from the festive period or a new years clear-out, we will gladly take these from you!

Please send them in with your child next week and we will put them towards future fundraising activities.

Thank you!

After School Clubs

If your child is taking part in a sports after school club, please can they bring in their PE kit and waterproof clothes, for those clubs that may need to be outside.

Thank you.

Bronze Reading Awards

Congratulations to the below children who all received a Bronze reading certificate and award today! They have all read 60 times this year, well done all!



Census day Menu - Tuesday 17th January

Please support our lovely school and encourage your child to try a hot dinner on Tuesday 17th January.

The below menu will be on offer instead of the normal menu for that day. Each meal taken on Census day increases the schools funding, so please try and encourage your children to try a hot meal next Tuesday.

Thank you.



Census Day Menu Tuesday 17th Jan

Hot Dog

or

Vegetarian Hot Dog

*With Chips, Coleslaw
and Salad*

Sponge & Custard

Clubs for Spring 2023

Clubs will run from Monday 9th January until Friday 10th February. Please make a note of these dates if your child will be participating in a club.

Clubs – Spring Term 1 2022

All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.

Club dates: Monday 9th January – Friday 10th February (5 weeks)

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
Yoga	Monday 3:15pm – 4:00pm	Years 3, 4 and 5	Caroline Rickards
SATs booster	Monday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 6	Mrs Woodhouse
Boardgames	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Sheppard
Phonics	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 1 (invite only)	Miss Hek
Choir	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Aston
Dance	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2 and 3	Progressive sports
Multi-Sports	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2 and 3	Pro Stars
Netball	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 4, 5 and 6	Miss Hayward & Miss Hek
Lego club	Thursday Lunchtime	Year 2 and 3 (max 10)	Mrs Charles
Biking	Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Follow my lead

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.

We are excited to kick-start this with a competition for the pupils to design the badges that they will earn as they achieve their personal development goals. Your child has already designed a badge within school, but in case they wanted more time to work on their designs, they will be bringing home a copy of the competition sheet. Their design needs to include the school value and space to show 'Bronze', 'Silver' or 'Gold'.

The winners of the competition will be selected on Friday 20th January, so all entries need to be in school by Friday morning. Then we will be able to start manufacturing our own badges in school.

Good luck and get creative!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Chisman [PSHE Lead]



Diary Dates

JANUARY

Thursday 12th January - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week
- Forest Adventures - Willow

Thursday 19th January - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Tuesday 24th January - Swimming - Year 3/4

Thursday 26th January - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

FEBRUARY

Monday 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Tuesday 14th February - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15th February - Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th February - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Friday 17th February - Random act of kindness
- Non-uniform day for chocolate donations for Easter