

Ellwood School News

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Head Teacher Update

Well this half term has certainly been different, particularly with recent events this week! Thank you to the parents for all your support, particularly over the last few days. The staff have also been amazing along with the whole school community. We hope that the term leading up to Christmas will be a lot smoother. We are very grateful and fortunate to have such a wonderful school community.

We hope you all have a great half term break!

Governor Blog

We would like to thank parents for all their support this term - we appreciate that this has been a difficult term. We are really pleased with the children and how they have settled back into the school community and are working hard. We would also like to thank all school staff for working tirelessly to make school as 'normal' and safe as possible for the children and this was confirmed the recent monitoring carried out by Rev. Michelle.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term!

Harvest - Beech Class



Harvest - Oak Class



Forest Adventure

Thank you very much to all the volunteer helpers that enabled Beech and Sycamore Classes to go into the forest.

The children really enjoyed it. A collage of photos can be found on the website under Forest School. We are looking forward to Willow and Chestnut having similar opportunities if we have enough support. Please email Mrs Rees if you can help. The dates are all on the letter that was emailed last week. Willow will be on Wednesdays and Chestnut on Thursdays.



Thank you for the wellies that have been donated. If you are in need of wellies please let Mrs Rees know.



Regular Reader

May we please remind children to continue with their reading. Children should be reading at least 4 times a week.



Harvest - Food Bank Donations

Many thanks for all your kind donations for the Food Bank. Your donations will mean so much for many families who may be struggling during these challenging times.

Thank you!

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Update Positive COVID-19 Cases in School

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware we were notified late last night and in the early hours of this morning that two children who attend our school have tested positive for Covid-19. In line with advice from Public Health England (PHE), and to prevent further spread across our school community, we took immediate action, and asked that the children from bubbles connected to the cases self-isolate at home.

Since, we have been working closely with PHE, and after further investigation, it has been established that as the positive cases were not in school 48 hours prior to being tested, no further action is necessary. The children (Year 1, 4, 5 and Chestnut Yr 2s) and staff who are currently isolating at home, may return to school tomorrow (Thursday 22 October).

Our priority is the health and wellbeing of all of our children, and Public Health England praised us for our rapid response and for following guidance to isolate bubbles until they had further looked into the situation. We are glad to report the children who have tested positive are doing well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **7 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

Willow Class

Willow Class are performing a Roman Dance here to show how statues were built and how gladiators fought.



Willow Class - finding out what it would be like to be an archaeologist and investigating shards of Roman pottery found in the Forest of Dean



Beech Class—Cross Country



Willow - Cross Country



What happens if a bubble has to self isolate

Luckily we were fortunate that the children were able to return to school today, due to the positive cases not being in school 48 hours prior to being tested.

We wanted to clarify what would happen if the bubble needed to isolate due to contact with a positive case within their bubble.

Any child or staff member who has been in that bubble needs to:

- Isolate for 14 days and may not leave home for those 14 days
- Only get a test if symptoms develop
- The rest of the household does not need to isolate, unless they develop symptoms. They then should, also book a test.

For more information about booking a test or household isolation, please visit the websites below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Bikeability—Year 6

Just a reminder that Bikeability commences for Year 6 children the week we come back after half term, Monday 2nd November.

Unfortunately we will have to ask that children take their bikes home each day, as we cannot guarantee their safe keeping at school over night and due to Coronavirus we cannot store them inside of school.

Thank you.