

Ellwood Community Primary School

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Our value this term is: Friendship

December 7th 2023

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 95%**

Well done to **Oak 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 to ill for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please remember that if you child experiences sickness or diarrhea they need to stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhea.

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	98.8%
Chestnut	96%
Beech	93.3%
Sycamore	92%
Willow	96.1%

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for December 2023 Winter holiday will be open from midday 28 November until midday on 12 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 18 December.

Please check junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 20 December, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

This Winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [Holiday FSM vouchers webpage](#).

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2023 holiday vouchers- they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via email to childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk by the end of the holiday period.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update your account, as details are

Coleford Opportunity Centre Santa

Our very own Indie Lloyd will be an Elf this weekend and next weekend along her Grandad (Santa) at the Coleford Opportunity Centre. Her sister, an ex pupil (Remy) will also be there!

Pop along to see Santa and his elves and say hello!



Sycamore - Class focus

Sycamore have had a busy week this week carrying out end of term assessments!

They have also been looking at maps of the Forest of Dean and surrounding areas in Geography.

Year 4 have been looking at how to spot rivers, lakes and mountains, whereas year 5 have been looking at how to write grid references.

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

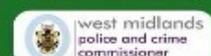
Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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www.skipssafetynet.org

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KS2 Christmas Assembly

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be holding a Christmas assembly on Tuesday 19th December at 2:45pm.

Parents/carers of children in these year groups are welcome to attend the event that will be held in the school hall.



Reminder—Pantomime

Please ensure you have paid for the pantomime on parent pay.

We will be going to watch *Mother Goose* on Monday 18th December at the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth. Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them on this day which we will eat before leaving.

Normal drop off and pick up times apply.

Thank you.



January Football Camp

January 2nd - January 5th

10:00am - 3:00pm

Being Held at Coleford Football Pitch, GL16 8DS

£20 Per Day Per Person



FOR BOOKING OR MORE INFORMATION:

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Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- Friday 8th Dec - EYFS Perrygrove trip
- Non-uniform day in exchange for choc or sweets for Christmas fair
- W/C 11th Dec - Secret shopping event
- Thursday 14th Dec - KS1 Nativity
- Gymnastics - Year 6
- Monday 18th Dec - Whole school pantomime trip (**packed lunch needed**)
- Tuesday 19th Dec - KS2 Christmas assembly @2:45pm - Parents of years 4, 5 & 6 are invited
- Christmas lunch
- Swimming - Years 5/6
- Wednesday 20th Dec - Christmas party day (**packed lunch needed**)
- Christmas jumper day
- Christmas Fair 2-4pm **School finishes at 2pm**

Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

- Monday 8th Jan - First day back
- Mon 8th Jan -
Weds 10th Jan - Year 6 bikeability (more info to follow)
- Thurs 11th Jan - Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Gymnastics - Year 5
- Tues 16th Jan -
Weds 17th Jan - Year 6 bikeability (more info to follow)