

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*Believe, Achieve, Belong*

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**Our value this term is: Friendship**

*November 23rd 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 96%**

Well done to **Chestnut 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	99.2%
Beech	96.3%
Sycamore	97.3%
Willow	89.2%

## Children In Need- Cake/Sweet sale

Well done to Drew, Macey, Maisie and Poppy for organising the sweet sale last Friday. The girls wanted to do this as part of their self development and made posters to stick up around school and sourced the sweets themselves.

Also a big thank you to the Year 6s for helping with the cake sale for Children In Need. All together they raised £144 which is fantastic.



## New playtime equipment

The children have loved the New playtime equipment. Children are using their imagination in the construction area using the crates. Children are being creative using chalk, paper and pens.

They have also enjoyed playing Hockey and Tennis at lunchtimes.

Thank you to the staff who have worked so hard this week setting up equipment and organising everything.



## Eco News

Thank you to Bertie's Grandad once again, for making us a recycling tidy which is far exceeded our expectations.

We are so grateful for this kind gesture and can't wait to put it to good use.

Take a look below!



## Rotary Shoeboxes

A reminder that the Rotary shoeboxes are currently in the school office if you would like to collect one and put one together at home.

Any that are taken need to be returned to school by Monday 4th December in time for them to be collected.

Thank you!



## HAF Programme

Please see the below link with information about the holiday activities and food programme which is available to any families in receipt of income related free school meals.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/>

There is also a facebook page with more information about events and clubs you may be interested in, in the Forest of Dean.

<https://www.facebook.com/ForestVoluntaryActionForum>



## *Diary Dates*

### **NOVEMBER**

- 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
- W/C 11th Dec - Secret shopping event
- Thursday 14th Dec - KS1 Nativity  
- Gymnastics - Year 6
- Monday 18th Dec - Whole school pantomime trip
- Tuesday 19th Dec - KS2 Christmas assembly (more info to follow)  
- Christmas lunch  
- Swimming - Years 5/6
- Wednesday 20th Dec - Christmas party day  
- Christmas jumper day  
- Christmas Fair 2-4pm **School finishes at 2pm**