

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - October 1st 2021

Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip

We had a lovely trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park yesterday (despite the weather!) All of the children were well-behaved and had a great time. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers for giving up their own time to attend the trip.

The workshops were very informative and the children thoroughly enjoyed them, they were particularly pleased with their goody bags and ice cream!

Thank you to all of our parents/carers and families for their fundraising efforts last year as this paid for the trip! We cant wait for our Christmas trip to West Midlands Safari Park now!



Data Sheets

We are still waiting for a few data sheets to be returned to school. Please remember it is the parents' responsibility to inform school of any changes to contact and/or medical information. Please return forms as soon as possible or contact the office if any changes need to be made.

Thank you.

Parent Pay

Please check parent pay to check there are no outstanding dinner debts or money owing as we need to keep up-to-date with our finances.

Covid Update

We have had one reported positive case of a staff member in school this week. We have also had one child testing positive on LFT, however the PCR test has come back negative.

Some schools in a nearby county have had to reintroduce bubbles, staff masks and some have had to shut classes. We hope we do not have to do this. Thank you for your support in keeping school open and running smoothly.

We have had a number of pupils and staff absent this week with mostly sore throats and respiratory viruses, who have tested negative on PCR tests.

If children test negative on a PCR test and only have a minor cough, they may return to school. However, we would not encourage children to attend school if they have a heavy cold or a severe cough, as we still need to prevent respiratory viruses spreading throughout the school.

Please remember to contact the school office before 9.30 a.m. either by phone or email to let us know of any absences and reason for absence.

Tel: 01594 833232 or admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Holidays in Term Time

Please can we remind you that our attendance policy states that holidays during term time are not authorised and may encounter a fine. Our term dates for the next academic year are on the school website, so please look at these if you are thinking about booking holidays.

E-schools

Please remember to download the e-schools app on your phone/ipad.

Visit <https://academy.eschools.co.uk/parents-app> for instructions on how to download the app.

This will benefit the school as texts that go to the app aren't charged to the school leaving us to spend the saved money on more beneficial things for the children. You will also get the newsletter and notifications straight to the app instead of email.

School Census Day

On **Thursday 7th October** it is Census day. We have a special menu of:



Hotdog and chips

Or

Veggie Hotdog and chips

and

a tasty dessert!

Please try and encourage your child/ren to take a hot meal on this day as it helps with our school funding for the year.

Meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 so this is a great opportunity for your child/ren to perhaps try a school meal for the first time.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have to pay for their school meals at a cost of £2.34 which may be paid on ParentPay.

If your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM) then of course they will receive a free meal.

Rags2Riches

Just a last reminder that we are having a Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday 5th October. Donations may be brought into school from Monday 4th October in black bags/carrier bags. Please leave any donations in the bike shelter. It is an easy way for school to fundraise and great for the environment.

Thank you!



Morrisons 'Get Growing' campaign

We have signed up for the Morrisons 'Get Growing' campaign. If you shop there, we would love your tokens.

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose our school to donate them to.

We can then exchange the Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Scholastic Book Fair

October 1st—October 6th

Just a reminder that we have the travelling book fair at school until Wednesday 6th October.

Most books cost between £5 and £10

Pocket money stationery costs between 50p and £3

Children will visit the book fair in school with their class teacher, so please send money into school with your child in a named envelope. Parents/carers can come along and take a look on Tuesday after school.

Thank you!

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- Friday 1st October - Scholastic Book Fair (please send money in a named envelope)
Wednesday 6th October
- Tuesday 5th October - Rags2Riches Collection
(Please leave donation under the bike shelter)
- Tuesday 5th October - Swimming Y5 & Y6
- Thursday 7th October - School Census Day (please order a school meal)
- Monday 11th October - Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y5/Y6)
- Tuesday 19th October - Nasal Flu Vaccination
R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Swimming Y5 & Y6
- Wednesday 20th October - Harvest Festival
(Donations for the Food Bank, please)
2 p.m.—2.30 p.m. (R, Y1, Y2, Y3) one parent only
2.40 p.m—3.40 p.m. (Y4, Y5, Y6) to attend please
- Friday 22nd October - Inset Day (Staff only)

HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

- Monday 1st November - Term 2 begins