

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - October 9th 2020

Ellwood is now a Music Mark School!

We have been nominated by the Gloucestershire Music Hub to become a 'Music Mark School' for 2020-2021.

Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education who champion and support access to music for all children and young people.

The Music Mark certificate is awarded to schools who place importance on music and ensure that pupils are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. We are very excited to receive this certificate and wanted to share this news with our community.



Remote Learning

It is statutory that schools deliver a remote learning offer should they need to close.

Please ensure your child has access to a device to be able to carry this out, as learning will be delivered online. Pupils and parents need to be prepared to access learning in this way in case of a bubble closure or national lockdown. As Christmas is fast approaching this might be an ideal gift for children - devices can be purchased at reasonable prices starting from as little as £50 and can be used for learning, staying connected with friends and for fun.

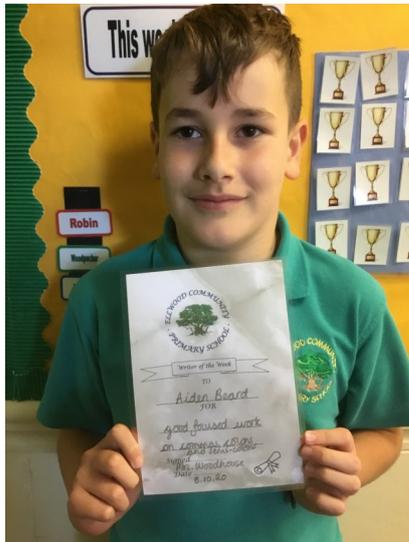
Please see attached information which clearly sets out what will happen in different scenarios, such as, bubble isolation or full school closure.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Year 6

Writer of the Week

Aiden - For good focused work on commas, colons and semi-colons



Year 5

Writer of the Week

Isabelle S - For a super setting description



Weekly Achievement

Lilly - For hard work in Maths



Weekly Achievement

Harry P—For working well on his own, with a partner and in a group



Year 4

Writer of the Week

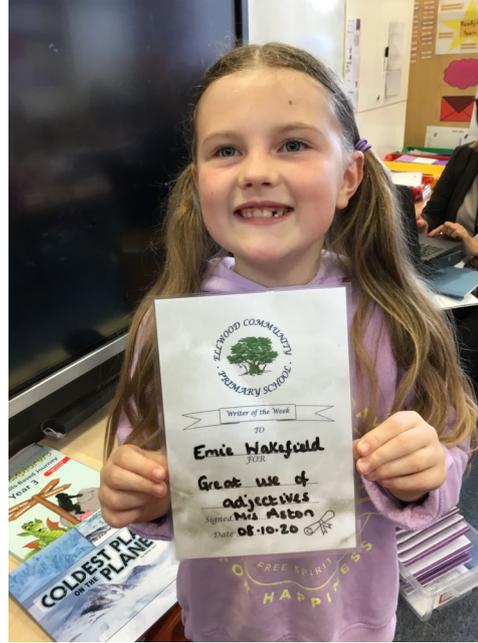
Esme - For writing an amazing character description



Year 3

Writer of the Week

Emie - For great use of adjectives



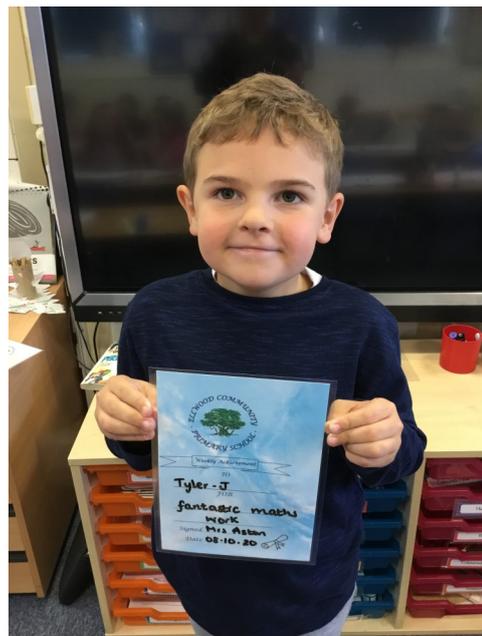
Weekly Achievement

Sophie - For always trying her best



Weekly Achievement

Tyler-J - For fantastic Maths work



Year 2

Writer of the Week

Amelia Aston - For super hand writing



Year 1

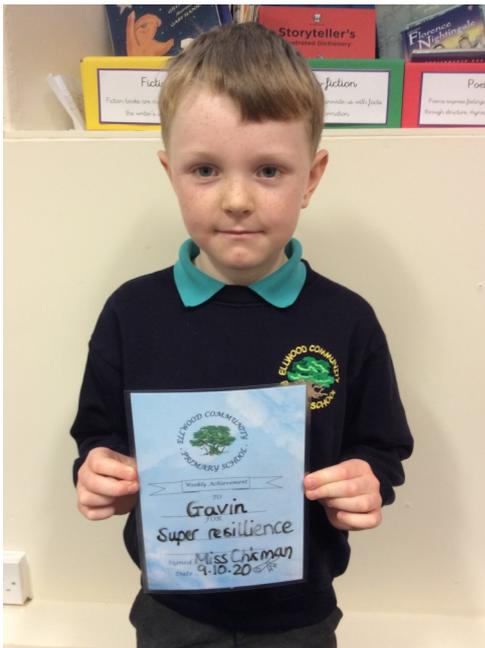
Writer of the Week

Libby—for writing brilliant instructions



Weekly Achievement

Gavin Wilson—For super resilience



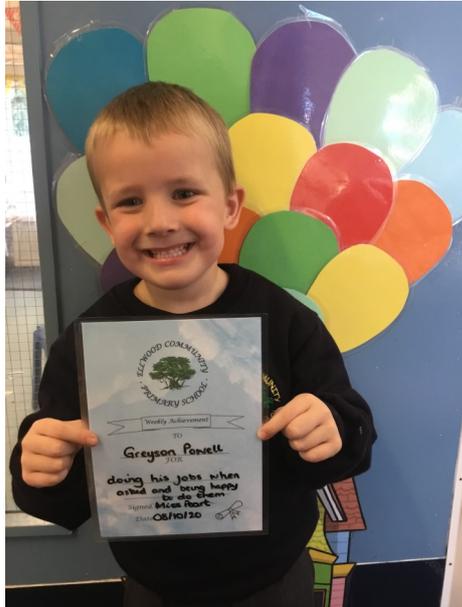
Weekly Achievement

Roary H - for showing resilience in his learning



Oak Class

Greyson Powell: For doing his jobs when asked and being happy to do them



Harvest

Due to the current Covid situation we will not be able to hold our Harvest Festival as normal. However, the children are working in class to put together a celebration. They will be making a short video and this will be emailed to parents before the end of half term. Rev. Michelle will also be participating.

Food Bank

We have been approached by the local Food Bank who have asked us to support them during these difficult times. Each class will be asked to contribute an item for the collection. A box will be located outside each entrance for donations in the week commencing 19th October.

They are collecting items such as; tinned foods, pasta, rice, toiletries, dog/cat food, biscuits/snacks and confectionary.

Writing

Several year groups this week have produced some outstanding writing. Well done!

Year 2 children have written some wonderful penguin poems and written them up neatly for display in beautiful cursive handwriting.

Year 3 have produced lovely pieces of descriptive writing linked to polar exploration.

Year 5 children have written setting descriptions based on Kensuke's Kingdom

School Uniform

We have noticed in the upper school that a number of children are not wearing the correct school uniform. Please remember children should be wearing grey school trousers and not jogging/tracksuit trousers or leggings/jeggings.

Please also remember children should only be wearing black school shoes and not trainers/fashion shoes/long boots.

PE Kits

The majority of children are wearing the correct PE kit to school but we have noticed that some children are not wearing the correct kit.

Please remember children should be wearing correct PE kit: white t-shirt/polo shirt, black/navy blue - shorts/cycling shorts/joggers/sports leggings.

Drop Off and Collection Update

Thank you to Chestnut, Beech and Sycamore parents who have younger siblings for supervising them, particularly after school and not allowing them to

enter the front yard.

We appreciate that this seems a minor issue, but unfortunately it is not. We need to reduce the risk of transmission, particularly as transmission rates locally are increasing and a number of Gloucestershire schools have bubbles that are having to isolate.

If we had a positive case in the school and we were aware that bubbles had mixed and the positive case had been in contact with other bubbles, it would potentially mean that several bubbles would have to isolate. This would not be ideal for the children's learning and also for parents, who would have to provide two weeks childcare for their isolating children, who would not be able to leave the house.

We are aware that drop off and collection at the front of the school is not ideal. However, we need to make it work and we need parents to support this - the only alternative option would be for the children to enter the back playground, which would mean that there would have to be a longer staggered drop off and pick-up time difference of up to 30 minutes. Again this would not be ideal for children who have siblings and also for parents/carers that have to get to work.

We are very fortunate that our drop off and pick times are short. Some schools have up to an hour between some class drop-off and pick-ups.

Fences in the Playing Field

It has been brought to our attention that a few children are climbing the fences in the playing field opposite the school car park. Can we please remind parents that these fences do not belong to the school but to the Forestry Commission.

Could parents please remind their children not to climb them as we do not want them to damage the fences or themselves.

Thank you for your continued support.

Coronavirus Reminders

We wanted to remind you about current Coronavirus protocol

Symptomatic Children/Household Member

If a child or family member shows any of the three main symptoms: temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste/smell, the whole household must isolate and a test must be booked. Children and their siblings **CAN NOT ATTEND SCHOOL** until the test result comes back negative.

Contact with a Positive Case

If any child/family member has come into contact with a positive case, that child/person **MUST** isolate for 14 days (not leave home or come to school). If a test has been taken and the result is negative the person still needs to isolate for the full 14 days as symptoms could still develop during this 14 day period.

Childhood Nasal Flu Programme

A letter and leaflet has been sent home today regarding the nasal flu programme. Gloucestershire Health and Care would prefer that consent be given online as this reduces the amount of paper in circulation during the current COVID situation. If you really are unable to complete the consent online, we do have paper consent forms available in the school office.

The immunisation team have confirmed that the nasal flu vaccines will take place in school on **Wednesday December 2nd** for the whole school for those who have given consent.

If you have any concerns about the vaccination process, please contact the number **0300 421 8140** on the information provided by Gloucestershire Health and Care.

Thank you.

As part of our Daily Mile activities, we are going to be participating in this Active Gloucestershire initiative. Aiming to achieve 100 days of The Daily Mile, classes will strive to complete 3-5 days of The Daily Mile a week with each Daily Mile day moving them closer towards achieving a new destination sticker and certificate.

Each week, a marker will show how far each class has travelled and children will find out about the different countries that they can visit virtually - travelling the Great Wall of China, soaking up the spray at Niagara Falls, standing in awe as the sun rises over the pyramids of Giza and visiting Chile's Easter Island. The aim is to keep pupils fit, focussed and flourishing and to build their geographical knowledge of the world.

The Daily Mile™ Destinations
15 minutes, 15 countries, 100 days



Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person, can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

If your child had these symptoms before Covid would you have kept them off school?

Yes

Keep your child off school

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home.

Ring 119 or go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus to order a home test kit.

You cannot access a test through 111 or 999. Please do not go to A&E.

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you when to act

No

Do they have:

1. A new continuous cough?
2. A high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
3. A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

No

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

Yes

Children who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school as **NORMAL**

No