

# Ellwood Community Primary School

*BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, BELONG*

*January 7th 2022*



## **Welcome back!**

We hope you all had a great holiday and a lovely new year. We are all straight back to it and are working hard. After the Christmas break it is sometimes hard for the children, staff and I should imagine parents too, getting back into a routine, particularly in the mornings when it is dark and cold. Even harder if you had such a nice break and hope fully were able to catch up with friends and family. The children seem quite tired but we think this will improve now they are in a school routine.

Fortunately this week, we have had no confirmed cases of COVID within the school, so that is great news and we hope this continues! Thank you for all your support with this. We want to keep going and remain open as normal. We are also trying to carry on with activities and events as much as possible but we are aware that some local schools are having to make adjustments and postpone events such as trips, competitions and clubs but we will strive to keep going as long as possible, if it remains safe to do so. Please remember to continue to lateral flow and avoid sending children to school if they are showing symptoms and keep us informed of any positive cases. That way, we can hopefully prevent an outbreak. Our overall attendance across the school is low at the moment (COVID related absences are not included) so this is a target for this term. We expect children to be in school unless they are poorly, for medical reasons or unforeseen circumstances. The children have missed a fair amount of school over the last two years so every day counts, particularly as we don't know how the next few months will pan out. Your support with this would be appreciated. Under 90% is classed as a persistent absence and would be a concern. This may indicate that that families might need to be offered additional support or referral made to the LA for additional support.

Please make sure you inform the school office by 9.30 a.m. if your child is going to absent.

We look forward to working with you all again this year.

## Clubs – Spring 2021 – Term 1

Thank you to everyone who has now signed their child/ren up to an after school club. If you have added your child to a club list then they will automatically have a place.

We have now closed applications to clubs and will not be taking on any more children. This is due to the rising numbers of covid in the area, we feel it is sensible to limit the clubs to those who have already signed up and keep numbers as low as possible.

Please note that Year 6 Young Voices will take part on a Monday lunchtime as they will be attending SATs booster club on a Monday after school

**All clubs will run for the dates listed below, unless otherwise stated.**

**Club dates: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Club	Day / Time	Year Group/Class	Staff Member
Young Voices	Monday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Already listed (Years 5/6)	Mrs Howell
Yoga	Thursday 3:15pm – 4:00pm	Years 1, 2 & 3	External (Caroline Rickards)
Football	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Pro Stars
Tag Rugby	Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Gloucester rugby club
Phonics games	Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Year 1	Miss Hek
Coding	Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Years 2, 3 & 4	Miss Comley
Year 6 booster	Monday 3:25pm – 4:15pm	Year 6	Mrs woodhouse

## Year 6 Booster Club and Young Voices

As you are aware Year 6 children have been invited to take part in a SATs booster session after school on Mondays 3.15 p.m.—4.15 p.m. where all children are expected to attend. If your child is taking part in Young Voices, Mrs Howell has kindly offered to run this club at lunchtime on Mondays for the Year 6 children only. Year 5 children will continue their Young Voices after school on a Monday afternoon after school.

Thank you.

## Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. LFD tests are taken by people **who do not have any symptoms**. People that do have symptoms are required to stay at home and take a PCR test as before.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive LFD test result should [report their result on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

In line with the reduced self-isolation approach announced on 22 December, anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 7 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive 2 negative LFD results, 24 hours apart, on days 6 and 7.

### **Water Leak in Sycamore Class**

Unfortunately over the Christmas holidays we had a substantial water leak in Sycamore Classroom. Luckily Mrs Howell and Mrs Woodhouse were able to help sort out the classroom and organise the repairs to be made before the children came back to school. Many thanks to Mrs Howell and Mrs Woodhouse for their prompt action and also to JW Maintenance for the repairs carried out quickly.

The following dates have been notified as drop-in vaccination sessions at The Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road :-

**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Tuesday 4 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

First or second doses for 12-15 year olds (must be accompanied by a parent, second doses must be at least 12 weeks after the first. Children must be 12 weeks clear of a positive COVID test to get a vaccine).

**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Wednesday 5 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

First or second doses for 12-15 year olds (must be accompanied by a parent, second doses must be at least 12 weeks after the first. Children must be 12 weeks clear of a positive COVID test to get a vaccine).

**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Thursday 6 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

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**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Friday 7 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

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**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Tuesday 11 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

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**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Wednesday 12 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

First or second doses for 12-15 year olds (must be accompanied by a parent, second doses must be at least 12 weeks after the first. Children must be 12 weeks clear of a positive COVID test to get a vaccine).

**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Thursday 13 January 8:40am-12:30pm and 13:40pm-17:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

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**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Friday 14 January 8:40am-12:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

First or second doses for 12-15 year olds (must be accompanied by a parent, second doses must be at least 12 weeks after the first. Children must be 12 weeks clear of a positive COVID test to get a vaccine).

**Old Cinderford Health Centre, Dockham Road**

**Saturday 15 January 8:40am-12:30pm**

Anyone over 18 in need of a booster (must be at least 3 months following the second dose).

Also anyone aged 16/17 (second doses can only be given 12 weeks after the first) or over 18s for first or second doses of Pfizer (second doses can only be given from 8 weeks after the first).

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People should not attend the drop-in service if:

- they have already made an appointment at a vaccination centre in the county
- they have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 4 weeks (people aged over 18) or 12 weeks (children under the age of 18)

## Reading Club

Please remember to continue to read with your child at least 4 times a week at home. Those children that aren't doing this, will attend Reading club at break time in school on a Friday. Thank you to staff for giving up their break time in order to hear children read. Reading is such an important gift to give a child so please try and support us in encouraging your child to read with you at home. It is expected that children should 4 times a week at home.

Please see guidance for the reading homework below:

*Children who are good at reading do more of it: they learn more, about all sorts of things, and their expanded vocabulary, gained from their reading, increases their ease of access to more reading. Conversely, those for whom reading is difficult fall behind, not just in their reading but in all subjects and a vicious circle develops. This is why the national curriculum says: It is essential that, by the end of their primary education, all pupils are able to read fluently, and with confidence, in any subject in their forthcoming secondary education (The Reading Framework, DfE, 2021).*



Thanks.

## Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school for some reason, please contact school before 9.30 a.m. with the reason for absence.

You can either phone the school office on 01594 833232 or email the school office at: [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you.

## A message from Pro Stars

We hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas and great start to the New Year.

I am just writing to let you know our Holiday Club and Football Camp bookings are now live at our early bird price (10% discount) and a further discount if booked in for all days. a further 10% discount will still apply for second siblings who are booked on.

Our holiday club activity timetable will be shared on our Facebook page this week and sent out to all local schools to forward on through parent email.

Expect a range of themed and season fun games, sports and craft activities suitable for all children aged 5-12.

### February Half Term Venues:

#### Holiday Clubs

- The Dell, Chepstow: Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Gorsely Goffs, Ross: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm
- The Dean Academy, Lydney: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm
- Five Acres, Coleford: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm
- Dene Magna, Mitcheldean: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

#### Football Camps

- The Dell, Chepstow: Friday, 10am - 3pm
- Gorsely Goffs, Ross: Friday 10am - 3pm
- The Dean Academy, Lydney: Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 3pm
- Five Acres, Coleford: Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 3pm
- Dene Magna, Mitcheldean: Tuesday - Thursday, 10am - 3pm

\*We are looking to return to running camps in Gloucester from Easter.

To book, please visit: [prostars.class4kids.co.uk/camps](http://prostars.class4kids.co.uk/camps)

Remember, spaces are limited!

Any queries, please get in contact and we will be happy to help.

If you would like to come off this email list please reply to this message.

Best wishes, Prostars Team

07515508643

## Maths for Parents Course

Adult Education Gloucestershire are running a great online course for parents who want to boost their numeracy skills this year.

Upgrade your Maths is a 5 week online course to support parents to build confidence in maths and feel confident helping children with their homework.

Please find attached a flyer, or you can get more information and enrol by clicking on this link- Upgrade Your Maths <<https://courses.gloglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=GL0055026&NAME=Upgrade+Your+Maths&ID1=2500&ID2=55026&ID3=1>>.

Parents may wish to stay with us and complete their Functional Skills Maths Qualification later in the year.

The course is free if the learner is over 19 years old, has lived in the UK for 3 or more years, or has a valid Residence Permit, and is one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,374 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Has mental health challenges, Has a learning difficulty or disability.\*



# Upgrade Your Maths



A free\* course for parents/carers or grandparents to build their own skills and help them support their children in school

**The tutor, Richard, will explain the building blocks of maths**

- Take the stress out of maths homework
- Boost your children's maths skills
- Refresh your own skills

**Thursdays 10:00-12:00**

**20 January- 17 February**

**If you worry about maths this course is for you!**

This course can lead towards a Functional Skills Maths Qualification

The course will be delivered via Zoom

**To book a place please email [fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk)**

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## Spring Term 1



Please send your child into school wearing the appropriate clothing for either PE or Forest Adventures.



<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oak class: PE kit</b> <small>(Yoga with Caroline)</small>	<b>Beech class: PE kit</b> <small>(Yoga with Caroline)</small>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Swimming: Year 3 &amp; 4</b> (starting 18.01.21 – alternative Tuesdays)			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Chestnut class:</b> Forest Adventures	<b>Sycamore: PE kit</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Chestnut class: PE kit</b> <small>(Gymnastics Centre)</small>	<b>Sycamore class: PE kit</b> <small>(Gloucester Rugby)</small>	<b>Willow class: PE kit</b> <small>(Gloucester Rugby)</small>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oak class: Forest Adventures</b>	<b>Willow class: PE kit</b>		
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Willow</b>

\*If your child is swimming or doing 'Forest Adventures' please note this is counted as a PE session.

## Lunch Menu

The lunch menu this term will remain the same as last term, up until the February half term. A copy of the menu may also be found on the school website.

Thank you.

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 30/08/2021 20/09/2021 11/10/2021 08/11/2021 29/11/2021 03/01/2022 24/01/2022 14/02/2022	Option 1	Vegetable and Bean Fajitas with Rice	Sausage roll with ½ Baked potato	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	MSC Fishfingers/Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato, Lentil pasta bake	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable sausage hotdog with Potato Wedges	Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel with Chips
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with filling	Tomato soup with filled baguette	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling
	Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Peas Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Savoy cabbage	Carrots Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Oaty Cookie	Mandarin Jelly	Pineapple Sponge	Apple, Cheese and Biscuits
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week 2 04/09/2021 27/09/2021 18/10/2021 15/11/2021 06/12/2021 10/01/2022 31/01/2022	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Sausage & Mash	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mediterranean Chicken with Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice	Roasted Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Pasty with Chips
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Tomato soup with ½ filled baguette	Jacket Potato with filling
	Vegetables	Peas Sweetcorn	Carrots Green beans	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Savoy Cabbage	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Shortbread	Peach Pudding with Custard	Apple Flapjack
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						
Week 3 13/09/2021 04/10/2021 01/11/2021 22/11/2021 17/12/2021 10/01/2022 07/02/2022	Option 1	Vegetable Hotdog	Beef burger with ½ Baked potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken, Pie with Mashed Potatoes	MSC Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Shepherdess Pie	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Pasta Bake	BBQ Quorn with Chips
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with filling	Tomato Soup with filled baguette	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling	Jacket Potato with filling
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Carrots	Swede Broccoli	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Eves Pudding with Custard	Vanilla sponge with chocolate sauce	Fruity Shortbread	Pear and Chocolate crumble and Custard	Ice Sponge
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily						

Added Plant Power

Vegan

Wholemeal

**Available Daily:**

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:**  
If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

## Dinner Accounts

Could we please ask that Parents/Carers check their child's dinner account and clear any dinner debts. If possible dinner accounts should be kept in credit.

Thank you!

## *Diary Dates*

### **JANUARY**

- Monday 10th January - After School Clubs Start
- Wednesday 12th January - Clarinet Lessons (Y4—whole class)
- Thursday 13th January - *Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)*
- Thursday 13th January - *Gymnastics Chestnut Class*
- Tuesday 18th January - *Swimming Years 3 & 4*
- Thursday 20th January - *Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)*
- Friday 21st January - *Dance Workshop—Whole School  
(More information to follow)*
- Thursday 20th January - *Gymnastics Chestnut Class*
- Monday 24th January - *Art Workshop (Y1—Y6)*
- Thursday 27th January - *Glos Rugby - Tag Rugby Willow/Sycamore (during school hours)*
- Thursday 27th January - *Gymnastics Chestnut Class*