Ellwood Community Primary School

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April 29th 2022



Welcome Back

We would like to welcome you all back after the Easter break and hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter. There are lots of exciting activities lined up for this term.

The children have come back to school ready to learn and refreshed after the break.

This is an important term for children as a number of year groups have statutory assessments. Year 6 pupils need to attend school on May 9th - May 12th for their KS2 assessments. There is a strict timetable and we must adhere to given dates and times to sit the tests.

All other year groups are working really hard to prepare for their assessments (EYFS - Profile, Year 1 - Phonics Screening, Year 2 - End of Key Stage 1 assessments and Year 4 - Times Table check). All year groups are also preparing to transition to the next year group in September.

Could you please continue to support your child with any home learning as this will help the children greatly. Please be assured your children are still accessing a broad balanced and fun curriculum and we are conscious of them not feeling anxious or pressured by any up and coming tests.

The children know that all they have to do is try their best and we are proud of them. They know we value them as individuals and they all have their own unique strengths and talents.

Thank You

We have had had several positive comments and thanks this week from parents. This positive feedback is very much appreciated by all of the staff at school. These small gestures mean so much to us.

Thank you

Get to know our Governors

Chris Toomer

I have been a parent governor at the school for just over a year and you'll probably know me as the guy on the bike. I have had the pleasure of visiting the school a number of times, both to observe and to help with lessons, and I am always impressed by the relaxed and happy, working atmosphere that exists, where everyone is known and cared for. My own experience of teaching physics to GCSE and A-level students is somewhat different but the strong relationship between learner and teacher, where pupils know that they are safe and their interests are foremost, is still key to them enjoying their education and opening doors for them.

Outside of work, I help out with the 4-7 year-olds at church and occasionally help to lead the singing from the piano. I also play in a local brass band, both blowing and enjoying myself hitting things in the percussion section. When my knees allow, I still love to ride my bike.





Ellwood Village Fete

On the 21st of May Ellwood is having a village fete. We will be holding a plant sale in aid of the school garden at this event. If you or your family/ friends have any spare plants we would be glad to have them. They can be brought to school the week before. Vegetable plants go down particularly well. Any questions just see Mrs Rees.

Thank you.

Lost Property

We have had a pair of adult reading glasses (plastic, no frames and brown arms) handed into the office. They were found on the school playground before Easter.

We also have a key that has been handed in . It looks like it could be a house key (silver key on an orange key fob).

If you think either of these items belong to you, please come along to the office and take a look.

Thank you.

Rags to Riches Collection

We will be having a Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday 17th May. So if you are having a clear out please keep us in mind. Clothing may be brought into school on the morning of the collection and placed in the bike shelter at the front of school. They are not providing bags so please place items in clean plastic bags. Thank you.



Reminder

A reminder that Year 3 and 4 can bring their bikes in to school on a Friday as they will now have the opportunity to participate in bike lessons on a Friday afternoon with Follow My Lead.

If your child/ren don't have bikes then don't worry, Follow My Lead usually bring spares with them.

Some parents have enquired as to whether children can leave their bikes here overnight on Thursday (after bike club). Unfortunately we can't store the bikes inside the school building, you are more than welcome to leave the bikes here and they will be stored in the playground. If you have a bike lock, then you can send that in to school and the bike can be secured. The school cannot accept any responsibility for lost or stolen bikes so this will be at your own risk.

Thanks.



Year 6 Football club - Wednesday Lunchtime

Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in a football club on a Wednesday afternoon at lunchtime. If you think your child would like to participate in this please send them in wearing their PE kit.

Manor Adventure - Reminder

Just a reminder that the final payment for Manor Adventure is due on 1st May. There are a few places that still require the previous payment to be made as well, please try and pay this as soon as possible as we will not be able to take children who have not paid in full.

Thank you!

<u>Lateness</u>

Thank you for ensuring your children are in school on time. We have seen a good improvement lately with lateness - let's keep it up!





8th April 2022

Mountain Bike Race - Years 4, 5 and 6

Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday May 19th we have been invited to take part in a Mountain Bike race at Wyedean School and Sixth Form College. We will be entering 2 girls and 2 boys from years 4/5/6.

We will be holding a timed practice session on Wednesday 4th May in order to select the team. Children will then be advised if they will be competing on May 19th.

If you would like your child to take part in the practice session, please ensure they bring their bike, helmet and trainers into school on Wednesday May 4th.

Kind regards

N.Marshall

Mrs N Marshall Class Teacher

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		Diary Dates
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Monday 2nd May	-	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3rd May	-	Sun safety week starts
	-	Y5 -Bikeability (3rd May—6th May)
Monday 9th May	_	Year 6 Assessments (9th May—12th May)
		All Year 6 children to attend school this week
Thursday 12th May	-	Perrygrove Trip (Oak Class)
Friday 13th May	_	Pyjamarama Day
		(children to wear pyjamas to school and 50p donation)
Monday 16th May	-	Walk to school week
Tuesday 17th May	-	Rags2Riches Collection
Wednesday 18th May	-	Photos—Year 6 and groups
		PC Greg—Year 6
Thursday 19th May	_	K'nex challenge
		Mountain Bike Race at Wyedean School
Fri 20th - Mon 23rd May	-	Year 6 residential - Manor Adventure
Thursday 26th May	-	Jubilee Day
		(2.30 p.m. parents welcome for tea and cake)
		Last day of term
Friday 27th May	-	Bank holiday in lieu of Queen's Jubilee
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June	2 -	HALF TERM
Monday 6th June	-	Inset day