

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Friendship

November 30th 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 94.4%**

Well done to **Oak 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 too ill for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please remember that if your 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	97.6%
Beech	91.7%
Sycamore	94.6%
Willow	90.5%

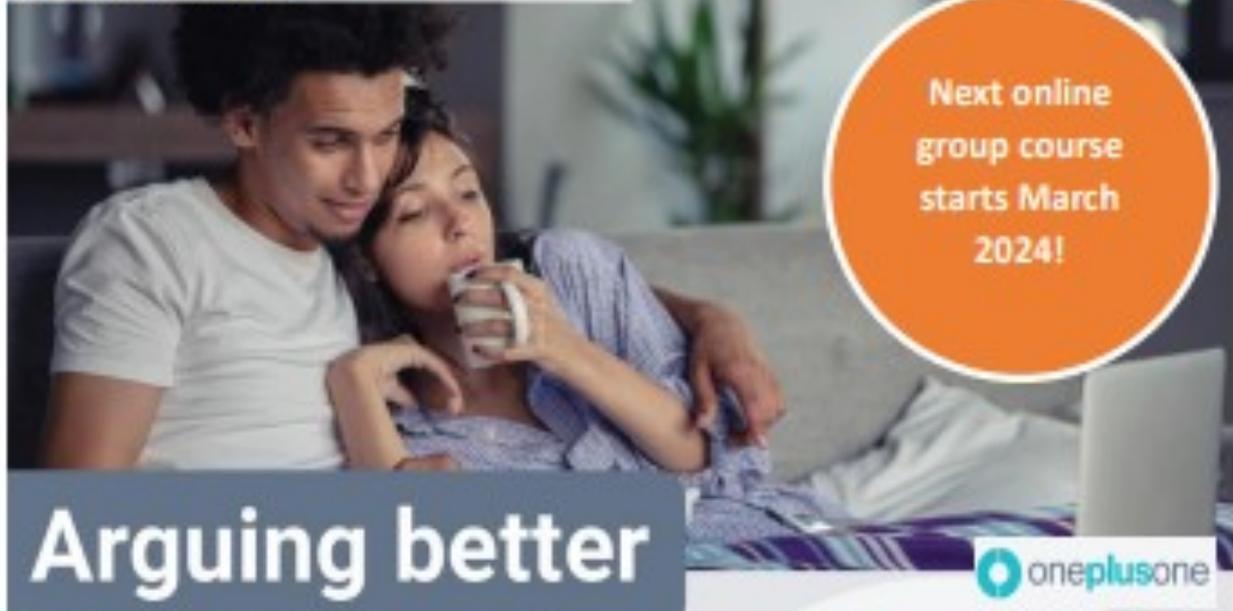
Geography - Chestnut and Beech Class

Chestnut and Beech class (years 1, 2 and 3) had a lovely morning visiting Coleford on Monday as part of their Geography unit. They used maps to identify buildings and features around them. They discussed how Coleford is different compared to Ellwood. They then finished their walk at the library. The children absolutely loved the library, don't forget it is free to sign up and there are some great Christmas events coming up!

The children behaved extremely well and showed many of our values. The library staff were very impressed with their behaviour in the library. Well done everyone!



Parents' Relationships Matter Gloucestershire



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

Arguing Better Group Course

How do I access a group?

Groups take place in just two 90 min sessions (over two consecutive weeks) on Microsoft Teams. You will need access to Wi-Fi, a smart phone, laptop, or tablet. And its free!

Who is it for?

- Anyone with a parenting role for a child or young person
- Adoptive Parents
- Foster Parents
- Guardians/family members with parenting role

Parents are welcome to attend alone, with a partner, friend, or family member.

How do I book on to the next group?

For more information about future *Arguing Better* group dates or to book on contact:

The Family Information Service.

Email: familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware we had Ofsted in school yesterday with two inspectors, one being a HMI (His Majesty's Inspector) and the other an Ofsted inspector.

Thank you to all parents for completing the survey at such short notice, your feedback and opinions are important to us. The results on parent view were very positive so thank you.

We are unable at this stage, to let you know the outcome of the inspection as it needs to go through a stringent quality assurance process. This may take several weeks but we will share it with you as soon as it is published.

Thank you to the staff and Governors for all their hard work that they continue to do day in and day out for the good of the children.

The children were a credit to you and the school, we were proud of each and every one of them and they all demonstrated the school values. Well done!

Nativity tickets

We have allocated everyone's first set of tickets and can allocate additional tickets. If you require additional tickets, please send in the correct money TOMORROW (reminder, £1 per ticket).

You will need to send in the correct amount of money in an envelope stating which performance and how many additional tickets you would like. Example below:

Child's name:

Year group:

Time: Thursday 14th December at (2:00pm or 6:00pm)

Amount of tickets:

ALL tickets will be sent home tomorrow. If there are any issues please come and see us Monday.



Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

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 (packed lunch needed)*

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***