

# Ellwood Community Primary School



**Bulletin - September 10th 2021**

## Welcome Back

It is so wonderful to see all the children back at school with no bubbles and children being able to mix again, being able to take part in whole school assemblies and having hot meals again!

All the children are looking so smart and so eager to learn.

We are really excited about the new term and have some great things lined up, not least, our postponed trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park!

## Autumn Term 1



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



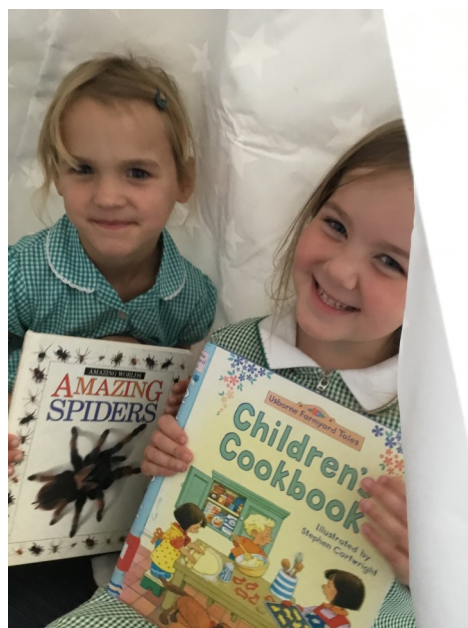
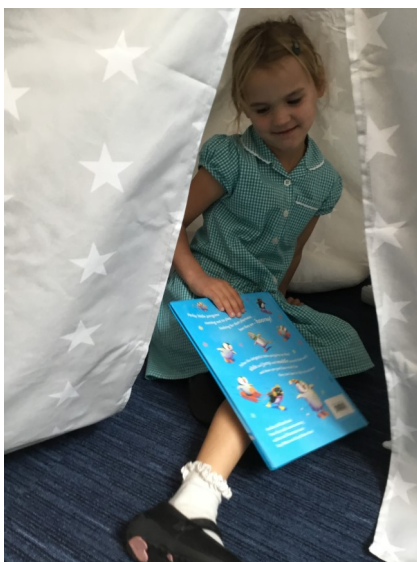
Monday	Oak class: PE kit		Beech class: PE kit	
Tuesday	Sycamore class: PE kit		Chestnut class: PE kit	
	Swimming: Year 5 & 6 (starting 07.09.21 - alternative Tuesdays)			
Wednesday	Sycamore class: Forest Adventures		Chestnut class: PE kit	
Thursday	Beech class: PE kit			
Friday	Oak class: Forest Adventures		Willow class: PE kit	
Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Sycamore	Willow

## Key Stage 1 Library

We are very lucky to have a new Library in Key Stage 1. The children have chosen their library books and enjoyed spending time in the library.

Please can Year 1 children bring back their library book on Thursdays.

Have a look on Chestnut 2021-2022 class webpage to see us choosing our books!



### **Meet the Teacher**

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attending the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. We are looking forward to working in partnership with parents/carers over the next academic year.

### **EYFS**

Miss Peart, Mrs Rees and Mrs Morris carried out home visits this week and enjoyed meeting the children in their home environment. We are looking forward to the children starting full time in the next couple of weeks.

### **After School Clubs**

We are planning to start after school clubs after half term. The staff are busy planning which clubs will be on offer. Please look out for further information.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

**Tuesday October 19th**

We have now been given a date from the Gloucestershire vaccination team for the annual Nasal Flu vaccinations. The nasal flu vaccination will be given to children in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Please note we only facilitate the administering of the vaccinations. If you have any questions or queries regarding the vaccinations please contact Gloucestershire vaccination team for advice and guidance.

More information about the vaccination programme and giving consent will be sent home to parents/carers as soon as we receive it from the Gloucestershire NHS team.

Thank you.



## School Raffle

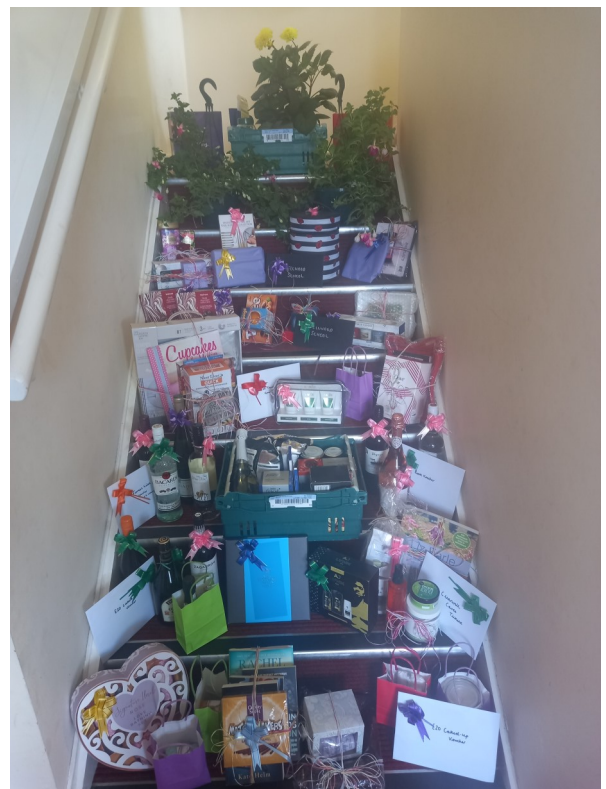
Just a reminder that it is not too late to enter the school raffle. If you would like to buy some tickets please send money into school in a named envelope, stating whether you would like tickets for the children's or adult's raffle.

The Raffle will be drawn on Friday September 24th.

### Children's Raffle Prizes



### Adult Raffle Prizes



### **Car Park / Morning Gate**

Thank you for driving carefully in the car park. Please be aware that it can become quite congested at drop off and collection times.

The gate area can also become quite busy due to everyone being keen to arrive on time, which is great, as children have been settled in class and ready for lessons. However, once your child is safely through the gate, please step away and allow others through. We will monitor the situation and review if necessary.

Thank you.

### **Forest Adventure Clothes**

If your child has Forest Adventures, please ensure they come sensibly dressed (not fashion clothing). Ideally they should wear long sleeves and long trousers to help avoid being stung or scratched. Please also be mindful of the weather and send in a waterproof coat and wellies if needed.

Thank you.

### **Reading Reminder**

Just a reminder that children should be reading at least four times a week. Please ensure an adult makes an entry in your child's reading record, signing and dating when your child has read.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Swimming Reminder**

Swimming is part of the statutory national curriculum and, therefore children are required to attend swimming lessons if it is offered. It is not optional.

However, if there is a medical reason or other circumstance that prevents your child from taking part in swimming lessons, please let the class teacher know.

Thank you.

## **Swimming Payment Reminder —Year 5 & 6**

If you have not already made your payment of £25 for swimming could you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## **Assemblies**

It was great to be able to hold whole school assemblies this week with a visit from 'Open the Book' and Reverend Michelle. For some of the children this will have been the first time that they had ventured into the hall or taken part in a whole school assembly.

It was lovely to be able to see the children enjoying their assembly time all together again





## Rags2Riches

We are having a Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday 5th October. If you are having a sort out over the next few weeks and would like to donate your items to school we would love to have them. The more bags we have donated the money we can raise for school.

Please ensure they are items that they accept and are of good quality.

We will be sending home a Rags2Riches collection bag for you once they have arrived at school.

Collection bags may be brought to school from Monday 4th October and left in the bike shelter at the front of school.

ELLWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,  
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,  
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website  
[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS  
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED  
CLOTHES.  
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,  
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags  
**STOP AND THINK**  
**WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.



## Gardening News from Mrs Rees

Well done to everyone who grew sunflowers over the summer. The Bream Show judges came on the 17th to judge our school sunflowers and made some pleasant comments about our garden and we were awarded a second and third place rosettes. Congratulations to Eira who won the sunflower competition for our school.



Mrs Rees has purchased some new high quality potato peelers for whittling using some of the plant sale money. Sycamore Class christened them on Wednesday.





## **School Dinners**

Just a reminder that school dinners are free for children from Reception to Year 2 under the Universal Free School Meal initiative. From Year 3 –Year 6 meals should be paid for on ParentPay at a cost of £2.34 a meal. Please ensure your dinner account is kept in credit.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School meals please follow the link below:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/)

Or email:

[freeschoolmeals@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

If pupils are registered for Free School Meals, it provides additional funding for the school.

## **Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip**

Just a reminder that the postponed Cotswold Wildlife Park trip will now take place on Thursday 30th September.

Please ensure you have given parental consent on ParentPay along with informing us of any medical or dietary needs.

Further information about the day has been emailed out today.

## *Diary Dates*

### **SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday 21st September - Swimming Y5 & Y6

Thursday 30th September - Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip (Y1—Y6)

### **OCTOBER**

Tuesday 5th October - Rags2Riches Collection  
More details to follow

Tuesday 5th October - Swimming Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 19th October - Nasal Flu Vaccination (More information to follow)  
R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Friday 22nd October - Inset Day (Staff only)

### **HALF TERM**

Monday 1st November - Term 2 begins