

Ellwood Community Primary School

Believe, Achieve, Belong

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Our value this term is: Friendship

December 21st 2023

Weekly 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 96%**.

Well done to **Chestnut class** for getting the highest attendance this week!

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m, ideally before the start of school by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	98.3%
Chestnut	98.9%
Beech	93.3%
Sycamore	92.3%
Willow	98.3%

A message from our Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to extend thanks to everyone who has contributed to the life of Ellwood School this term and made the school such a great place to flourish. Thank you to parents and families for their continued support with their children's learning and for being present at events in school. Thank you to staff who have brought such great teaching to our fantastic children, and indeed thank you to the pupils themselves for being amazing both in school, in their learning and behaviour, impressing all who visit and also out in the community.

I have been fortunate these past weeks to accompany two groups of children who brought much Christmas joy by their singing to the more senior citizens in our locality. There are requests to return again next year!

The Nativity and Carol service have both been very special. Thank you Ellwood school for starting our Christmas in such a brilliant way. As Governors we wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year.

Rev Michelle Ireland

Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another busy and successful term draws to a close. There have been lots of highlights over the last few weeks; nativity play, carols service, community café visit, singing at the Elms, books for bugs, Christmas dinner, party day, Perry Grove trip, Panto and Christmas fair to name a few! There were some poorly children and staff thrown in the mix too but they have kept going and have all done very well.

We have been proud of all the children this term and they have all worked incredibly hard. They have thoroughly enjoyed the last few weeks and it is lovely to see them having so much fun. I would like to thank staff for all their hard work and dedication in providing the children with lovely activities and events.

The Ofsted draft report hasn't been sent back to us yet so it will be after Christmas now. It can take several weeks for it to be made available. It would have been nice to have shared the report with staff and parents before Christmas, but we will share it with you in the new year.

Thank you to governors for your hard work and dedicating your own time to ensure the children receive the best education that they can.

We all hope you have a rest over Christmas and enjoy spending time with family and friends. This year has flown by and we look forward to another successful year in 2024.

Happy Christmas and enjoy your new year.

Best wishes

Mrs Milford



Reminder of our start and finish times

A reminder please that school starts at 8:50am with gates opening at 8:45am, please ensure children are here on time.

School finishes at 3:20pm.

Thank you!

We are sharing the below information which has several useful apps that can be used for safety.

Further details of the Holly Guard app are below, this is a particularly useful app to have on your phone as it can send an alert to a nominated number.

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What happens when you raise an Alert...

1

Activate

The app has several ways to raise an Alert. By default you will have to press and hold the panic button for 5 seconds to start an Alert. The app also offer discreet and stealth modes that help with raising an Alert when you can't be appearing to use your phone.

2

Populate

The app will now start to pin point your location, activate your phone's camera and microphone to capture evidence (user permission dependant) and capture any other relevant information.

3

Respond

Your Alert details will now be sent to your choosen Emergency Contacts. They will recieve a secure web link with your location, and the evidence your phone is sharing. There will also be quick links to contact you to see if you need further help.

We seem to have taken part in so many fun activities, trips, had visitors in school, participated in many sporting activities already and we are only at the end of the Autumn term! We have put together a montage of some of the things we have done so far this year, enjoy.....





Pantomime

We had a fabulous time watching Mother Goose at the Savoy theatre in Monmouth on Monday. The children were all brilliantly behaved and loved the panto which also starred one of our ex pupils Maisie!



Singing to the residents of the Elms nursing home

Years 4 and 5 went to sing Christmas carols to the residents at The Elms nursing home last week.

What a lovely thing to do for the community, they have had requests to return next year!



Goodbye and welcome

Goodbye to Miss Morcom who joined us as a student and who we supported through her ECT last term. Miss Morcom has decided to take on a teaching role in a school closer to her home. Goodbye also to Mrs Breakwell who worked with us in year 6 this term, we have loved working with you both and wish you both well for the future!

Welcome to Mrs Williams who will be joining us as a teaching assistant working part time in year 1, we look forward to working along side you.

Autumn Fundraising

We have raised a total of £1063 through our Autumn fundraising with the Christmas Fair, hamper raffle, the wreaths and secret santa.

Thank you all so much!!!

This will go towards resources for the school and will help to fund things such as the end of summer term whole school trip, it is really appreciated!



Diary Dates

JANUARY

- Monday 8th January - First day back
- Mon 8th Jan -
Weds 10th Jan - Year 6 bikeability
- Thurs 11th January - Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Year 5 Gymnastics
- Tues 16th January - Years 3/4 Swimming
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Weds 17th Jan - Year 6 bikeability
- Thurs 18th January - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Weds 24th January - Rags2riches collection
- Thurs 25th January - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class
- Tues 30th January - Years 3/4 Swimming

FEBRUARY

- Thurs 1st February - Year 5 Gymnastics
- Follow my lead (biking) for Oak class