

Ellwood Community Primary School

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Our value this term is: Respect

January 26th 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 94.4%**.

Well done to **Beech 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	97.5%
Chestnut	97.4%
Beech	98.3%
Sycamore	90.8%
Willow	88.8%

Parents' Evening

Parent's evening is taking place across two days on Tuesday 14th January and Wednesday 15th January.

Booking goes live on Friday 27th January at 4pm. Please make sure you book an appointment using eschools.

If you have received a letter for a shared conversation, please do not book an appointment for Parent's evening.

Thank you.

Advance notice of club cancellation

Due to Parent's evening taking place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. We will be cancelling Phonics, Choir and Netball clubs. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thank you.

Medicine in school

Please be reminded schools are not expected to administer medication unless it is for a significant health need, for which a health care plan would be in place. However, we are willing to administer antibiotics if they are needed four times a day. If they are needed three times a day, administration can be worked around school hours and be administered at home.

With regard to Calpol and other forms of paracetamol, school should not be administering this to the children unless it is for a more serious injuries or illnesses.

All medicine must be taken, by the parent, to the office and a medical form must be completed and signed.

Please do not hand medicine to staff at the gate or allow children to bring it in to school. We have been lenient with administering medicine in the past, however, this has increased considerably over the last few months. We want to continue to support as much as we can but only for essential medication.

Thank you.

Year 4 - Music Lessons

Year 4 have got started with their music lessons this term and excitingly are going to be learning how to play the Clarinet! The good news is that we could all make a noise so we are looking forward to learning how to play different notes in the next few weeks. We will keep you posted about our progress.



Sycamore in class library

Sycamore class would like to thank Mrs Milford for the fairy lights for our in class library!

Here are some of Sycamore class using the class library space in free reading time.



Swimming Awards

Isabella brought in some fantastic swimming medals along with a plaque.

What brilliant achievements, well done Isabella!



It's the RSPB birdwatch this weekend.(27th - 29th Jan)

Go to the RSPB website for all the details.
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>



Poetry Competition

A reminder that the poetry competition deadline is Wednesday 1st February. Please give Mrs Rees any poems for entry. Here is an example of a poem written by Elizah in EYFS.

Our Planet

Lots of plants are growing,

Try not to waste them.

Sweet fruit growing,

Try not to waste it.

Put things in recycling,

Make it into something new.

Look after our planet,

Keep it clean.

Parent View

We would really appreciate it if you could take some time to give your views on the school at the below ofsted survey.

Thank you!

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Car Fumes

Please could we politely ask that in the interest of reducing emissions, you turn your car engine off when dropping off/picking up children from school.

Thank you.

Stike Action

Please be aware that staff who are striking are not expected to set home learning as they are not working and being paid for the strike day, please continue to practice your reading and spelling challenge words. Here is a link to a World Book Day competition.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/05/calling-all-young-writers/>

There will also be an art competition for them to participate in if they wish.

26.1.2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, 1st February**
- Thursday, 2nd March
- Wednesday, 15th March
- Thursday, 16th March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government.

I am writing to you today to let you know that all the teachers, in this particular union, are intending to strike on 1st February 2023 (initially). Therefore, this will prevent some classes and year groups attending school on this day.

Classes/Year groups which will remain **OPEN** will be:

- Year 6 - all day (8.45am-3.15pm)
- Willow year 5s (10 pupils) - afternoon only (1.00pm-3.15pm)
- Year 2 - morning only (8.45am-12.15am)

Classes/Year groups which will be **CLOSED** will be:

- Oak (EYFS)
- Year 1
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5 (Willow year 5s only can come for the afternoon)

Dinners for Year 6 will be served as normal. There will be **no netball** club on this day.

Please be reminded that if the school is open for your child, then your child needs to attend otherwise this will be marked as unauthorised.

I would ask that you be mindful of the strike dates and I would recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for this initial 1st February date asap, if your child's class is closed. We will keep you informed of the other dates as soon as we are able.

I acknowledge the potential disruption to you and I understand that this situation may be frustrating.

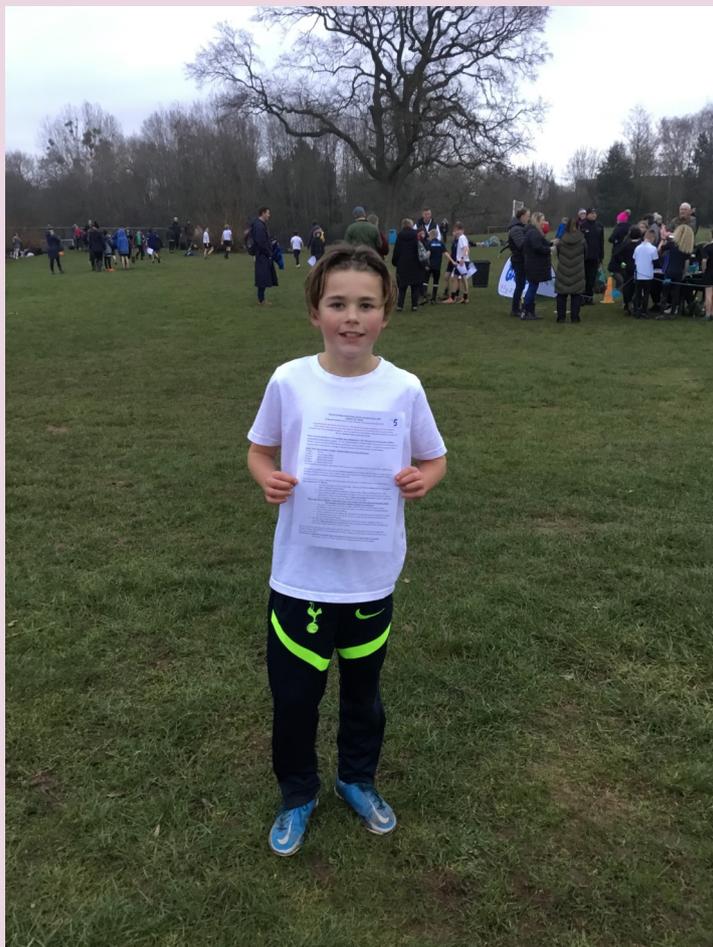
Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Milford

Cross Country Event

A huge congratulations to Alfie Pritchard for qualifying for the next round of The District Cross Country Competition. Alfie came 5th overall which is a fantastic achievement, well done Alfie!



Girls Football Competition

Well done to our girls football team who took part in the first girls football league to be held in the Forest of Dean. The team won 2 out of the 3 games they played and were 5th overall out of 12 schools. Well done girls this is such a great achievement!



Diary Dates

JANUARY

Thursday 26th January - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

FEBRUARY

Monday 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 9th February - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Tuesday 14th February - Parents' Evening (**No Choir or Phonics club**)

Wednesday 15th February - Parents' Evening (**No Netball club**)

Thursday 16th February - Gymnastics - Year 1 - every week

Friday 17th February - Random act of kindness
- **Non-uniform day** for chocolate donations for Easter

HALF TERM

Monday 27th February - First day back

Thursday 2nd March - World book day. Dress up as your favourite character!