

Welcome to Ellwood Community Primary School

Oak Class of 2021 -2022



Our Vision at Ellwood Community Primary School

At Ellwood Community Primary School, we strive to be the best we can be. We have high aspirations for all our pupils, staff and the community. We want our children to be confident individuals, lifelong learners and global citizens enabling them to achieve their very best.

Our school motto is: Believe, Achieve, Belong

- **Believe** - We believe all children have potential and should believe in themselves. We believe in them, our staff, parents, governors and community. We believe together; we achieve more.
- **Achieve** - We want every child to succeed and achieve their full potential. This could be academically, personally or socially. We also want the school community to achieve their very best.
- **Belong** - We want our children to belong. We want them to belong to their class, school and community and to have a sense of belonging and to feel they will always be welcome at Ellwood and will feel valued.

Meet the Team

Miss Peart – EYFS Class
Teacher



Mrs Morris – EYFS
Teaching Assistant
[Monday – Thursday]



Mrs Rees – Friday PM
Cover Teacher



Mrs Milford - Headteacher



September Starting Arrangements

Settling Period – Home Visits

- At Ellwood Community Primary School, we offer a home visit before your child starts school.
- Home/Garden visits are planned to take place on the 3rd, 6th and 7th of September. Unfortunately, at this stage, we are unable to confirm whether home visits will definitely be taking place.
- If we are not able to carry out home visits you will be invited into school for a meeting on one of the dates listed above.



September Starting Arrangements

Settling Period – Stay & Play

Wednesday 8th September 9:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.

- We are planning to offer parents/carers and children the opportunity to come into Oak class together and spend time with us and to become familiar with our learning environment.
- We will also be holding a short informal phonics workshop during this time to inform you about how we teach your child to read and write, enabling you to support your child at home.
- This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and children.

September Starting Arrangements

Settling Period 9th – 17th September

- We have planned for the first two weeks of school to be a settling period before your child starts school full-time.
- We are aware that some children will have attended full-time day care and therefore you may feel they will cope with full-time school right from their very first day. However, it is important to understand that school is very different to nursery and is much more physically and mentally draining. We are also required to complete a 'Reception Baseline Assessment' individually with every child for the Department for Education which will be carried out during the settling period.

For the first two weeks the children will be split into two groups



(Ladybird or Butterfly).



September Starting Arrangements

Settling Period 9 th – 17 th September		
	AM	PM
Thursday 9 th September	9.00-12.00 [Ladybird]	1.00-3.00 [Butterfly]
Friday 10 th September	9.00-12.00 [Butterfly]	1.00-3.00 [Ladybird]
	AM	PM
Monday 13 th September	9.00-12.00 [Ladybird]	1.00-3.00 [Butterfly]
Tuesday 14 th September	9.00-12.00 [Ladybird]	1.00-3.00 [Butterfly]
Wednesday 15 th September	9.00-12.00 [Butterfly]	1.00-3.00 [Ladybird]
Thursday 16 th September	9.00-12.00 [Butterfly]	1.00-3.00 [Ladybird]
Friday 17 th September	9.00-1.15 (including lunch) [Ladybird and Butterfly]	

ALL children to start full time (8.55am-3.15pm) from Monday 20th September.

Uniform

Our school uniform can be ordered through 'Brigade':

http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents

Uniform Requirements:	
Grey skirts, shorts, trousers, pinafore dresses.	PE Kit – Plain white t-shirt, navy shorts, black daps or plain trainers (bought into school in a named PE bag which will be sent home at the end of each term for washing).
Jade polo shirts (preferably with school logo).	
Navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans (preferably with school logo).	Footwear – children are expected to wear sensible 'safe' shoes, not fashion shoes. Socks should be grey/black or white.
Green check dresses may be worn in the summer, if preferred	<u>Please ensure every individual item is clearly labelled with your child's full name.</u>

We encourage the children to be independent in their self-help skills, therefore, please consider the following points when purchasing uniform:

- Try to avoid braces or belts on trousers.
- If possible, shoes should be velcro.
- Coats should have a hoop for hanging on coat pegs.
- Coats with easy fastenings are best for little fingers to manage (please encourage your child to practice doing up their coat).

Please send spare clothes in your child's book bag if you feel they may need them.

Lunches

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered universal free school meals.
- From Monday 20th September your child is entitled to a free school meal if you wish. You will receive a menu from 'Caterlink' in September.
- Your child will order their lunch each morning in school. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child about the lunch choices so they can familiarise themselves with the options.
- If you do not wish for your child to have a free school meal, please send them into school with a healthy lunchbox.



Healthy Living

- Every child needs to bring in a named water bottle each morning. **Please ensure that it is filled with water only.** This water bottle is available throughout the day for your child.
- All children in Reception are provided with a fresh piece of fruit or raw vegetable for their morning break. Children are welcome to bring their own piece of fruit or raw vegetable if you wish.
- Please remember that if sending grapes they must be cut in half.
- If you would like your child to drink milk at snack time it needs to be ordered through 'Cool Milk'. Milk is free until the week of your child's 5th birthday. Your child can still have milk daily once they are 5 years old however, there will be a small charge for this.
 - For more information about milk please visit 'Cool Milk':
<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

The logo for 'Cool Milk' is displayed in a blue, cursive script font. The word 'Cool' is written in a smaller, more compact cursive, while 'Milk' is written in a larger, more flowing cursive. The entire logo is set against a white rectangular background.

Link Folder & Book Bag



- All children will be given a book bag which they must bring into school each day containing their reading wallet.
- Your child's link book will be stored in their reading wallet. The purpose of your child's link folder is to create a communication tool between home and school. It provides you with the opportunity to write down any questions or queries you may have.
- We will also use your child's link folder to share letters and important information with you.
- The majority of information will be sent to you electronically - please ensure we have current email addresses for both parents with parental responsibility.

The School Day

- The school day starts at 8:55a.m. Children must be in school and ready to learn by this time. Children who arrive after the register is taken, will be marked as late. Late marks count against your child's overall attendance percentage.
- The gate at the bottom of the playground connecting the playground and the car park is opened at 8:45a.m. for access onto the playground.
- The school day finishes at 3:15p.m.
- Children will not be able to leave the classroom at the end of the day unless a parent/carer is waiting for them at the Oak classroom door.
- If someone different is collecting your child, please inform the class teacher in advance otherwise your child will not be able to leave the school site until this is confirmed. Only contacts named in your child's permission booklet will be permitted to collect your child without prior notification.

Please note that this is subject to change due to the current situation and will be inline with government guidance.



Medical Matters



- If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, they must not attend school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- If your child is absent from school, please ring the office by 9:30a.m. to provide a reason for your child's absence.
- Medication will only be administered if a medication record is completed by a parent/carer. Non-prescribed medicines will not be administered unless in an emergency or if authorised by the Headteacher.
- If your child needs an inhaler for asthma, please ensure their asthma plan is completed in the 'parental permission booklet'. Your child's inhaler needs to be kept in school in a named bag/wallet.

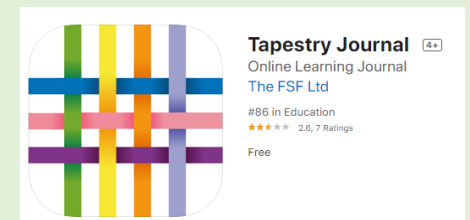
Tapestry

- At Ellwood Community Primary School, we use Tapestry to share your child's learning journey with you. Throughout your child's time in Reception, you will be able to have an insight into their learning and development by accessing a secure account to view your child's learning journey.
- We encourage all parents/carers (with parental responsibility) to have an account through Tapestry so they can contribute and share their child's learning journey.

<https://tapestryjournal.com/>



Download the Tapestry App!



Early Years Foundation Stage [EYFS]

Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. **Play** is **important** to healthy brain development. It is through **play** that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them.

- The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of your child from birth to 5 years old. The EYFS curriculum is followed within Reception at Ellwood Community Primary School.

Areas of Learning & Development	
Prime Areas:	Specific Areas:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication and Language• Physical Development• Personal, Social, Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy• Mathematics• Understanding the World• Expressive Arts & Design

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside. You can find more information about the Early Years Foundation Stage on the curriculum section of the website.

Outdoor Learning



- In Oak class we regularly access outdoor learning opportunities.
- To enable your child to access the outdoor learning opportunities we ask that parents/carers provide a pair of wellington boots for their child which can be kept at school throughout the year (please ensure each wellington boot is clearly labelled with your child's full name). Please also provide a waterproof suit for your child for 'Forest Adventure' sessions.
- Please also ensure your child has a suitable coat as we access outdoor learning opportunities in a range of weathers.

The best classroom and the richest cupboard are roofed only by the sky.

Join us on Facebook

- We have a Facebook group to share updates and reminders with our parents/carers.
- Please note we do not use the Facebook page as a method of two-way communication. Please telephone the office or email admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk for general queries.



Ellwood Community Primary School

<http://www.ellwoodschool.co.uk/website>



Please visit the website where you will find all the relevant information about starting school.

Useful Information

- Ellwood Community Primary School office number: 01594 833232
- Miss Peart's email address: oak@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk
- Admin email address: admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk