

Ellwood Community Primary School

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October 6th 2022



Weekly Attendance

Our aim is to have weekly attendance above 97% in line with the Local Authority's expectation.

Well done to Willow class for having the highest attendance this week! We have had a large number of children off this week in the infants with sickness. Please remember that if your child is sick, they need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last incident of sickness.

Please also remember to arrive at school on time, we have so many children turning up late and it really disrupts the start of the day for the rest of the class. This will be being monitored a lot more closely after half term.

Please remember to report a child's absence before 9.30 a.m. by either phoning the school on 01594 833232 or emailing admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you.

Oak	91.3%
Chestnut	70.3%
Beech	91.7%
Sycamore	94.2%
Willow	98.3%

Monitoring

Mrs Milford has been in classrooms this week and has carried out monitoring of different aspects of the children's learning. The children have all settled in really well this term and are working very hard. Overall, the children are making good progress, working incredibly hard, and they are really motivated. They all have great relationships with each other and staff and are enjoying their learning. The classrooms are neat, tidy and lovely environments to spend time in. The atmosphere, displays and resources really support the children's learning. The staff work incredibly hard to give the children such lovely learning opportunities and activities. We sometimes forget how fortunate the children are at Ellwood School to experience what they do.

Well done all !

Eco Council

Apologies as some of the Eco council were missing from last week's bulletin. Please see the full list below.

The Eco Council have had two meetings and plans are under way to improve our recycling of waste and save electricity and water. The team are full of enthusiasm so watch this space!

Willow	Izzy Roberts
	Darcie-Rae Brown
	Darcie Childs
Sycamore	Jack Beach
	Macey-Rose Field
Beech	Alfie Ellis
	Ellis Nixon
Chestnut	Kuba
	Phoebe Voyce
Oak	To be elected later in the year.

Cross Country

Well done to the girls and boys who competed at Five Acres cross-country competition yesterday - there were over 260 children taking part. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and proudly represented the school demonstrating our school values. Thank you to all adults taking and picking the children up from the school, we look forward to taking part in the next race.



Parents' evening

Please remember to sign up for a parents' evening slot, this will go live for parents tonight at 4pm.

All parents should try to attend an appointment. If your child has a my plan/send need, you only need to attend the shared conversation meeting that will be arranged separately.

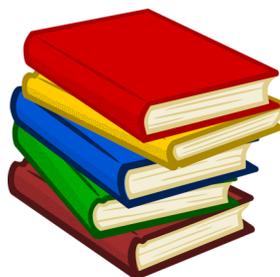
The meetings will take place between 3:30—6:00pm on Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October.

Reading

Thank you for reading with your child at home, the vast majority of children are reading at home 4 times a week which is amazing, they are really benefiting from the support from their parents.

It is proven that those children who read regularly benefit in so many different areas; comprehension, fluency, knowledge and vocabulary. There are still a minority of children who aren't reading enough at home and some not at all. The teachers have fed back that the children who aren't reading at home are not making as much progress. Some are slipping behind their peers and are struggling to access other areas for the curriculum in class as reading feeds into other subjects.

We expect parents to hear their children read at home for their child's benefit. It only needs to be five or ten minutes a night. Please support your child to become a fluent reader. The children love receiving their regular reader awards so please help them to achieve them!



Whole school P.E day!

Please send your child in to school wearing their P.E kit on Wednesday 12th October for our whole school P.E day.



Census day

Thank you to those of you that let your children order a school hot dinner today. We had over 100 meals ordered which will really help with the school's funding!

Uniform

Thank you to everyone for making such an effort to ensure the correct uniform is worn, the children look so smart. P.E kits - reminder for P.E uniform - the children need to wear a white t shirt, black/blue bottoms, school jumper - no hoodies, football shirts or track suits. Any earrings need to be taped over or removed.

Thank you!

Sickness

We have had a sickness bug which seems to have mainly affected the infants this week. Please remember children must stay off for 48 hours after the last incident of sickness. Please also remind children about hygiene and to wash their hands regularly with soap.

Thank you!

Celebrations

Our fantastic Cross Country team receiving their certificates in assembly! Well done all!



Well done to Archie Wilkins, Keegan Boliver and Rory Aston for winning this week's values awards This award is for demonstrating our school values in daily school life.

Well done!



Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Wednesday 12th October - Whole school P.E day! Everyone to wear P.E kit.

Thursday 13th October - Cheltenham literature festival—Year 6

Wednesday 19th October - Nasal flu vaccinations—Whole school

Friday 21st October - Harvest assembly, children are invited to dress as a farmer for the day and to bring in a donation for the food bank.

Friday 21st October - Last day of term

Monday 31st October - Start of Autumn term 2

NOVEMBER

Thursday 3rd November - Individual school photos

Wednesday 9th November - Goodrich Castle trip - Chestnut & Beech class

Thursday 17th November - Ashmolean Museum (Sycamore & Willow)

Wednesday 23rd November - No pens day