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Important Diary Dates

January 2023

- * 4th - School opens for pupils

February 2023

- * 14th Class photos
- * 17th School closes
- * 27th School re-opens

March 2023

- * 17th Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- * 31st School closes

April 2023

- * 17th School re-opens

It's Good to Be Back....!

We have finally made it to what has turned out to be a very long and sickness prone Autumn term! The number of children we have had off sick this week has been incredible and I am so pleased so many made it in today for our end of year festivities which included the most amazing Christmas dinner! A huge thank you to Michelle, Elaine, Eva and Gabi for the spread they put on it was amazing and the children loved it as did the staff! It's a great end of term event and the only time the children can legitimately play with toys in school which they get from the crackers.

This week my mind has been beset with a number of questions...when will Ofsted come? How many more Christmas jumpers can one man legitimately own? Is 'when a spaceman came travelling' really a Christmas song? But the one I settled on was what has been my highlight of this term. I did think a lot about this and came up with a winner which may not be what you would expect. We've had fabulous team performances in sporting competitions, we have had some fantastic Christmas performances but for me the overriding memory of this term will be the faces of the Reception children when they come back from Forest school each week. They have loved it and seeing them get on the minibus each week has been fantastic. A huge thank you to forest school and the early years staff for the amazing organisation!

As you will know, I have taken on the role of Executive Headteacher this term with another school in Walkden and it has been a fantastic experience and one in which I have learnt a great deal about myself as a leader and also about the areas I need to develop. This role was due to last for up to two terms but I am pleased to say I will not be needed next term at Bridgewater and will be back full time at Ellenbrook from January.



Just a reminder that we return on the 4th January 2023 which is a very, very big birthday for me and only the 4th time in my whole life I have been in school for it! Have a very relaxing break and Merry Christmas to you all!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

95.5%

Our attendance figure has continued to drop again!

Congratulations!

PEEL

On winning this year's House Point Competition

Updates from the Office....

- ⇒ When a child comes into school through the office if they are either late or have been to an appointment you **MUST** sign them in with a reason.
- ⇒ **Parents please can we remind you that you MUST inform the office if your child is unwell and not attending school. This can be done either via Weduc Absence reporting or the Telephone Absence Line**
- ⇒ Please make sure that if your child has any medicines/inhalers which are kept in school that they are up to date and you have completed a medical permission form for this academic year.
- ⇒ Any letters, slips or forms can be posted in the white post box attached to the wall outside the school office. This box is checked regularly during the day.
- ⇒ If your child is attending an independent school for an entrance exam can we ask that you complete a leave of absence form and return it to the office. This absence will be authorised by the school.

This week we have been thinking about...being judgemental

1. Who knows you best?

All my family because they have known me since I was born so they know how I react to everything.

2. Who do you let see the real you?

Again, my family however I think my older brother because he is always with me and I love him very much.

3. What sort of mask do you wear for others?

I don't think I wear a mask. I believe I shouldn't because if that person is your friend then instead of judging you for the person they see, they should like you for the real you!

Year 6, Lowry

1. Who knows you best?

My mum because she knows when the real me comes out and I can let the real me come out with her without being judged.

2. Who do you let see the real you?

My mum, my nana and the person I sit next to because she's really kind and funny.

3. What sort of mask do you wear for others?

At school I'll wear a polite, kind, mask but at home I don't need to put a mask on because I know I'll always be loved and never judged.

Year 6, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER

ELLESMERE

LOWRY

PEEL

3288

3133

3630

3757

The winner of this year's house point competition is.....

PEEL

Things to Remember

- Please can you let the office know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up. Can we also ask you to make sure they are aware of the school's collection arrangements.
- Please remember we need two weeks notice if your child is changing from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa. Please do not change without informing the office.



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Parent Pay end of term balances
- ⇒ Choir and Cross Country dates for next Term
- ⇒ Year 6 Lledr Hall Balance



Last Call for Lost Property

Today is your last chance to check lost property before it is either donated to a charity shop or sent away for recycling.

There are still a very large number of items that are in the lost property bin and it will be out after school for you to look through.

Please can we ask you to check it if you are missing uniform!



Salford Support Services

Christmas is a fantastic time of year but it can also be difficult for some families.

Just a reminder that if you need help, Salford has a number of its services open over the holidays and they can be accessed via this link.

[Support Services in Salford Over Christmas Holidays - Citizens Advice \(salfordcab.org.uk\)](http://salfordcab.org.uk)



Our Gold Certificate Holders!

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

A very big MERRY CHRISTMAS from Nursery to you! We hope all our families have the most lovely Christmas break and we will see you in the New Year thank you for all your support and kindness [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception

Happy Christmas! [#receptionfir](#) have had a lovely festive morning and have just enjoyed their Christmas dinner.

[#christmas2022](#) [#mostwonderfultimeoftheyear](#)

Year 1!

[#year1willow](#) have had a super party afternoon! Even a special visitor came to visit! [#Year1Birch](#) have really enjoyed party day. We even got a special visit from Santa!



Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) and [#year2cedar](#) are enjoying their festive computing lesson today, playing lots of Christmas games [#Ellenbrookcomputing](#) [#christmasfun](#)

Year 3!

Year 3 Beech are busy in the Christmas card work shop but who will be the lucky recipient?

Year 4!

Year 4 loved their Christmas parties!

Year 5!

Wow! What a fantastic party we had in Year 5 Discoverers this afternoon!

Year 6!

It's Christmas quiz time in [#year6swallows](#). Congratulations to Ellesmere who have earned themselves a fantastic 50 house points to start the new term off with a bang!!

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YR 1&2	TUESDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Dance
YR 3&4	WEDNESDAY (8-8.45am)	Dance
YR 1&2	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Football
YR 5&6	THURSDAY (8-8.45am)	Football
YR 3&4	THURSDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Football
YR 5&6	FRIDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Dance