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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### January 2023

- \* 20th Yr1 to Blackpool Zoo

#### 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

### Oh No...50!

Happy New Year to all of you and I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday and managed to spend some real quality time with your families. I am sure you missed them all terribly when they returned to school on Wednesday too :).

I am not sure if you have heard ( I think I have told just about everyone now!) but I celebrated a big birthday this week...and I have spent a lot of time reflecting on what has been a very interesting life and teaching career. I have been very fortunate in my life to have had fantastic experiences like living abroad, attending the Oasis Knebworth concert, the first V festival, the list goes on and on. What it did make me think is what our children will look back on when they reach the fantastic age I have just reached. What will be their life experiences and what will they look fondly back on? We spend so much time focusing on the present that we rarely take time to sit back and reflect on things that have gone before us. It's super important to do this every once in a while to not only appreciate what we have and how fortunate we are to have it but also to inspire us to look at the goals ahead we want to achieve.

In assembly this week the children have been thinking about their New Year's Resolutions and what one thing they would change about their lives if they had a magic wand. Unsurprisingly, the war in Ukraine featured highly in their responses but it was also very pleasing to see how much they had reflected on personal things they would like to work on. As usual, there are some examples here but we literally could have included dozens and the children did a very good job at assessing where they are and where they would like to go.

Thoughtful Time is a key part of our personal/social curriculum and the children really get quality time to sit down and write about their feelings which is very important to their mental health in particular.



I hope you all have a fantastic weekend :)

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for the first few days back is

# 95.4%



This week we have been thinking about...New Year's Resolutions

#### 1. What New Year's resolutions have you made?

I have two New Year's resolutions, the first is to get better at Maths, like some of my times tables, and the second is to read as much as I can at home and at school.

#### 2. Are you good at keeping them?

I am not going to lie, no I am not good at keeping New Year's resolutions but I think I may be able to do this years'!

#### 3. What one thing would you change tomorrow for the year ahead if you could?

For me to be stubborn enough to not spend money and save up to do something good with it.

Year 4, Lowry

#### 1. What New Year's resolutions have you made?

My New Year's resolution is to be more independent so I don't rely on other people's opinion all of the time.

#### 2. Are you good at keeping them?

Personally I think that I am good at committing to my resolutions and I will try my best to stick to them all year.

#### 3. What one thing would you change tomorrow for the year ahead if you could?

One thing I would change tomorrow if I could is being more happy and also trying to be more calm because that is what I believe is the most important thing in the world and something I need to be better at!

Year 6, Bridgewater



### 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.

### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
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The winner of this last terms' house point competition was.....

# 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.

### **One Way System**

The one way system is still in place...please can you tell anyone picking up who isn't familiar with it the correct procedure so they don't get a grilling from me!

### **Uniform**

Please can I ask you all to check your child's uniform as I have seen a lot of worn items that don't fit in with our uniform policy.

The biggest culprit seems to be shoes and I have seen a number of children wearing ankle boots as opposed to shoes. This type of footwear falls outside our policy and isn't allowed as part of the uniform.

### **Staff Car Park**

From time to time there are occasions when the staff car park gate is left open when staff or deliveries are coming into the school.

This week we have had parents 'nipping' into the school through the gate whilst they are open. Please can we ask you not to do that as it is very dangerous. The gate is usually open because of a delivery meaning there are vehicles moving around.

Please can I ask you not to use the car park as a cut through when dropping off or collecting.

### **Medicines**

Can I just remind you all of the procedure for medication in school. Any medicine that needs to be given to the children during the day must come via the office (not the class teacher) and a medicines form completed.

We have had a couple of children this week have medicines in their bag for passing onto the teacher which isn't our policy. Please feel free to chat to the office should you need more guidance.

### **Letter sent this week.....**

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Year 5 Class Assemblies
- ⇒ Nursery Newsbooks
- ⇒ Holiday Schedule



### **In the classroom this week.....**

#### **Nursery!**

Have you ever wondered 'what would I look like if I were a snowman?' That is exactly what [#EllenbrookNursery](#) are imagining today. They have been discussing the different shapes, sizes and colours they could use for their snowmen before creating them in different ways.

#### **Reception**

[#ReceptionAsh](#) have read a story about squirrel making her New Year's resolution and decided to make their own. We had circle time where we shared what we wanted to get better at his year then decorated our own star and put them up to share with everyone! [#happynewyear](#) [#2023](#). This morning we shared the story 'Squirrels New Years Resolution' [#receptionfir](#) then thought about their own resolutions. We shared our ideas, wrote them down and made them into a wishing star. We have put them in our window for you all to see [#Happynewyear2023](#)

#### **Year 1!**

[#Year1Birch](#) What a great start to the new term! We have worked really hard in Maths exploring numbers and in English we are looking at winter and writing poems!

#### **Year 2!**

Wow ! Check out [#year2pine](#) and their running stitches ! [#dt](#)

#### **Year 3!**

Year 3 Beech are busy multiplying by 10 using a place value chart.

#### **Year 4!**

Year 4 Oak are busy multiplying 3 digits in the most efficient way [#year4oak](#)

#### **Year 5!**

Today we went on a hunt for figurative language in our new poem, Tell me a Dragon. We found so many examples that we can use in our own poems. [#year5discoverers](#) [#Year5Voyagers](#) are investigating different materials they could use.

#### **Year 6!**

When did the Vikings invade Britain? [#year6swallows](#) are finding out. [#EllenbrookHistory](#) [#Vikings](#) [#Timeline](#) Murder afoot in [#year6amazons](#) today. But who is to blame?

## **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