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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

January 2023

- * 20th Yr1 to Blackpool Zoo
- * 20th EYFS Dragon Workshop
- * 27th Yr 4 trip to Chester

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

Best Laid Plans...!

Our first full week back has been a deluge which is a fitting term due to the amount of rain we have had. Wow...it feels like it's rained solidly since Christmas and we are in for more in the coming days so I hear! It's been a very busy week in school as the children get back into the routine of learning and it's been great for me to be able to step back into teaching which I will now be doing with Year 4 and 5 every Wednesday for computing. It's also been a week where we have undertaken a school improvement inspection from two fellow headteachers in the Salford Alliance of Learning Schools of which we are a proud member. The two Heads from other schools in Salford completed a full review of Ellenbrook in a similar way to Ofsted and I am pleased to say the school did very well and received some excellent feedback. Although we are technically outstanding, we are always looking closely at what we provide for the children to ensure they are getting the best experience possible and this validation is key to moving forward. We did have some very clear areas to develop and we will be working on those for the rest of the school year.

We had an issue this week with our school dinners and unfortunately some children in Year 5 and 6 did not get their preferred option. This was down to a technical issue with the spreadsheet we use which has now been corrected. I did apologise to the children on the day and did so again today in assembly as this was unfair on Year 6 in particular. We have also changed our lunch order so Year 6 will be coming in first after Key Stage 1 from Monday.

Lastly, our regular review of school dinner payments has shown that we have a lot of accounts that are in debt. These are being chased up with you by the office but I wanted to remind you that if your account occurs a debt above £30 you may not be able to access further dinners until the account is cleared. If you have any concerns around your school dinner payments, please contact the school office.



Lastly, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend :) Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.5%



This week we have been thinking about...Respect

1. Is respect important in life?

Yes! Because your mum and dad are always respecting you whenever you want space they give it to you and they let you keep your secrets to yourself.

2. Who respects you?

My teachers because they will be respectful for the school and for outside school as well.

3. What do you do if your are disrespected?

I would probably ignore them and maybe tell a teacher because if I said something mean I am just as bad as them
Year 5, Peel

1. Is respect important in life?

Yes because if I don't respect myself I won't be able to do anything

2. Who respects you?

My friends and family because they treat me the way I treat them.

3. What do you do if your are disrespected?

Walk away and tell an adult
Year 3, Ellesmere

1. Is respect important in life?

Yes because if you don't respect yourself life will be as miserable as a grey cloud.

2. Who respects you?

Everyone in my family, my mum, my dad as they created me.

3. What do you do if your are disrespected?

I stop and walk away!
Year 3, Ellesmere



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
420	402	411	428

The winner of this weeks' house point challenge was.....

BRIDGEWATER

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...

- ⇒ Yr 4 Trip to Chester
- ⇒ EYFS Dragon Workshop
- ⇒ Young Voices—final arrangements
- ⇒ EBASC, School Lunches and Overdue items on Parentpay



Parking....Please Read!

This week I was sent an e-mail by a local resident of cars parked on Howbridge Close. The e-mail included pictures of cars and how they were dangerously parked, how driveways were obstructed by cars belonging to our parents.

The issue of parking has always been a constant at this school and I realise we are not likely to solve it overnight but it is really not fair on local residents to have their driveways blocked by our parents.

Please can I ask you all to respect the school's values and to respect the residents when parking your cars at pick up and drop off.

Gate Closure

This week I have had a number of discussions with parents about the gate and its closing time. The main side entrance gate outside my office closes at 8.55am and at the same time the classroom doors also shut. If you arrive after that time you will need to come in via the office and sign your children in via the entrysign system.



PTA Meeting

There is a PTA meeting next week on Thursday at 7pm in the Boundary Stone.

It would be great if you could join us if you are free!

School Meals

This week we had a slight issue with our school meal spreadsheet which contained an error that was not picked up. This error was corrected on Tuesday after lunch and the meal numbers since then have been correct.

It did only affect a small number of children and we have now changed the spreadsheet so the error won't repeat itself.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery had lots of fun outdoors this afternoon exploring some signs of winter. Ice and muddy puddles! We thought about the words we could use to describe them [#outdoor-learning](#) [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception

[#ReceptionAsh](#) have done some amazing independent writing and have been using our new sound 'igh' from phonics in lots of words!

Year 1!

[#Year1Birch](#) have enjoyed reading 'Oi Frog' this week. We have been looking at making our own rhyming poems.

Year 2!

Great discussion in [#year2pine](#) this morning about groups we belong to!

Year 3!

[#year3maple](#) have been creating their own cave paintings this afternoon in [#art](#). We have loved looking at the different animals in the paintings and learning about how they made their paints. [#TheStoneAge](#) [#history](#)

Year 4!

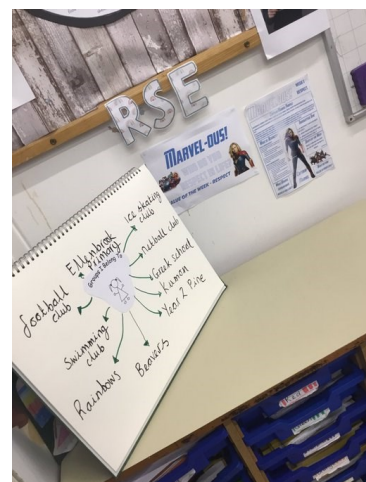
Year 4 Oak have begun a RSE topic on gender stereotypes. Today we brainstormed male and female fictional characters - we were very surprised at the results. [#year4oak](#) [#ellenbrookrse](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 Discoverers began their new Science topic today about properties of materials

Year 6!

[#year6swallows](#) have identified various pieces of playground equipment and designed their own laygrounds. [#EllenbrookDT](#) [#playgrounds](#)



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