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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

March 2023

- * 2nd World Book Day (dress up day)
- * 3rd Wear your pyjamas to school day
- * 17th Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- * 31st School closes

April 2023

- * 17th School re-opens

May 2023

- * 8th Kings Coronation Day (school closed to pupils)

The Heaviest Weight in the Gym is the Front Door.....!

I hope you all had a fantastic half term and I trust you are all happy the children are back in school ;) This week I have been reflecting on our assembly theme which is integrity. This is a difficult concept for the children to understand and in order to help we have focused more on explaining the type of person they are and want to be and how this will form their integrity. Weirdly, I also listened to the author James Clear on the High Performance Podcast this week and he was delivering a very similar message. If you haven't heard the podcast, I do recommend it, he said that we should focus less on the outcomes we want in our life and focus more on the type of person we want to be. This is exactly the message we gave the children this week and it's hard sometimes to remember the end of the journey is not as important as how you got there.

On the back of the newsletter there is a message about a member of staff who had her bicycle stolen from within the school grounds on Saturday evening despite the gates being locked. I was really disappointed this happened and we of course reported not only the theft but the trespass to the Police. Please can I ask you to read the message on the back of the newsletter on the off chance you may come across the bike if it's been abandoned somewhere

Lastly, I would like to have a little moan about information coming out from school. I often have discussions with parents when it's felt that we don't communicate effectively and that feedback is very valuable to us. I do think it is right for us to have the same conversation with parents about the communication we do provide. This week we have fielded a large number of queries from parents about the events of book week and what has been happening on each day. We have sent out reminders but it appears they haven't all been read by some parents. Please can we ask that you do read the communication from the office so you know what's going on and when. We would really hate for children to miss out on any of the wonderful experiences they have in school.



Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.7%



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.

Thoughtful time...This week we have been thinking about...integrity

1. Do you always do the right thing?

No because we're just children and we're allowed to make mistakes and in life we're supposed to learn from mistakes to understand what's right and wrong.

2. Have you ever done the wrong thing?

Yes, I nearly lost my dad's phone and I blamed it on my mum!

3. Why is doing the right thing hard sometimes?

Others may give pressure to you if you're better at something than others.

Year 6, Lowry

1. Do you always do the right thing?

Yes and no. Yes because I am always good and no because last time I sore at my brother, he's 13, and he was really annoying me.

2. Have you ever done the wrong thing?

Yes, when I swore at my brother and I accidentally pushed my dog off of the couch and he was limping.

3. Why is doing the right thing hard sometimes?

Because if someone hit me I would walk away but inside I feel like showing off and stuff but I don't because I just tell the teacher but never in my life have I ever got punished.

Year 6, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER

ELLESMERE

LOWRY

PEEL

1807

1924

1900

1889

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

ELLESMERE LOWRY 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 Year end reminders
- ⇒ Nursery trip to Smithills Farm
- ⇒ Year 5&6 VR experiences
- ⇒ Nursery Stay and play



Stolen Bike

On Saturday night, a member of staff had their bike stolen from the bike sheds in school, despite the gates to the school being locked.



We have the incident on CCTV (including the faces of the people who stole the bike) and it has been reported to the police but if any of your know anything about a red bike being dumped or appearing out of the blue, please can you let me or the office know.

Pupil Absence

As it is the beginning of the second half of the Spring term, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the policy the school has in relation to holidays during term time.

Salford City Council

A leave of absence from school is only granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday, even if it's delayed for Covid, does not count as an exceptional circumstance and as such isn't authorised.

If you do take a family holiday during term time you may receive a penalty notice fine from the Local Authority which is currently £60 per parent per child if paid within the first 21 days. It does rise to £120 if not paid within that time.

One Way System

Just a subtle reminder the one way system is still in place at school. Please can you make sure anyone who collects your child is aware of this.

Uniform

It's been great to see the children back following the half term holiday.

As a staff we have noticed a large number of children who are not in the correct school uniform. Coloured trainers seem to be the main culprit so please can we ask you to ensure your child has the correct school uniform each day.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Wow what a very special secret reader Nursery had this afternoon! Margo's Grandad Phil had written the children a brilliant poem about the life of a 4 year old. Her classmates and teachers could tell Margo had been part of the inspiration!

Reception

[#ReceptionFir](#) would like to say thank you so much to our wonderful Secret Readers today!! We absolutely loved listening to 'Aliens love Underpants' and 'There's a monster in my book'. A huge thank you to Toby's daddy and Olive's mummy for being super secret readers for [#ReceptionAsh](#)



Year 1!

What a super week of English for Year 1! We had our own local author Annie Worthy (Verity's mummy in Willow) along with Theo from Willow, who is the illustrator, share their amazing book! This inspired Willow to create their own comic strips based on their own adventures!

Year 2!

Year2 Cedar have welcomed their last secret reader of the week today, Hugo's mummy We are enjoying hearing a non-fiction book today

Year 3!

Year 3 Beech are looking fabulous in their [#WorldBook-Day2023](#) costumes!

Year 4!

Mosaic Motifs -

Year 5!

World book day 2023. We all look fantastic! [#year5discoverers](#) [#WorldBookDay2023](#)

Year 6!

[#year6swallows](#) are working with author Ben Andrews to write their own persuasive tweet hoping to make our local community a better place for disabled people. [#nicky-andcandystreet](#) [#makingbetterplacesintherealworld](#) [#ellenbrookbookweek2023](#)

CLUBS

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