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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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### Important Diary Dates

#### March 2024

- \* 15th Inset Day—School closed
- \* 21st PTA Spring Disco
- \* 25th Y4 Ironbridge parents meeting
- \* 25th Nursery and Hazel Parents evening
- \* 26th Year 6 class assembly
- \* 27th Parents Evening
- \* 28th School closes 3.30

#### April 2024

- \* 15th School re-opens
- \* 22nd Year 5 Police museum trip
- \* 30th-4th Y4 Ironbridge

### Let Us Know What You Think.....!

This week has flown by and it felt a lot more than just the 4 days it has been. The school is closed for INSET tomorrow and we have a packed programme for the staff to work on. We have some really important sexual harassment training which is an area we have identified in the wake of Ofsted and something which we are seeing more and more instances of between the children. We are also looking in depth at Science and reviewing our approach to reading as well. It's going to be a busy day and we will also be canvassing your views on Science as part of our Parental survey which I explain in more detail below.

You may have noticed in the last few newsletters more of a focus from us on information around attendance. We take children's attendance at school very seriously as it is so important that children are in school to learn. Each week we will continue to print the whole school attendance on the front cover of the newsletter and where possible give parents reminders of the importance of regular attendance.

Next week we will be launching a really important parental survey which will focus on getting feedback on a number of systems, procedures and events we have in school including book week, communication and Science. It would be great to get as many responses as possible that would fully reflect the whole parental body so please could I ask you all to take the 2 minutes it will need to complete the survey. We are hoping to launch it on Tuesday next week but will keep you up to date via WEDUC as usual!

I wanted to apologise for the issue with the parents' evening system that occurred this week. This was an issue that was out of our control and we asked the company to fix the issue as quickly as they could. I also want to thank the parents who got in touch to tell us the system was down as we may not have caught this ourselves. Sometimes these errors are down to us but sometimes the technology, which is great, doesn't always work in the way it should and this was one of those occasions.

Lastly, I hope you all have a fab weekend...

Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 96.8%

## Be Your Best!

'APPRECIATION IS A WONDERFUL THING: IT MAKES WHAT IS EXCELLENT IN OTHERS BELONG TO US AS WELL'

VOLTAIRE

## Appreciation



### 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...appreciation!

#### 1. What is the best thing in your life?

My friends and my family because they are really nice to me and everywhere I go, they are always there with me.

#### 2. Do you ever take time to appreciate what's around you?

When I'm in my room and I took a look around to appreciate what I have and what people do for me.

#### 3. Have you ever felt unappreciated?

Yes, when me and my dad went to play football and our ball got mixed up with someone else and they took our ball away by mistake (I got it back though!).

Year 5 Ellesmere

#### 1. What is the best thing in your life?

My dog Lucy because she is never calm and always giddy and that makes me really, really happy.

#### 2. Do you ever take time to appreciate what's around you?

No because I am just grateful for my dog.

#### 3. Have you ever felt unappreciated?

Yes by my sister. She never comes off of her phone and never takes her earbuds out and that means she cannot hear anyone

Year 4 Ellesmere

#### 1. What is the best thing in your life?

My family because without them I wouldn't have all the amazing things I have now.

#### 2. Do you ever take time to appreciate what's around you?

I admit I do take it for granted!

#### 3. Have you ever felt unappreciated?

When I wanted to pair up in Maths and my friend ignore me!

Year 4 Peel



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1324	1274	1311	1309

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

# ELLESMERE

### 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...



- ⇒ Y4 Ironbridge balance
- ⇒ Y6 Class Assembly
- ⇒ Y6 Leavers Hoodies
- ⇒ PTA Bag2school

### PTA Disco

Just a reminder that the PTA disco is coming up on Thursday 21st March! Tickets are available online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/ellenbrookprimarypta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/ellenbrookprimarypta) you will need to register to purchase tickets but it only takes a couple of minutes!

### Survey

As mentioned on the front of the newsletter, a survey will be going out next week to get your feedback on a range of school related subjects.

Please can we ask you to spend a few minutes to complete the form online. Your voice matters to us as does your opinion.

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

#### Nursery!

Nursery have been exploring parts of the Bear Hunt story outside today. They have been crossing different obstacles by going under, over and through and mixing thick oozy mud to squelch and squirch! [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

#### Reception

This morning [#receptionjuniper](#) read 'Say Hello to the Dinosaur', we discussed the different things in the book that you would find in a 'dino land'. We then created our own from junk modelling and resources found around the classroom. [#ReceptionHazel](#) are exploring different ways to make 7 as part of their maths work this week. They have been using Numicon to support this understanding & have recorded using pictures, number sentences & part-whole models. Superstar mathematicians.

#### Year 1!

[#YearOneFir](#) have been working hard in maths identifying part-part-whole in addition and subtraction and today we have been looking at identifying the missing number in a calculation [#ellenbrookmaths](#)

#### Year 2!

Year2 Willow have been responding to Easter music today in R.E We thought about what types of lines, patterns and colours matched each piece of music and then discussed what part of the Easter story it could also match.

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Pine have loved investigating a question in Science. Do people with the longest legs jumps the furthest? Ask us what we found out!

Super investigating in Year 3 Cedar this afternoon! We investigated: 1 Do people with longer legs jump further? 2 Do people with longer arms throw further? [#science](#) [#investigating](#)

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Maple are currently writing up their narratives inspired by The Journey, some creating their own little books

#### Year 5!

Hieroglyphics and musical notation composition in [#year5elm](#)

#### Year 6!

In French, [#year6voyagers](#) have decided where to go on holiday and what to pack in their suitcases. [#EllenbrookFrench](#)

## WHAT IS SALFORD PARENT CARER FORUM...

SALFORDPCF IS A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION RUN FOR SEND PARENTS BY SEND PARENTS.

WE WORK ALONGSIDE DECISION MAKERS AND STRATEGIC LEADS TO ENSURE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MEETING THEIR NEEDS.

WE GATHER THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF PARENT CARERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, ON THEIR EXPERIENCES OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES IN SALFORD.

WE RUN LOTS OF SESSIONS, DROP-INS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE SESSIONS HELP US TO GATHER YOUR VIEWS, THEY ARE ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO GET TOGETHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

WE HAVE A PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP, SPECIFICALLY FOR PARENT CARERS TO DISCUSS ALL MATTERS SEND! WE MONITOR THE TOPICS TO IDENTIFY REOCCURRING THEMES.

For more information, or to talk to us directly, email [info@salfordpcf.com](mailto:info@salfordpcf.com) or visit [www.salfordpcf.com](http://www.salfordpcf.com)



## CLUBS

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