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Important Diary Dates

April 2024

- * 22nd Year 5 Police museum trip
- * 30th-3rd Y4 Ironbridge

May 2024

- * 6th Bank Holiday
- * 7th Year 6 Newby Whiske parents meeting
- * 13-16th SATs week
- * 22nd Year 6 Bury Fusilier Museum
- * 24th School closes at 3.30 for Half Term

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

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous holiday! The children certainly seemed to which is fabulous and I can't believe how many of them managed to escape the dreary weather and go on holiday abroad. The weather this week has certainly been interesting with warm sun, rain and hailstones all in one day...it's Spring apparently :).

The Summer term is one of the busiest in school and this week we are starting to fill you in on all of the most important dates across the term. Please can we ask you all to check WEDUC regularly for messages regarding upcoming events in order to make sure you don't miss anything important. On the topic of communication, thank you to everyone who completed the communication and book week survey before Easter. The survey has now closed and we will be carefully considering your feedback as we plan for the rest of this academic year.

You may remember me recently sending out a WEDUC message about the Wellbeing Warriors service we used going out of business. This was a key part of our wellbeing and mental health provision which we ran alongside Place2be which we also have at school. I am pleased to say we have found another provider who will be working with different children across the school on techniques for improving confidence, self-esteem, wellbeing, etc. The children have been selected by the teachers and you will be informed today if your child will be taking part in these sessions over the next few weeks. This is such an important aspect of the children's education and one we invest a lot of time and effort in.

I wanted to give a shout out this week to our Chair and Vice Chair Governors who ran the Manchester Marathon last weekend. Vicky and Frances did a fantastic job in completing the run in an amazing time and raised over £1,000 for Cancer Research UK which is a charity close to my heart. Well done ladies! :)

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

Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.4%

ME, MYSELF & I!
Thought for the Week
HOW CAN YOU BE A GOOD FRIEND?

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...friendship!

1. Who would you say is your best friend?

My future self because I don't know what is to come for me and what I will be like. I may be like my sister who found her best friends at High School and I know I will change over time.

2. What makes a good friend?

I would say it is definitely loyalty and generosity of time.

3. Would you say you are a good friend to others?

Yes for sure I am because I know I'm kind and loyal!

Year 4 Lowry

1. Who would you say is your best friend?

I can't choose a best friend because I have so many friends and it's hard to pick just one. I have one in school but lots outside of school.

2. What makes a good friend?

A good friend is someone who is supportive, kind and if you're being bullied or in trouble, someone who will help you and stick up for you.

3. Would you say you are a good friend to others?

I think that I am a good friend because I try to make my friends laugh and I support them all of the time.

Year 5 Peel

1. Who would you say is your best friend?

My cousins are my best friends and in school I have a large group of good friends.

2. What makes a good friend?

To share and to listen to them because you need to listen and then it will make them happier.

3. Would you say you are a good friend to others?

Sometimes I make people laugh and have a good time with them.

Year 4 Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
86	72	77	110

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

BRIDGEWATER & 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...



- ⇒ Creative Writing Challenge
- ⇒ PTA Meeting
- ⇒ Reading book amnesty
- ⇒ Newby Whiske Balance reminder

PTA Meeting

Just a reminder that there is a PTA meeting on Monday evening at 7pm in the school hall.

If you've never been involved in the PTA, this may be a great chance to start! :)

Nail Polish

It is the first week back to school, but I have been really surprised to see so many children wearing nail polish.

Nail polish is not part of our agreed school uniform and if children do have it they will be spoken to by a member of staff. Please can we ask you to ensure your child does not come to school with nail polish on their fingers.

Online Safety Workshop—Save the Date!

Advance notice...there will be an online safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 26th June at 7.00pm in the main school hall.

We will send out more details close to the time.

Transition Days

We now have confirmed our transition days for the Summer term and they are

Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th Friday 28th June 2024

You will receive more information closer to the time about arrangements for these days.

Leave of absence

Just a reminder that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. Approved leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and holidays do not count as that.

A copy of the schools' Pupil Attendance policy can be found on our website and you could be liable for a penalty notice should you currently £60 per parent per child if paid within the first 21 days.

The fine does rise to £120 if not paid within that time.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery are super gardeners. Nursery discovered the seeds they planted before the Easter holidays had started to grow. Today they planted up their seedlings into bigger pots. We will now water our seedlings and keep them in the sun to help them get bigger [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception

[#receptionjuniper](#) have enjoyed sharing our pictures and talking about spring this morning. Take a look at the fabulous blossom trees we created. [#spring #seasons #ReceptionHazel](#) are really enjoying their spring investigations. Today we learnt a poem called "Spring Wind" and we discussed how the wind is different each day. We went outside to see if the wind was "gruff & growly" or "soft & gentle"!

Year 1!

[#YearOneFir](#) have had a super first day back! We've been experimenting with printing in the style of Paul Klee, preparing to create our own piece of art this half term.

Year 2!

A delightful welcome back to [#year2birch](#) with our bulbs in full bloom and we can even see our seeds growing now too!

Year 3!

Year 3 Pine have enjoyed reading Allan Ahlberg poetry in English today. Look out for our own Ahlberg inspired poetry later this week. Year 3 Cedar are looking at technology changes in history this afternoon. It is the start of our new topic on the 20th Century. [#history](#)

Year 4!

A great Music lesson with Year 4 Maple this morning - parents take a look at our Seesaw page for the song we learnt and sung in two parts with expression and dynamics!

Year 5!

Year 5 Elm did some role play today using a trial script in preparation for our Police Museum trip!

Year 6!

For the first PE lesson of the summer term, Year 6 braved the wind to practice their forehand [#year6discoverers #year6voyagers](#) have had a fantastic DT day! They designed, built, perfected and landscaped their very own playgrounds. We even had two children from [#Y1Fir](#) who gave each piece of apparatus a huge thumbs up - thank you Zara and Lucia.

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YEARS 3&4	TUESDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Cricket
YEARS 1&2	WEDNESDAY (8-8.45am)	Dance
YEARS 1&2	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Cricket