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# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Summer Term

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### Important Diary Dates

#### May 2024

- \* 22nd Year 6 Bury Fusilier Museum
- \* 24th School closes at 3.30 for Half Term

#### June 2024

- \* 4-6th Sports Days (see key dates)
- \* 6th Year 6 to RHS
- \* 10th Year 3 to RHS
- \* 10th Year 1 to Kenyon Hall Farm

### What A Week.....!

Only one place to start this week and that's with Year 6 who have completed their SATs tests. It's always a very difficult time of year as no matter how much we downplay the SATs, the children want to do their best and show what they have learnt and it is a lot of pressure at 10 and 11 years old. I am very happy to report that they all did an amazing job and we are so proud of how they have conducted themselves all week. We should know the results of the tests in early July but whatever the outcome we know our current Year 6 are a fantastic group of children and we are very proud of all of them!

As you may have heard this week from the current Secretary of State for Education the Government is poised to issue draft guidance issued on gender identity. As a school we take the teaching of RSE very seriously and have been working in the background to review our current RSE curriculum which we had planned to do before the end of this academic year. Following the Government's announcement, we are now proposing to postpone this review until the next academic year. If we have a change of Government, the policy may well change again so it is prudent of us to hold off and see what comes out of the DfE post election should one take place. We will, as always, keep you posted on any of our curriculum developments.

Just a shout out for uniform....I am sorry to report that the standard of some pupil's uniform is well below what we expect at Ellenbrook. After half term, we will be sending out messages on WEDUC to families where children have incorrect uniform so please can we ask you to be on this at home.

Lastly, just a reminder that the PTA launched their Challenge 2024. It's running until 31st May so over the next couple of weeks please encourage the children to take part with an aim to raise £20.24 (or more) in any way they like. If you need more information or have any question contact the PTA at [ellenbrookprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbrookprimarypta@gmail.com).

Lastly, I hope you have a great weekend and enjoy what looks like some very nice weather  
Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 95.6%



### Thoughtful time

This week we have been thinking about...doing the right thing!

#### 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



### 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
412	411	464	441

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

**BRIDGEWATER 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...

- ⇒ Year 3 RHS
- ⇒ MAPAS 2024/25
- ⇒ PSQM Y3 Cedar research



### **School Shoes**

This week I have noticed a large number of children wearing trainers as opposed to school shoes.

I know it's a tricky time of year to get new shoes but nice ankle high basket ball shoes are not appropriate footwear for school and should not be worn. If a child has to wear trainers temporarily then they should be black trainers without any noticeable logos if possible.

### **CCTV**

Following the incident with the stolen bikes last week, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all that the school's site is monitored 24 hours by CCTV.

We have just reviewed the policy and will upload it to the school's website when Governors have approved it.

### **Sun Protection**

The weather forecast for next week is predicting a warm spell with high temperatures.

We plan to let the children outside as much as possible next week, but please can we ask you to ensure they are wearing sunscreen on hot days.

### **Lunch Box Contents**

This week I have seen an incredible amount of what I can only describe as junk food in children's packed lunches. Please can I respectfully remind all parents that multiple chocolate bars and grab bags of crisps are not a healthy choice for a packed lunch.

### **Parent Governor Election**

One of our current parent Governors has decided to step down meaning we will be having an election for parent Governor after half term.

Being a Governor is a very rewarding experience and if you'd like to know more about what's please chat to myself or Vicky Hilton our current Chair.

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

#### **Nursery!**

After making their own straw, stick and brick houses Nursery are busy retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs today. We have been practicing our story language and story ordering too [#EllenbrookNursery](#)



#### **Reception**

[#Receptionhazel](#) have been creating magical fairy wands using various fruit. They had to count on the correct number of fruit that matched their numeral cards and then make comparisons to see who had the most, fewest or equal amounts [#Ellenbrook-maths](#). Today [#receptionjuniper](#) have been creating fruit skewers and comparing who has the most fruit and the fewest.

#### **Year 1!**

[#YearOneFir](#) were so excited to have received a letter from the king! We have been busy planning a persuasive poster and started by describing the qualities a good knight should have!

#### **Year 2!**

[#year2birch](#) had a very mature discussion this morning around online safety!

#### **Year 3!**

Year 3 Pine have had a busy afternoon, preparing and making seasonal tarts - they enjoyed tasting each others! :) Year 3 Cedar are making their seasonal tarts this afternoon. [#DT](#) [#eatingseasonally](#)

#### **Year 4!**

Creating cladding in DT - weaving, piercing and folding methods - Year 4 Maple

#### **Year 5!**

Great work from [#Year5Oakin](#) [#English](#) looking at newspaper articles getting ready to write their own this week

#### **Year 6!**

[#year6voyagers](#) have been busy taking photographs based on the work of the first official war photographer, Ernest Brooks.

## **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