



Welcome...and Welcome Back.....!

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer holiday! It feels brilliant to be back in school and I have to say the children have settled really nicely. The Autumn is always a busy term and it has started with us receiving the draft Ofsted report from our inspection in July. I will be able to share this with you next week and talk through what the report says and what it means for us as a school.

We have tweaked a few things this term based on feedback we had from parents and carers last year and the first one is our meet the teacher meetings that will take place next week. We will record these meeting or live stream them to teams so you don't have to be at two places simultaneously if you have more than one child :)

There are some really important notices on the back of the newsletter so please could I ask you to read them carefully, especially the one about leave of absence.

Last but not least, you may have noticed a few new faces this term and I would like to officially welcome Miss Boylan, our new Assistant Head, Mrs McShane, our new Year 1 teacher, Miss Jones, our new Nursery teacher & Miss Howell who is our new Year 5 teacher working with Miss Boylan.



Just a heads up that we will be having our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan on Friday 27th September starting from 8.30am. More information to follow on this next week.

Have a fantastic weekend..... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figures for this week are

Attendance

95.7%

Unauthorised absence

1.8%



Important Diary Dates

September 2024

- * 11th Y1-3 meet the teacher 3.30-3.45
- * 12th Y4-6 meet the teacher 3.30-3.45
- * 27th Macmillan coffee morning from 8.30am

October 2024

- * 7th Individual and sibling photos
- * 8th Y3 Liverpool museum
- * 14th-18th Y6 bikeability
- * 21st school closes 3.30
- * 28th school re-opens 8.55
- * 28-1st Nov Y6 bikeability

November 2024

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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...celebrating success!

1. What has been your biggest success so far?

Being able to ride a bike because when I was born I had something wrong with my legs

2. Who is the most successful person you know?

My sister because she was scared to drive a car and passed last week

3. Why is success so important to people?

Because if you don't achieve anything you wont believe in yourself Year 6, Peel

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Year 5, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
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The winner of last years' house point challenge was.....

PEEL

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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...

- ⇒ Y3 Liverpool museum
- ⇒ Y6 Bikeability
- ⇒ PTA Roald Dahl Day
- ⇒ Reception forest school



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 and a fine. Fines issued to each parent have increased from £60 to £80 per child if paid within 21 days and this will be doubled if it another absence happens within three years. If a third fine is issued in a three-year period you will face prosecution.

The fine does rise to £180 if not paid within that time.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have not been in school this week...we will catch up with them in next week's newsletter!

Reception

[#ReceptionAlder](#) & [#ReceptionYew](#) are having a brilliant week in their new classrooms! We have been learning all about pirates & have enjoyed sharing our summer holiday treasure boxes. Here we are playing on our new amazing outdoor climbing equipment!

Year 1!

[#Year1Juniper](#) have worked brilliantly in English. They have learnt when and where capital letters should be used in their writing and they have practised using them in a variety of ways.

Year 2!

Year 2 Fir working very hard in English today. [#year2ash](#) have had a great first day and really enjoyed reading diaries and sharing their summer holiday stories!

Year 3!

Year 3 Willow have been working hard with exchanging in maths today.

Year 4!

Year 4 Pine are understanding the 7 life processes to identify if something is living or non-living. Ask us about Mrs Gren [#year4pine](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 Maths!

Year 6!

Year 6 have been learning about inheritance today... using Mr Men and Little Miss characters! What have these offspring inherited from their parents? [#ellenbrookscience](#)



Parking

As this is the first newsletter of the term I would like to give a gentle reminder about parking around the school. Please can I ask you all to respect highway laws and not park illegally when dropping off and picking up and also to respect our neighbours and not park in any way that obstructs or prevents them from using their driveways. Please help us to maintain our good relationships with local residents :)



Play Equipment

A huge thank you to all of you who supported a PTA event last year which has helped to fund our amazing new early years play equipment! I am sure you will agree it looks fab and the children in the early years love it already.

Also, just a reminder that children from the rest of the school should not use the equipment on their way out of school.



CLUBS

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