

Autumn Term

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Important Diary Dates

October

- * 17th Y6 Bikeability
- * 19th Y6 art showcase

November

- * 2nd Year 2 trip to Smithills farm
- * 14-18th Friendship week
- * 16th New nasal flu vaccination date

December

- * 21st —School closes for the Christmas holidays

January 2023

- * 4th - School opens for pupils

Well That Went in A Flash!

I don't know about you but I can't believe it's half term already. The last 6 or so weeks has flown by and it feels like only yesterday we were welcoming the children back to school from the summer holidays. It's true what they say, time really does fly when you're having fun! The children have worked incredibly hard this term and the standard of work they have produced has been really good for the vast majority of children. The SLT undertook a book look last week and I really enjoyed looking at the work the children had completed and it was great to see the feedback the children had received from staff as well.

We had the PTA AGM this week and I want to thank the 4 intrepid people who not only attended but also volunteered to take on the major committee roles. The PTA is such a vital part of school life and the previous committee has worked really hard to put on events which were both popular with the children and also profitable for the school. I want to thank the outgoing committee for all of their hard work and Mr Ross in particular who has always been such an incredibly hard working and positive promoter of all things PTA. And to the new committee, we very much look forward to working with you on events this year, the first of which is a Christmas disco and there is a note on the back of the newsletter with the date. More information on this event will come after half term. A huge thank you to all of you who attended our very successful Harvest services today and for your very kind donations to Salford's Loaves & Fishes. Never has their service been so needed in the current economic climate and as a school we really value this charity and how important it is to the residents of Salford.



I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the staff at Ellenbrook for their hard work this term. It's been a busier and more stressful term than normal and the staff have been incredible going above and beyond to make sure the children have the best educational experiences they can. Lastly, have a great half term and we will see you on the 31st!
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Events for Next Week

Just a reminder it's half term next week and the school will re-open on Monday 31st October 2022 at the usual time.



Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about...materialism!

1. What do you desire most?

I wish / desire for world peace to stop world hunger and to find a cure for cancer

2. Are you grateful for what you have?

Yes, but I really want a laptop because my brother won't let me on his and my mum won't let me take hers upstairs to my room

3. What do you want from life?

For everyone to be nice to each other and to be happy

Year 5 Discoverers, Bridgewater

1. What do you desire most?

For my family to never die

2. Are you grateful for what you have?

No, because once my Dad gave me a pound and I wanted more money

3. What do you want from life?

To never die

Year 2 Cedar, 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
1687	1617	1903	1997

The winner of this weeks' assembly challenge was.....

ELLESMERE & LOWRY

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.

Don't forget:

Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Year 2 Trip to Smithills Farm
- ⇒ EBASC Autumn 2 Invoices
- ⇒ Children in Need – Friday 18th November
- ⇒ Poppy Appeal from Monday 31st October



PTA AGM

This week we had the PTA AGM in which a new committee was elected to take over the PTA.

We are always on the look out for volunteers and have another meeting scheduled after half term. It would be great to see some more of you there if you can make it :)

PTA Disco Date for Your Diary!

As mentioned, the PTA have organised a Christmas Disco for Thursday 15th December! It will follow the same format as the last disco with Early year and Key Stage 1 in the first session followed by Key Stage 2 in the second.

A letter with all of the details will come out when we come back after half term :)



Amazon Smile

Just a reminder that the PTA has an ongoing lottery and Amazon smile account! Details by clicking the Facebook link at the bottom of the newsletter or the attached flyer.

More Baller Action!

Another week another set of matches for our fab footballers. This week they played against Broadoak and local rivals James Brindley.

The team performed very well against Broadoak before succumbing to a 3-1 defeat. Against James Brindley, the goals were flying in and the team ran out 9-0 winners which was a fab result.

A huge well done to all the players on what's been a great half term of fixtures.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have been harvesting a vegetable crop from the sandpit this morning. They were so surprised by all the vegetables they found! They are now comparing the veggies by size [#EllenbrookNursery](#) [#maths](#)

Reception!

The Evil Pea has finally been caught! [#ReceptionAsh](#) were shocked to find our Super Veggies had gone, but all was okay - Supertato had captured the Evil Pea and set our veggies free! We went outside to see if we could see them flying away! [#supertatototherescue](#)

Year 1!

[#Year1Birch](#) have had a busy day recapping the Dogger story. We have also taken on the role of the various characters and thought about how they would feel and what they would say. [#year1willow](#) have been looking at transport from the past and present this week. They have compared modes of transport by saying what is the same and what is different about them. [#ellenbrookhistory](#)

Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) are so excited to perform their harvest song tomorrow for parents! We just did a great rehearsal! See you there parents

Year 3!

What did Egyptians eat? [#Year3Beech](#) are busy excavating stools from history. What clues will they find?

Year 4!

[#year4elm](#) are busy finding the answers to their history questions about the ancient Olympic Games. Year 4 Oak are busy presenting their non-chronological Dragon reports. [#year4oak](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Voyagers](#) have been asked by Nick Parks for a contraption [#ToothPullingMachine](#) we are now getting ready to plan our writing

Year 6!

Notating and performing our eight beat patterns in [#year6amazons](#). [#ellenbrookmusic](#)

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Multi Sports
YR 5&6	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
YR 3&4	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Archery
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY KS1 -3.30 – 4.15pm WEDNESDAY KS2 4.15 – 5.00pm	Multi Sports Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Handball
YR 1 & 2	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Hockey
YR 5 & 6	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Netball