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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### November 2023

- \* 23rd Open Day for prospective new parents 10.30
- \* 30th open day for prospective new parents 5pm
- \* 28th Parents' evening
- \* 30th Parents' evening

#### December 2023

- \* 4th Nursery & Reception Performances
- \* 6th EYFS panto AM
- \* 8th KS1 panto PM
- \* 8th Christmas jumper day
- \* 15th Christmas Dinner
- \* 15th school closes at 3.30pm

### Happy Harvest (Got there in the end!).....!

I hope you all had a fantastic half term and managed to get a well earned rest. It does feel like a very long time ago and especially longer for me as I have been out of school for two days this week as part of the SALS project. I was fortunate enough to spend two days at St. Philip's school in Salford and I have to say it was fantastic to see another school in action and to pick up some really fab pointers on things we can do at Ellenbrook. I know I have mentioned the SALS groups before, but it has been so valuable in helping us to see improvements we can make and that only benefits the children

How lucky were we with the weather for Harvest today? Wow...we couldn't believe the heavens actually cooperated with us and we got all of the year groups through before the rain. A massive thank you to everyone who came to watch, the turn out was fantastic and I know the children really appreciated having so many of you there to watch. During Harvest, Mrs Harrison and I delivered your donations to Salford Loaves and Fishes. It is such an amazing charity who do such vitally important work and we both felt a huge amount of pride with the fantastic donation we were able to pass on. Again, another huge thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. I think we all know how easy it is in the current climate to meet the needs of these families and the workers at Loaves and Fishes said our donations would help large numbers of families in Salford.

I do feel I need to mention uniform at this point as this week we have had so many children who have attended school without the correct uniform. Mostly this is down to trainers being worn and I have seen two children wearing trainers in the upper school years with lights in them. Please can I respectfully ask that children wear school shoes that are not trainers and also don't wear any form of jewellery or nail polish.



Lastly, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend as the weather forecast is predicting slightly more rain I hope you are able to get out and about at least.

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 95.9%



### 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...jealousy!

#### 1. Are you a jealous person?

Sometimes because my brother can go places with his friends when he wants and on his own and I have to wait until I'm twelve to do some of the same things.

#### 2. When was the last time you were jealous and why?

A few days ago because my brother got to watch a horror film with his friends and I really wanted to watch the film as well but my parents wouldn't let me.

#### 3. Why do you think people get jealous?

I think people get jealous because either something is unfair or you want to be someone or a certain age so you can do more things **Year 6, Bridgewater**

#### 1. Are you a jealous person?

No because I am thankful for what I have got because some people don't have half of the things I have.

#### 2. When was the last time you were jealous and why?

The last time I was jealous was when I went on holiday and my cousins got to stay on another 3 days.

#### 3. Why do you think people get jealous?

Maybe because they think that a person has better things than them. **Year 5, Ellesmere**

#### 1. Are you a jealous person?

Yes because I am jealous of my brother because he has an Xbox!

#### 2. When was the last time you were jealous and why?

Yesterday because my brother went trick or treating and I didn't

#### 3. Why do you think people get jealous?

Because someone has something that one person hasn't got and wants so it makes them jealous. **Year 6, Bridgewater**



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1578	1461	1556	1563

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

# 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.



### Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ EYFS and KS1 panto
- ⇒ Christmas Dinner
- ⇒ Place2be survey
- ⇒ Poppy appeal
- ⇒ Diwali in reception



### Fireworks Next Week

On Monday next week the EYFS will be having their annual firework display at school after assembly. This is a yearly tradition and due to the Harvest celebrations, we are unable to do the display today.



Please can we ask you to pass on the word to neighbours that there will be loud fireworks from 9.30ish onwards. The whole display will last less than 2 minutes.

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

#### Nursery!

This morning Nursery made edible sparklers! They practice our sound of the week 's' making 's' shapes in the air before getting to eat them up! [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception

[#ReceptionHazel](#) made chocolate sparklers today, discussing what will be happening this weekend & how to stay safe. We also observed how the chocolate melted when it was warmed up [#ellenbrookscience](#) [#BonfireNight](#) [#receptionjuniper](#) spent the afternoon creating chocolate sparklers. We have also been busy creating spooky Play Doh spiders, pumpkin plates and ordering the spooky number pictures from 1 to 5.

#### Year 1!

[#year1fir](#) have had a busy afternoon learning all about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire night. They have made puppets and painted pictures of Guy Fawkes, created fact files, built the Houses of Parliament, and played an interactive game. [#Ellenbrookhistory](#).

#### Year 2!

[#year2birch](#) are creating firework pages full of onomatopoeia!

#### Year 3!

In science, Year 3 Cedar have been sorting sources of light! [#science](#) [#light](#)

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Maple are working collaboratively to create their free verse poems about colours inspired by The Black book of colours and using our class poem from yesterday as a model. [#year4maple](#)

#### Year 5!

Today we performed a poem about space in groups. We used loud and clear voices and some groups added actions to make the performance exciting. [#year5elm](#)

#### Year 6!

Some children from [#year6voyagers](#) have showcased their understanding of the Circulatory System from their lesson yesterday. I am super impressed! [#EllenbrookScience](#). You could hear a pin drop in [#year6discoverers](#) as they work on improving their arithmetic skills.

### Lost Property

The mound of lost property has increased again and is multiplying faster than a tribble!

Most of the lost property is sadly unnamed meaning it will be very difficult to reunite it with its owner.

Please can we ask you to ensure all of the children's possessions are marked with their name.

### One Way System

Another week...another reminder that we do have a one way system in place and we do respectfully ask you to please make sure you use it even if your children are in Reception.

I know it's a bit of extra walking but the reason we have the one way system is to ensure the routes around the school are safe for everyone.

### A Big Thank You!

I just wanted to say a massive thank you on behalf of all of us at Ellenbrook for your amazing generosity for our harvest collection.



Your donations will go to Salford Loaves and Fishes which is a charity that works in the heart of Salford. The food bank only survives because of donations like this so thank you very much!

## CLUBS

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