



**ELLENBROOK COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Spring term 2015  
NEWSLETTER: 2**

Hello everyone, and welcome to our Spring term newsletter.

Autumn term was very successful. Staff and children worked extremely hard, made great progress and got the school year off to a fantastic start. We finished 2014 with some of the best performances we've ever had! The DVD's are amazing and the photos will soon be on display in the EYFS and KS1 windows for parents to order. Thanks again to Mr Sandford, who always donates his time and camera expertise free of charge. All funds raised go straight back into the next performance pot.

The PTA kindly donated £50 to Farnworth and Kearsley Food bank instead of buying selection boxes for the children.

<http://farnworthkearsley.foodbank.org.uk/>

### **New Curriculum**

From September 2014, assessing by 'Levels', for all years except 2 and 6, was removed. The national curriculum tests and teacher assessment at the end of key stages 1 and 2 will be reported in levels for the last time in summer 2015. By removing levels, the government hopes to allow teachers greater flexibility in the way that they plan and assess pupils' learning. Your child will now be measured against national **age related expectations** and judged to be to **beginning** expected standards, **working within** or **secure**. The first new key stage 1 and key stage 2 tests in English, mathematics and science, based on the new national curriculum, will be sat by pupils in the summer of 2016. For more information see below:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum> - as well as our school website <http://www.ellenbrookschool.com/curriculum/>

The new curriculum for Ellenbrook is now in place and teachers are assessing the children against their new targets. The PTA has bought every teacher a tablet. This means that teachers can immediately update our electronic recording and tracking system as the children are working. This will fine-tune our understanding of the children's needs, and lessons can be planned to have an even greater impact on the children's learning.

Please check out the blog to see the wonderful work that the children are doing. Some teachers have started to post the homework on there too!  
<http://www.ellenbrookschool.com/blog/>

### **Parent Questionnaires and New Build**

Thank you for returning your questionnaires. The governors looked at the issues raised and enjoyed reading the many positive comments parents wrote about our school. I will post a response to your questions on the website. Please look out for information on the new build by clicking 'find out more' link on the website banner.

<http://www.ellenbrookschool.com/ellenbrook-new-build/>

Drawings are now available on council portal.

<http://publicaccess.salford.gov.uk/publicaccess/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NFUE9ONPFWD00>

Please click the [View associated documents](#) tab and 'allow' pop-ups.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **February**

Half term holiday:

School will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3:30pm and re-open on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 8:55am

#### **March**

**Family Night Friday 20 March 7:00-9:30**

#### **Spring Term Pupil Progress Meetings:**

All classes

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm-7:30

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 4:00-6:30

A Book Fair will be in the hall during Parents Evenings

#### **Family Festival Fri 27th March**

EYFS and KS1 in school at 9:30 am.

Years 3-6 St Mary's Church 10:30am -11:30am

**Easter holiday** School will close on

**Thursday at 3:30pm** on the 2nd of April and will re-open on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April

There are many other events and outings planned for the Spring term – remember to subscribe to our mailing system!

Thank you for your continued support.

Here's to a great start to 2015!

Mrs Parkins  
Headteacher

