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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Important Diary Dates

### March

- \* 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

### April

- \* 19th—School re-opens

### May

- \* 3rd—Bank holiday, school closed
- \* 4th —School re-opens
- \* 28th — Half term

### June

- \* 8th June—School re-opens

### July

- \* 21st —School closes for the summer holidays

### September

- \* 6th—INSET Day
- \* 7th—School opens for pupils

## Born this Way...!

We have had an amazing final full week at Ellenbrook with the children really engaged with their learning, it's as if they have never been away. It's hard to imagine we are breaking up on Wednesday next week for Easter, March has simply flown by! A huge well done to all of the children as they have worked so hard since they have been back.

As I have mentioned previously we have completed our initial reviews of the children's progress and will be sharing the RAG results with you after the Easter holidays. It's nice to know we will see a lifting of some of the restrictions which will allow us to potentially see people we haven't for a while. On that subject, can I just remind you all about the current restrictions. I am not judging what anyone does outside of school but I have heard a few conversations about children attending parties, etc and any mixing of bubbles outside the Government's guidelines does put you, and the staff at risk.

The school is only open for three days next week and we plan on packing a lot into that time. We have the certificate giving ceremony which will take place in class this term as well as the inter-house quiz. The house points competition is so close that literally anyone could win it. House points ended today with the final totals revealed during Wednesday's assembly next week. Our assemblies have continued via Teams this term but it would be so lovely to have everyone back in the hall before the end of the year. I don't think that will happen but you can always live in hope!



I just wanted to remind you to read the back of the newsletter if you can spare the time. There are a number of really important messages on there and it is always good to keep up with what is going on across the school through our Twitter feed. WEDUC is also updated regularly so please keep checking that too.

Have a great weekend...see you all next week!..... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### \*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\*\*

- \* If you have any papers for the office, please put them in the white post box at the front of school.
- \* Please remember to observe our medicines policy.
- \* Please remember the one way system when dropping off and picking up :)

### 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.

### Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about life.....

#### 1. What's the best thing in your life?

My school because I feel safe there and if I didn't go to school I would have no friends. And also having a roof over my head!

#### 2. What's the worst thing?

Losing a loved one at a young age and Covid-19

#### 3. What would you change about your life if you could?

I would change nothing about my life because I love everything about it!

Year 5, Peel

#### 1. What's the best thing in your life?

The best thing in my life is having food and a house because if it wasn't for my mum we would be on the streets and I am grateful we are not.

#### 2. What's the worst thing?

The worst thing is nothing because I am so happy with what I have which is amazing. My mum spoils me every day even though I don't ask or deserve it. I would never give up my mum.

#### 3. What would you change about your life if you could?

I would change my actions because when my mum says I can't do this or I can't do that I react really badly but I need to respect my mum's decisions. I would also change my dog's death because she was amazing and I wish she had lived longer.

Year 5, Ellesmere



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1954	1834	2174	2116

House points ended today. We are holding the totals over until next week! The winner of this weeks' assembly 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...

- \* Reminder re outstanding ParentPay balances



### Other Adults Collecting

Firstly, thank you all for following the mask rule when dropping off and picking up.

Can I just ask you to make anyone who is collecting for you aware of the rule as well.

### Reporting a Positive Case Over Easter

Just a reminder that I will be available to deal with any Covid cases over the Easter holidays. If your child, or member of your household, tests positive please contact me via the school mobile or e-mail.



Mobile - 07498 485733

E-mail - roger.blackburn@salford.gov.uk

### Free Activity Packs

Salford is providing free activity packs which are being giving out over the Easter holidays across the whole of Salford: <https://salford-community-leisure-limited.myshopify.com/products/hh-activitypack>



<https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/whats-on/healthy-holidays21/>

Both of the links above are for parents who are residents in Salford, and whose child is in receipt of free school meals.

### Sickness & Diarrhoea

Just a reminder that any child who has been sick or has diarrhoea needs to stay off school for 48 hours after their last bout.



This is a national rule, not just a school one.

[Chapter 9: managing specific infectious diseases - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

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

#### Nursery!

The Evil Pea has been up to no good again! He has frozen Suptato. We came up with some good ideas how to free him without hurting him and decided we needed to rub the ice with our warm hands. [#ellenbrooknursery](#).

#### Reception!

We played We have loved exploring our space books. We have designed aliens and created speech bubbles for them. Yesterday we made paper cup phones and had lots of fun talking to our friends on them. [#receptionpine](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 have been on a lovely Spring walk this afternoon! We found lots of signs of new life and even passed by Iris' house. [#year1beech](#) [#year1maple](#) [#spring](#) [#newlife](#) [#science](#)



#### Year 2!

A busy afternoon in Year 2 Elm using our DT skills fixing and joining to make our Fairy lands.

#### Year 3!

Loving Some fantastic work so far from Year 3 Discoverers working from home! Here are some labelled pictures of Captain Hardcastle from the story 'Boy' by Roald Dahl, which we have been looking at in guided reading [#year3discoverers](#)

#### Year 4!

Year 4 are learning that our name is not the only thing that defines us. They are discovering that Jesus had different names that he used for himself. # year4amazons [#RE](#). An excellent start to our routine, dancing in unison! [#year4swallows](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Sharks](#) have [#Year5Sharks](#) have been writing stories based on our book 'The Explorer' [#GoSharks](#) [#Where-DidThePlaneCrash](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 have been busy investigating - does the amount of batteries or bulbs in a circuit affect the brightness of the bulbs? [#year6rockets](#) [#electricity](#)

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dance
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball
Year 5 & 6	WEDNESDAY	High Five Netball
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS1	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

**Cancelled until further notice**