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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

December

- * 8th Nasal flu vaccination
- * 10th Xmas Jumper day
- * 21st—School closes for the Christmas holidays

January

- * 22nd —School closes for the Christmas holidays

February

- * 18th —School closes for half term holidays
- * 28th —School re-opens

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

16

Events for Next Week

The children are allowed/requested to wear Christmas jumpers on Tuesday next week.

Tuesday 4th January 2022 is an INSET day. The children return on Wednesday 5th January 2022

What A Week...!

Wow! What an amazing week it has been at Ellenbrook! We managed to put on some amazing performances and the children were just fantastic, a real credit to the school and to you as parents. They worked so hard to get so much done in such a short period of time, it's been fantastic. It was great to see so many of you attend (in person, yes in person!) and a huge thank you to you for all of your support and patience. Lastly, the staff...what an amazing job they did as always, a huge thank you to them for pulling things together in such a short time. The best thing I can say is that it all felt so normal which isn't something we've been able to say a lot this year!

If you didn't have a chance to see the performances they have all been uploaded to Youtube and the links have been posted on WEDUC.

This is the last newsletter of the year and I wanted to reflect back on 2021 and the curious times we have had. There have been lows this year without doubt but they have been overwhelmingly overtaken by the highs. We have managed to keep the school running in sync despite all of the challenges and as Head teacher I am so proud of the children we have and their commitment and dedication to their learning. It's a pleasure to lead a school like Ellenbrook and a pleasure to work with you as parents.

We have two action packed days next week so can I ask you once again to keep a close eye on WEDUC for any information you may need. There is a message on the back page of the newsletter about party food for next week too. And just a reminder the children aren't back in school until the 5th January 2022 (which is also the day after my birthday!)

Lastly, on a personal note, I am running the month in January for Prostate cancer and have a just giving page. I have included the link on the back of the newsletter if you are interested in supporting me and a very worthwhile charity. Have a fantastic Christmas holiday!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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. Can we also ask that you give a reason as we have to call and ask if you report them as 'unwell.'**
- ⇒ **All inhalers/medicines need to be in school with a signed medical permission form. This is for the current academic year (even if we have held them for previous years)**
- ⇒ 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.



Christmas at Ellenbrook!

HOUSE POINTS

| BRIDGEWATER | ELLESMERE | LOWRY | PEEL |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------|
| 2510 | 2434 | 2630 | 3017 |

We are holding house point over until next week :)

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

ELLESMERE

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...

- * Cross Country training to resume in the new year
- * Spring 1 activities reminder
- * Christmas performance recordings.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery, you promised you would blow our socks off and you most certainly did! You were all superstars in our Christmas show and we are SO proud of you!

Reception!

Reception Willow walked to the post box this afternoon to post their letters to Father Christmas! We crossed our fingers really tight & made a wish that they would arrive safely in the North Pole! [#receptionwillow](#) [#amazingwriting](#) [#magical](#)

Year 1!

[#Year1Pine](#) have been following instructions and making candy canes. We can not wait to eat them!

Year 2!

Year 2 Beech have been busy investigating sliders and levers today in preparation for making their Christmas cards

Year 3!

Finishing off our learning on telling the time by enjoying a telling the time board game this morning! [#year3elm](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 loved their Carol Performance this week!

Year 5!

[#year5amazons](#) completed their amazing space art on Tuesday. These are our finished pieces inspired by Peter Thorpe abstract space art. [#weareallartists](#) [#spaceart](#) [#year5art](#)

Year 6!

[#teamy6](#) definitely brought a festive feeling to Ellenbrook this afternoon. A wonderful Christmas performance which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to our Year 6 parents and carers for being such a wonderful audience [#teamy6](#) [#carolservice2021](#) [#Christmas](#)

Food

Next week we have the class Christmas parties on Monday and a number of parents have asked me about food. Any home made food needs to be quarantined for 48 hours before the children can eat it.



Anything shop bought or pre-packaged can be eaten straight away with no need to quarantine.

Return to School

Just a reminder that Tuesday 4th January 2022 is an INSET day and the school is closed to the children.



The children will return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Lost Property

We have a ton of lost property which has accumulated over the last few weeks. Some of which is named and will be returned to class, but much of it has no way of identifying the owner.

If you know your child has lost something (or multiple things!) please can I ask you to look at lost property next week. We will put the tubs outside.

Mr B Charity Appeal

Next month I will be taking on the 'Run the Month: Marathon Edition!' for prostate cancer. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you can do using the link below



<https://runthemothme.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/mr-bs-running-the-month>



CLUBS

| DAY | TIME | CLUB | YEAR GROUP |
|-----------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| MONDAY | 8-8.45AM | ULTIMATE FRISBEE | YEAR 3 - 6 |
| | 3.30-4.30PM | BASKETBALL | YEAR 5 & 6 |
| TUESDAY | 3.30-4.30PM | FOOTBALL | YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 |
| WEDNESDAY | 3.30-4.30PM | MULTISPORTS | EBASC ATTENDEES |
| THURSDAY | 3.30-4.30PM | DODGEBALL | YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 |
| FRIDAY | 8-8.45AM | HOCKEY | YEAR 1 & 2 |
| | 3.30-4.30PM | NETBALL | YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 |