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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

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## Important Diary Dates

### September

- \* 13th - Music lessons begin this week
- \* 20th—Yr 6 Sharks bikeability
- \* 24th—Macmillan coffee morning
- \* 27th—Yr 6 Jets bikeability

### October

- \* 5th Individual & sibling photographs

### November

- \* 29th Nasal flu vaccination

### December

- \* 22nd —School closes for the Christmas holidays

## Events for Next Week

The Macmillan coffee morning will be on Friday next week (24th September) with cakes and coffee being sold from 8.20am at the front of the school.

Year 6 start Bikeability next week

## Welcome Back...!

What a week it's been! We have got the children back firing on all cylinders now and they are loving being back in school. I hope you are all getting the feel good factor at home as the children seem to be happy and settled every day.

Our new assembly theme for this term has started and it's based on both sides of the story. We had our first weekly visitor this week in the form of a band which will be gradually added to each week. This morning I was playing the bongos (I know what you're thinking!) to Bob Marley's wonderful song three little birds. Next week Mr Marks will be accompanying me on the guitar and each week it will be someone new. I have to say I am a little relieved these assemblies are no longer being live streamed!

There's a tonne of information in this week's newsletter so please can I ask you to read it very carefully and if you have any queries please raise them with your child's teacher or the fantastic ladies in the school office via WEDUC or e-mail. Also, I have posted a clearer explanation of our policy involving warn and inform letters after some confusion this week which I can only apologise for. As you will appreciate it's a very complex situation and we won't always get everything right in terms of informing you but we will always try to make sure you have all of the information you need in a timely manner.

Finally, a reminder about the school's attendance policy which is attached to this newsletter. Each year we have a statutory duty to make you aware of our procedures regarding pupil attendance. The attached policy sets out what absences will be approved and those that are not. We also have to remind you that taking a family holiday during term time will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances and you may be issued with a penalty notice if you take your child out of school for an unauthorised absence.

Have a great weekend...see you all next week!..... 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.



## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been think about both side of the story.

### 1. Is there always two sides to every story?

Sometimes, because, for example, two people are fighting and one says something mean or unpleasant. They won't know how much they have hurt the other person unless their side is shared.

### 2. Who listens to your side?

My family because when I am sad they always care for me.

### 3. Have you ever changed your mind after hearing someone else's side?

Yes because when people are in a fight you have to make sure they tell the truth.

Year 5, Lowry

### 1. Is there always two sides to every story?

Yes because in real life people can think differently from each other and have different opinions to each other.

### 2. Who listens to your side?

I think everyone I trust, everyone who knows me really, listens to my side but they don't have to agree with me and they might have their own opinions.

### 3. Have you ever changed your mind after hearing someone else's side?

Yes because in Year 5 we had a pretend debate in topic and after I heard the other teams facts, it changed my opinion

Year 6, Bridgewater



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
211	165	179	222

House points have begun for this week and what a start!

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.



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

This week we have sent letters for...

- \* Year 6 Bikeability reminder
- \* Ironbridge payment reminder
- \* Spelling curriculum
- \* Year 3 trip to Bolton museum
- \* NHS nasal flu vaccination forma



### Pokémon Cards....!

Pokémon card season appears to be upon us already! Just a reminder of the rules around Pokémon cards. Only 20 are to be brought into school each day and it is the children's responsibility to look after them.



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

#### Nursery!

So much fun packed into a morning! Our new friends have settled so well [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

We have had such a busy morning making our own treasure maps to help Boris find his way back to Ellenbrook! Come back Boris we miss you. [#receptionwillow](#) [#Receptionbirch](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 Pine have had such a busy day. We have looked at comparing mass and had a class discussion on who takes care of us. [#year1pine](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Beech have been learning how air travel has changed and developed over time this afternoon. Super sequencing Beech

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Elm used their place value knowledge and different manipulatives to represent 3 digit numbers in maths! We also began to explore adding and taking away 10 or 100 and how that changes our number! [#year3elm](#) [#year3oak](#)

#### Year 4!

During The Discoverers had fun investigating the Digestive System and how food travels through the body! It was a bit messy but each group managed to produce some... poo! [#year4discoverers](#)

#### [#voyagers](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) have loved PE in the sunshine this afternoon [#Netball](#) [#Pivot](#) [#ThrowingAndCatching](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 are playing negative numbers Tug O' War. Who will win? [#year6jets](#) [#year6sharks](#) [#maths](#) [#mathsisfun](#)



### Ellenbrook Village Association

Animal Treasure Hunt—Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 2pm. Registration and Start next to Ellenbrook School (Bellpit Close side). Registration closes at 3 pm prompt, Starting at the school and along the footpaths joining the loop line ends at the Co-Op, approximate 45 mins. Prizes and treats at the Boundary Stone pub afterwards. Children MUST be accompanied by an ADULT.

### No Nuts....!

We have seen a lot of children this week with items in their lunch box that contain nuts. I appreciate most packets now state 'may contain traces of nuts' but those that say 'contain nuts' should not be brought into school as we have a number of children with serious allergies.



### Confused Family Members...!

Please can we ask that you thoroughly brief people who are collecting for you who may not have been to the school before. Can we also ask you to inform the office if someone other than yourself is collecting your child as well.



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

### CLUBS

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
MONDAY	LACROSSE & CRICKET	KEYS STAGE 2 YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
TUESDAY	TENNIS	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4
WEDNESDAY	MULTISPORTS	EBASC ATTENDEES
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL	YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
FRIDAY	FOOTBALL ULTIMATE FRISBEE	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 KEY STAGE 1