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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### October

- \* 22nd Last day of half term

#### November

- \* 16th Parents' Evening 4-6.40pm
- \* 18th Parents' Evening 6-8.40pm
- \* 29th Nasal flu vaccination

#### December

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

#### January

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

### Events for Next Week

There is no school next week as we are closed for half term.

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Holiday club is open for those who pre-booked on Monday

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Maths curriculum evening - 4th November

## It Feels Good to Give A Little Back ...!

Can you believe how quickly we have got to half term? I can't, it's just flown by and as usual we have packed in a huge amount to a very short space of time. This half term culminated in our harvest assemblies which were superb and so well supported by parents on Teams. Thank you very much to everyone who donated vital items for the Salford Loaves and Fishes appeal, I dropped the food off and saw for myself the queue of people waiting to receive food parcels. It's such an important thing to do and I am glad we were able to support such a fantastic cause as a school. If you didn't manage to see the assemblies, the links to them have been posted on WEDUC so you can at least catch up with what went on.

Earlier this week I sent out a letter about our Christmas performances for EYFS & Key Stage 1 which gave you the information on when the shows would be performed. I have had a few parents ask me about Key Stage 2 and what the plans are for the older children. We will be writing to you after half term with all of the timings for the church services and which year groups will be having their service in the morning and which in the afternoon. The reason for the early production letter was to give you as much notice as possible in order for you to book time off work should you need to.

When we return after half term we have a lot of events coming up starting with the virtual Maths curriculum evening on the 4th November. We have posted a calendar of events on WEDUC this week with all of the known events until the end of term but this is a working document and we expect to add to it as the weeks go by. We will also be sending out a similar calendar of events for the Spring and Summer term when we are back after half term.

Lastly, have a very relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday. I hope you all manage to spend some family time together and for those of you who are using the holiday club I will see you there!

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 friendship.

#### 1. Are you a good friend?

Yes because when one of my friends is down I ask them if they are ok and then I try to cheer them up by telling them a really funny joke. Another reason is because I am friends with all the girls in my class and I am there for all of them.

#### 2. Do you always try to include everyone?

I always try to say 'yes you can play with me or us' because then nobody will feel left out or lonely. I even have my own saying 'if someone is sad, cheer them up, if someone is lonely let them join in.'

#### 3. Is a God a friend of yours?

Not really because I don't believe in God but I have people around me I treat like Gods because they treat me the same way.

Year 6, Ellesmere

#### 1. Are you a good friend?

I would like to think I am but I know that I am not always the best friend that I can be.

#### 2. Do you always try to include everyone?

No and I can't include everyone all of the time but I wish I could

#### 3. Is a God a friend of yours?

Yes he is, and always will be, as I always look up to him.

Year 2, Peel



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1385	1250	1382	1539

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

**BRIDGEWATER**

### 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...

- \* EBASC Autumn 2 invoices reminder
- \* Meet the Teacher recordings
- \* Calendar of Events – Autumn Term
- \* After School Club Closure – 18<sup>th</sup> November
- \* Christmas Card Competition



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

#### Nursery!

We've been using vegetables to make patterns in maths this week, working hard to say what will come next in the repeated pattern. Some children even made their own pattern with the crates and tyres outside! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#earlymathsskills](#)

#### Reception!

[#receptionwillow](#) have [#Receptionwillow](#) are learning all about Autumn animals. Today they developed their fine motor skills as they made some hedgehogs. We also discussed what hibernation & nocturnal means (we then over heard one child telling his friend "they are hibernating" ) [#new-words](#)

#### Year 1!

[#Year1pine](#) have really enjoyed looking at odd and even numbers. Ask us to name an odd or even number at home.

#### Year 2!

Fantastic rubbings in Year 2 Beech today. We are using crayons to rub over our collage portraits. It's great fun and we are all really pleased with our end product

#### Year 3!

Year Wow! Miss Wilks is so impressed with Elm's creativity! [#year3elm](#) Check out this recount from Diony in [#year3oak](#) ! Woweeeeeee!

#### Year 4!

Spartans Food chain mobiles in Year 4

#### Year 5!

[#year5amazons](#) [#year5amazons](#) washing their tortilla chips down with some hot chocolate (chocolatl) [#year5mayanday](#) [#Year5Swallows](#) are making their Maya masks whilst enjoying a cup of hot chocolate [#ILoveSchool](#)

#### Year 6!

We hope you enjoyed visiting the 'Year 6 Art Gallery' and are as proud as we are of the children's creativity. [#teamyear6](#) [#art](#) [#portraits](#). Year 6 are thinking about how to live and what is important. They have been tasked with creating a code for living that will help the world. [#year6jets](#) [#RE](#) [#maketheworldahappierplace](#)



### Cars Parking & Idling

Can I ask you all again to not cause a nuisance when parking around the school. I have had more complaints from residents over the last week about cars being parked irresponsibly and idling. Please can we ask you to respect the laws of the road and not park your car on the zig zag lines at the front of the school or on double yellow lines.



### Parents' Evening Booking

Just a reminder that the booking system for parents' evening is open and you can book your slot.

Our parents' evenings this year will be face to face as long as there is no change to the Government's guidance.



### Harvest

A huge thank you to all of you for contributing so generously to our harvest appeal for Salford Loaves and Fishes. The food and toiletries you donated will have a massive impact on a number of families across Salford. Many thanks again!



### Key Stage 2 Christmas Church Service

Thank you for the messages we have had so far about the plans for Key Stage 2. We are currently planning to attend Church again on Thursday 16th December for our Key Stage 2 celebrations.

More information on the exact running order of the day will follow after half term.



### 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