



Autumn Term

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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

28

Events for Next Week

Christmas jumper day on Friday next week! Please donate if you can :)

Please remember nasal flu vaccinations on the 8th December

Year 2 & 3 Panto trip next week

As the miles they disappear.....see the land begin to clear ...!

It's been a very mixed bag this week at Ellenbrook with a lot of mixed emotions across the school. I will start with the decision to re-bubble the classes which is not one I wanted to take and isn't one I took lightly. This was my decision as Head Teacher and I made it in order to ensure the children have the very best possible Christmas period they can. I want to thank all of you who took the time to feedback to me this week about the decision. It's clear some parents are very disappointed we chose to voluntarily re-bubble the school and it's also clear some parents really supported the decision. As Head Teacher, these decisions ultimately rest with me and I hope the choice I made proves to be the correct one and we are able to go ahead with our planned end of term festivities.

It's also been a difficult week for the children who auditioned for Ellenbrook's Got Talent which takes place at the end of term. They all worked so hard and did such a fantastic job and the House Captains had the unenviable task of selecting just a single act to represent the house at the finale. Crushing disappointment for those not selected and the polar opposite reaction from those who were. This is an important life lesson but that doesn't mean it's any less upsetting or easy to take. A massive thank you to everyone who auditioned, you're all winners in my eyes!

Covid has been very much on our minds this week as we have continued to see the numbers of children and staff testing positive increase from last week. I am hopeful we have reached a peak but wanted to remind you all to ensure your child doesn't come into school if they have any of the Covid symptoms. If you are worried or concerned, please speak to the office who can give you guidance, and as always, take your child for a PCR test if you feel they may have Covid. All children away from school due to Covid will be given work at home so they won't miss out on what's going on in class.

Have a fantastic weekend!

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 thinking about letting it out!

1. What do you do when you are really sad?

I normally cuddle my blanket and think about happy things. I like to have some alone time and take deep breaths to calm myself about any negative emotions because I don't want them to turn me into a raging bull!

2. Do you have someone you can confide in?

I normally don't talk to boys even if it's my dad or brother. I like to tell my friends and mum though because they have more experiences like mine but only if it's not a really bad thing.

3. Do you find life hard to cope with sometimes?

Yes because I hate it when I regret things I have done not because I really don't want to hide myself because when I was small my parents called me a happy little girl but now I feel like I'm losing that a bit so I don't want my life to be covered with a dark cloud or to turn into a graveyard full of buried hopes.

Year 5, Lowry



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2510	2434	2630	3017

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...

- * Year 2 & 3 Peter Pan Trip Reminder
- * Christmas Performance Update
- * Year 3 Elm – Miss Wilks leaving



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Yesterday we made bird feeders to help the birds get their food on these cold days! Today we have hung them on the trees and we can't wait to see if they like them! We didn't think they looked that yummy! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Today the children carried out an experiment to find out what happened to the Gingerbread Man if he got wet. First of all they made predictions then we talked about what we found out! The children were very excited! [#receptionbirch](#)

Year 1!

It's A busy afternoon for [#year1cedar](#)! We have been looking at animals that hibernate, writing weather reports, printing numbers of leaves, making a cosy home for animals and creating leaf characters! [#topic](#) [#challenges](#) [#autumn](#)

Year 2!

Busy dressing the Christmas tree today in Beech!

Year 3!

This morning [#year3oak](#) are looking carefully at words and creating new words! We have used our spellings and now we are exploring Christmas words



ready for our Christmas writing next week. Elm have loved planning a trip to Manchester this week in maths! We have used our adding skills to find the total amount the trip will cost [#year3elm](#)

Year 4!

In Year 4 Voyagers the children have planned and carried out their own investigation. They have considered both independent and dependent variables and how to ensure a fair test using control variables.

Year 5!

[#year5swallows](#) [#Year5swallows](#) are using their canvases to draw abstract art that is out of this world [#PeterThorpe](#) [#SpaceArt](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 have had a busy afternoon looking closely at clothes and working out how they are made; researching all about Brazil and developing their sewing skills!

REMINDER - Prospective Parent Visit

Huge apologies for having to cancel the prospective parent visit this week.

We have now re-arranged this tour for Tuesday 7th December at 5.30pm. Can we ask you to pass this message on to anyone you may know who is interesting in attending.

We will contact the local nurseries and send out invites via them.



One way system

I appreciate it's a pain but please can we ask you to respect the one way system. This week I have had a record number of parents try to go the other way to get to Early years.



Dogs

Just a reminder dogs are not allowed on site at all...even hidden up someone's hoodie!



Our Christmas Jumper Day (savethechildren.org.uk)

Are you at high school and receive free school meals?

Would you like a free month pass for gym and swim facilities at your local leisure centres?

You'll also be able to pick up a free packed lunch from the leisure centre on 22, 23 29 and 30 December between 12noon and 2pm.

Scan me to sign up

SALFORD WINTER OF FUN

Salford Community Leisure

Passes will be activated on the 15 December for one month.

Sign up today at: <https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/be-active/children-activities/winter-fun/>

Salford City Council



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