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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

Please read the second page of the newsletter :)

Please remember to book a parents' evening slot

English curriculum evening - 11th November

Remember...Remember ...!

This first week back has flown by and I cannot believe we are at Friday already...not just any Friday, but bonfire Friday to boot! I hope you all manage to see some sort of fireworks tonight or over the weekend and I remember very clearly being a child stood in a field somewhere watching firework displays although they have changed a lot since my day!

This week we have been thinking about kindness in assembly and it's something we focus on a lot in school particularly as we have friendship week coming up in November. Talking of being kind, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Paul our site manager who finishes with us today. Paul has done a fantastic job since he was appointed at school and we will miss his fantastic contribution very much. We do, of course, wish him the very best for the future and hopefully we may see him around in the future at school events!

I did say we would be letting you know the arrangements for Key Stage 2 at Christmas this week but we have sadly had a slight hitch which we need to work on. We will let you know what's happening next week as soon as we are able to finalise our plans.

Just a reminder too about the gate closing times. I have had a couple of parents ask me why we have changed the times the gates close around school. The simple answer to this is we haven't, we are just not having the staggered entry times into school we had when we had Covid restrictions in place. The gate by my office should close at 8.55am which is when we close the classroom doors. It never is shut by then but it is closed about two minutes to nine. If you arrive after that time, we ask you to come in via the office to sign your children in.

Lastly, well done to the Ellenbrook footballers who enjoyed a fantastic win against St. Edmunds this week. Great effort!

I hope you all 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 think about being kind.

1. Are you kind to other people?

I think I am kind to my friends because I let them, do what they want to do and I don't get mean to them and I'll just try and make them feel better. With my mum and dad I think I am sometimes a bit mean to them because I have been with them for 10 years now!

2. Is it easier to be mean or kind?

No, because I can't be mean it is too hard for me to be like that. I don't ever really want to get angry especially when I am playing with my friends.

3. Some people enjoy not being kind, why do you think that is?

I think because they might be going through a hard life and want to put that onto another person. Or they might have been born to bad parents who haven't taught them right. They may also be mean because they are jealous of another person and want to be like the other person so they are mean to them.

Year 5, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1838	1711	1876	2161

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...

- * Maths Curriculum meeting recording
- * Reception Willow bubble
- * Year 3 Sleepover
- * Children In Need Pyjama Day
- * Notice to Year 4 Discoverers
- * EBASC Autumn 2 Payment Reminder



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Someone had been in Nursery and spilt our magic potion from yesterday! We loved making marks in the potion gloop and it was magic how it changed from hard to soft just with us touching it! We have also been busy making new potions in our mud kitchen. [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

More Diwali fun in Reception Willow! We have been busy making Rangoli patterns - some children even tried to make them symmetrical! [#DiwaliCelebration](#) [#receptionwillow](#) [#eyfsmaths](#)

Year 1!

[#Year1pine](#) A busy busy day in [#year1pine](#) today. We started the day with a great thoughtful time discussion on being kind. In maths we have started to learn about time ask us about o'clock and half past. Finally this afternoon we completed a science experiment making our firework jars.

Year 2!

What a fantastic RE lesson Year 2 Beech have had today. We have been learning about the golden rule of treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) are investigating light this afternoon! They are making holes to investigate what is inside the box. Can we see when we shine the torch in?

Year 4!

Numeric perimeter challenge in Voyagers [#year4voyagers](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Amazons](#) loved sharing their facts on our Solar System. [#Year5Amazons](#) have been creating their own mnemonics on the planets [#Space](#).

Year 6!

Year 6 have been learning about odes this week. Today they wrote about an item from our classroom that is undervalued! Once their odes were complete, they shared them with the class.

[#year6jets](#)
[#english](#) [#poetry](#) [#odes](#)



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.



Well done you!

This week our footballers took on St. Edmunds in what turned out to be a fantastic match. I was able to watch the second half and saw some really great football being played. The team performed brilliantly and ended up winning 2-0. Really well done to everyone in the squad!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day!

Our annual Christmas jumper day will take place this year on Friday 11th December 2021! If you would like to donate in advance you can do so using the link below.



[Our Christmas Jumper Day \(savethechildren.org.uk\)](http://savethechildren.org.uk)

Key Stage 2 Christmas Church Service

Unfortunately, due to some issues outside of our control, we won't be able to update you on our Christmas plans for Key Stage 2 until next week. We are currently working out which year groups will be in Church and at what times. We will get back to you next week.



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