



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
- * 8th Hello Yellow day

November

- * 29th Nasal flu vaccination

December

- * 22nd —School closes for the Christmas holidays

Events for Next Week

Clubs are running as per normal next week

Holiday club booking is now open

We are collecting donations for Harvest, please see the letter sent out this week

All We Need is Patience...!

Have you all had a good week? It's been a fab week at Ellenbrook this week culminating in a fantastic Hello Yellow charity day today. Days like this are so important for two clear reasons; the first being the money we raise for such a good cause and the second being the time the children have to reflect on issues that may be slightly out of their range of experience. I have been away from school for the last two days at a Head Teacher's conference (hence the one page newsletter!) and one of the sessions we had was on child poverty. This is something very much in the media at the moment and the statistics shared with us were heart breaking. In the UK, over 30% of all children are living in poverty...yes 30%, so for each class of 30 at Ellenbrook, 10 are living in poverty on average nationally. That's an incredible number and one which is far too high in our modern society. We are very lucky for the most part and our children enjoy a huge range of experiences that some children don't and I don't think it hurts every now and then to take a moment to consider how lucky we are.

Although we have had a great week it is clear that there are a number of bugs going around which are slowing some of the staff and the children down. I just want to re-iterate that there is a difference between the colds and sniffles that happen at this time of year and Covid. The best thing to do if you are worried is speak to myself, Mr Marks or the office if you need any support and guidance and when in doubt, pop your children along for a PCR test as that is the only way to be sure.

Each week in assembly, we are building a band to go along with our theme of both sides. So far the children have had to endure me on bongos and Mr Marks on the guitar with a new member of staff being added each week with a different instrument. The children have really taken this assembly theme onboard and their Thoughtful Time reflections over the last few weeks have been amazing; they have really outdone themselves and thought a lot about their responses. Lastly, have a great weekend... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



B O T H	Stop Press	S I D E S
	Give Peace	
	Do you help others stay calm?	

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 inner peace.

1. Do you get wound up easily?

Yes when my brother pranks me and it upsets me and irritates me.

2. How do you cope with stress?

I just close my eyes and count to 10!

3. Is it ever ok to lose it?

It is ok sometimes but you have to be able to calm down afterwards.

Year 2, Peel

1. Do you get wound up easily?

Yes because my dad thinks that he is hilarious with his jokes and he really isn't hilarious with his jokes at all.

2. How do you cope with stress?

I probably just run around or just try to avoid hearing any of his jokes.

3. Is it ever ok to lose it?

Yes when my friends annoy me I scream at them as it just annoys me so much

Year 6, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1177	1091	1253	1372

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

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

ELLESMERE