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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

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## Important Diary Dates

### March

- \* 1st—5th - Book week
- \* 8th - All pupils return to school :)
- \* 11th— Book character costume day
- \* 12th - INSET day school closed
- \* 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

### April

- \* 19th—School re-opens

### May

- \* 3rd—Bank holiday, school closed
- \* 4th —School re-opens
- \* 28th — Half term

### June

- \* 8th June—School re-opens

### July

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

## You said things would never change but sometimes they get rearranged...!

What an amazing, fantastic, wonderful first week back...I cannot express how happy we all were to see the children back in school...together...where they belong...and as it should be. It's been so nice to see them all and my how some of them have grown! It feel like such a new beginning and we are all looking forward to a much more settled remainder of the year (fingers crossed!). I hope you've not missed them too much and managed to focus on work this week. Although it's been really tough for you and the children by lunchtime on Tuesday you would never know they had been away. Friendships rekindled....stories swapped and work completed. We make no bones about the fact the children will work like trojans this term as all of the staff, teachers and teaching assistants, are determined to get the children as back on track as they can be before the end of the school year. We will be spending next week continuing to evaluate where the children are but this is a slow process so please don't be alarmed if it takes us a while to get a good picture of where the children are.

It was amazing to see the children in their book character costumes this week and we have some really great pictures on Twitter too. Thank you for the time and effort involved in putting these costumes together especially with very limited shops on hand to help out. A huge thank you to Mrs B for my hungry caterpillar costume which was fab, very very hot, but fab! It felt like a normal book week character day and the children looked amazing. Days like this make memories the children will have for ever and that's such a big part of school life.



Now we are back, can I just give a reminder about WEDUC. I know for a while it hasn't been as relevant to many of you as normal but the amount of queries we had this week about the INSET day and costume day gives me the impression the posts on these events may not have been read. Please try and check WEDUC regularly so you don't miss out on events at school. Lastly, have a great weekend...all next week!..... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### \*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\*\*

- \* Please can we ask you to read the re-opening letter before Monday
- \* If you have any papers for the office, please put them in the white post box at the front of school.
- \* Please remember to wear a mask if on the school site.

### 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**
- ⇒ Please make sure that if your child has any medicines/inhalers which are kept in school that they are up to date and you have completed a medical permission form for this academic year.

### Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about faith.....

#### 1. Are you a faithful person?

Yes because I believe I can do different things ....like one day I think our leaders will stop pollution

#### 2. Who do you have faith in in your life?

As I said in question 1 I have faith our leaders will stop pollution.

#### 3. Who do you doubt in life?

I doubt Elon Musk because he once said that he would make it possible to live in space!  
Year 4, Peel

#### 1. Are you a faithful person?

I am a faithful person because if there is something that I am scared to do I will tell myself two things 'What is the worst that can happen?' and 'once I get it over with I know I will be fine.'

#### 2. Who do you have faith in in your life?

I have faith in my family because they are always there for me (except my brother) and I have faith in my football team because if I make a mistake they will tell me it's ok.

#### 3. Who do you doubt in life?

My family sometimes because sometimes they don't do what they say they will do !!!!  
Year 6, Peel



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1299	1211	1444	1436

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

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...

- \* Letter from LA
- \* Yr1 PE Kits
- \* Yr1 Junk Modelling
- \* Yr5 Sharks end of day arrangements
- \* Outstanding payments on ParentPay



### Shoes & Uniform

I totally appreciate that shops aren't open at present and that many children will have grown out of or not have their school shoes. But this week we have had dozens of children wearing a range of footwear that really isn't appropriate for school. I have seen a number of girls wearing ankle boots which aren't acceptable, Ugg type boots as well as shoes with heels.



There are also a number of children wearing trainers, which as I said I can understand as shops are closed, but fluorescent or brightly coloured trainers are not appropriate footwear for school. Please can we ask that children wear as dark a colour as possible if they have to wear non-school shoes.

### Smile At Amazon

You will have heard me talk before about Smile which is a charity donation scheme run by Amazon. We have raised over £60.00 this year with very parents registered.



Please could I ask you all to take 2 minutes and sign up.

### \*\*\* Update on Masks \*\*\*

A massive thank you for your co-operation with wearing masks this week...please keep it up.



Just a reminder that masks must be worn when dropping off and collecting from Before and After School Club.

Also, can we ask that you pass on the message about masks to other adults who may be picking up from school.

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

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

#### Nursery!

Nursery look fantastic celebrating World Book Day! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

A great end to a first week back. We have been so busy this week. Today we have shared our favourite book characters, practised our directions left, right, forward and backwards and we got to hold the baby chicks [#receptionpine](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 Beech have had a lovely day as their book characters! They have had lots of fun! Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing parents and carers for Sunday. We hope you have a relaxing day! [#year1beech](#) [#WorldBookDay2021](#) [#year1maple](#)

#### Year 2!

A super day celebrating a belated world book day! Year 2 Oak have written character descriptions about who they have dressed up as.

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Voyagers look amazing today in their Book Day outfits. We have Harry Potter, Willy Wonka, Batman, Gangster Granny and many, many more in class today

#### Year 4!

Well what a great week! It has been lovely to have everybody back but the highlight was today, when the Swallows dressed up as book characters. Brilliant! [#year4swallows](#) [#year4amazons](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Sharks](#) have had a fantastic first day back! In Science we recapped what we know about the solar system, then wrote letters about our findings, focusing on Copernicus and Galileo [#GoYear5Sharks](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 Rockets are having a wonderful book day! We are even having a party to make up for the missed Christmas one. [#year6rockets](#)



### CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dance
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball
Year 5 & 6	THURSDAY	High Five Netball
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS1	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

**Cancelled until further notice**