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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Important Diary Dates

### March

- \* 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

## The Truth Ain't What it Used to Be...!

We have been thinking about truth this week and the children's Thoughtful Times, as always, are a little window on their soul. The questions ask whether it is ok to tell a lie and for the vast majority of children they made the clear distinction between 'little white lie' that save people from being hurt or 'big lies' which clearly aren't allowed. It's an interesting debate, which many of the children had, about whether it is ok not to tell the truth in order to spare someone's feelings or to make them feel better about themselves. Are we all guilty of trying to do the right thing but telling someone close a 'little white lie?' It maybe worth a five minute chat this weekend if you have the time to get the children's perceptions first hand. And it's also clear that many of you have had unexplained breakages around the house which no one has owned up to.....until now :)

It's been a cracking work week and we have really got into the swing of things at school. The children are still a little rusty in areas, most noticeably with writing but on the whole we are very pleased with where the children are. The staff have completed their revised RAG ratings which we will be using as a baseline for the rest of the term. We will be analysing those next week and sending out letters if your child is someone who will now be getting catch up support.

We have also reviewed the home learning provision we had during lockdown and I was very pleased to see that the numbers of children fully engaging with home learning were over 90%. You can certainly tell the children are much more up to speed than they were when we came back after the summer which is a testament to the hard work of the teachers and the hard work of the parents!



Lastly, just a reminder to read the whole newsletter as it does change and if there is something there that was there last week it's there as a reminder.

Have a great weekend...all next week!..... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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

- \* 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.
- \* Please remember the one way system when dropping off and picking up :)

### 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 truth.....

#### 1. Do you believe in always telling the truth?

Sometimes telling a lie is better than hurting someone's feelings.

#### 2. When have you had to lie and how did it feel?

Once I took a lollypop from a café and ate it without paying and said I didn't do it.

#### 3. Do you feel the truth of others or God in your life?

No but I do turn to other people.

Year 4, Bridgewater

#### 1. Do you believe in always telling the truth?

It depends on the situation. If it's big then you should tell the truth but if it's a little white lie that doesn't matter as it doesn't affect anyone then it's fine. For example, if someone really likes something and they ask you if you like it, then I would lie and say I do so I would not hurt their feelings.

#### 2. When have you had to lie and how did it feel?

When I had to lie, it depended on if it was small or big. If it's big then I'd feel guilty, if it was small I wouldn't.

#### 3. Do you feel the truth of others or God in your life?

No because I don't really believe in God.

Year 5, Bridgewater



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1954	1834	2174	2116

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

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

**BRIDGEWATER ELLESMERE LOWRY PEEL**

### 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...

- \* Nursery Reading Books
- \* Yr6 Hoodie order
- \* Easter Holiday Club invoices
- \* Outstanding items 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.

### Home Learning

I just wanted to remind you all of our policy on home learning. In line with the DfE guidance, we are only providing home learning to children who are having to self-isolate due to them, or a member of their family, having Covid symptoms or awaiting the results of a Covid test. We aren't able to offer home learning for children who are currently away from school ill I am afraid.



### 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 few parents registered.



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

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

#### Nursery!

Today Nursery have looked at what makes Supertato so super. We talked about how he was kind and saved his friends. We also said how he has strong muscles and super speed and decided to make a gym outdoors to help build our super strength. [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

We played hot seating in literacy. We have loved exploring space this week and really enjoyed learning about space as well. [#receptionpine](#)

#### Year 1!

[#year1maple](#) have had a very busy morning testing our houses using a hairdryer and water. They were all very strong! Well done! [#year1beech](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Oak have been investigating equal and unequal parts in preparation for their fraction topic next week!

#### Year 3!

Loving fraction dominoes in Year 3 Discoverers this afternoon [#year3discoverers](#)

#### Year 4!

Today the Swallows were comparing the paintings of two Salford artists: Nigel Walker and L.S.Lowry. They identified similarities and differences in their work. Great observations! [#year4swallows](#) Year 4 are comparing and contrasting Salford artists today. They have looked at the work of L.S.Lowry and Nigel Walker and enjoyed their paintings of Piccadilly Gardens - 55 years apart! [#year4amazonart](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Sharks](#) have been exploring different representations of numbers up to thousandths and matching them [#GoSharks](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 enjoyed beginning their topic on electricity today. Could they make a series and parallel circuit? What did they notice? What did they wonder? [#year6rockets](#)



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

### CLUBS

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

**Cancelled until further notice**