



Important Diary Dates

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

September

- * 6th—INSET Day
- * 7th—School opens for pupils

October

- * 22nd School closes for half term

Before This River Becomes An Ocean...!

It's been a great if slightly wet week this week at Ellenbrook. I don't mind admitting, the rain has been a bit annoying for the children this week as it has stopped them going outside to play and stopped them using the field which has been limiting to say the least. With the current bubble system still in place, and likely to stay for a while, it's harder to manage to ensure the children have the space they need when playing at break and lunchtime. We are continuing to work on this as a school but we have also asked the children to help us by ensuring they behave in an appropriate way at all times. We have had a number of friendship issues this week which are the result of children not treating each other with the respect they deserve.

Our theme for the week has been faith, hence the headline. Faith is a funny concept to explain to the children as it automatically conjures thoughts of God and religion. To us, faith is more than that and we have encouraged the children to consider the faith they have in friends, those around them and of course themselves. As usual, their thoughtful time responses were excellent and it's clear the children are very well aware of how they feel about faith and also the people they have faith in. We have had some challenging questions in this assembly topic and the children have outdone themselves with their responses.

This term is flying by and it's hard to believe we only have a week left before half term. Before you know it we will be saying goodbye to Year 6 and saying hello to a new Nursery and Reception intake. We still have a fantastic half a term to look forward to and there are plenty of exciting events coming up in the last few weeks. Also, a shout out to the footballers who played again yesterday in the very miserable weather conditions!



There are a number of different messages on the back of this newsletter which it would be great if you could read. We just need to tighten procedures at the end of the day to ensure everyone can leave the site safely.

Enjoy the weekend...see you all next week!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * Please can we ask you to check the children have what they need each day for school. This will cut down on drop offs at the school office
- * Please can we remind you to keep siblings at home if any member of the family are suffering COVID symptoms.

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. What do you have faith in?

I have faith in lots of things like the IPL cricket and for Mumbai to get back at Chennai Superkings to win it for the third time in a row after Covid. Also the NHS to make some more vaccines to help less people die.

2. When has your faith been tested?

Two people, one my brother because when he said he come out after his game he did not so I had to wait 15 mins, also Ishan Kishan (Mumbai) to get 100 to win he had to get 30 runs until he got his hundred and he got out on 99.

3. Have you ever felt someone protecting you?

Yes, like yesterday in under 9's cricket. I had the fastest bowler and I nearly got hit right in the face. The ball hit my thumb and that went up into my face and it hurt a lot but I powered myself through. **Year 4, Ellesmere**

1. What do you have faith in?

I have faith in myself because when there is something hard I can't do but I have faith and do it correctly.

2. When has your faith been tested?

My faith has been tested when I am doing something it gets so hard.

3. Have you ever felt someone protecting you?

Yes because my mum always looks out the window when I am on my roller skates. **Year 4, Bridgewater**



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2072	2069	2216	2122

House points for this week are above!

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

ELLESMERE

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...

- * Yr4 Trip to Quarry Bank Mill
- * Half term holiday club reminder
- * Year 4 History topic letter



Accompanied Children

Sorry to moan but over the last couple of weeks we have had a number of occasions where children have wandered off from their parents during pick up and in particular collection.



When you collect your children can we ask that you keep a closer eye on them and not let them wander on the muddy slope in Reception or walk ahead of you so they are out of sight.

Covid Symptoms

As you are aware there are three main Covid symptoms which are a new continuous cough, a high temperature and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste .



If your child has any symptoms that you are unsure or concerned about you should book them for a PCR test just to rule out Covid.

Games

We are looking to replenish our games collection in school for the classes and before and after school club.



If you are having a clear out and have any spare please can we ask you to donate to the school. :)

Arriving After the Gate Closes

This week we have had a few children arriving after the gate has closed and coming into the office without a parent.

If you do arrive after the gate has closed, please can we ask you to walk them into the office and sign them in.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have made some wonderful things using shapes including butterflies, diggers, long trains and grandma's house. [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Double trouble today. Reception pine have been focusing on doubling numbers today and finding out the answer. [#receptionpine](#)

Year 1!

[#year1beech](#) are working hard this morning writing their letters with powers of persuasion! Will they be able to bribe and compliment the knight

enough so they can get his special kiss back for the Prince? [#thekissthatmisses](#) [#davidmelling](#) [#persuasion](#) [#year1maple](#) are analysing my persuasive letter to the knight! They are searching for persuasive techniques ! Super grown up!

Year 2!

Year 2 What a relaxing start to Wednesday in Year 2 Elm, looking after our mental health [#year2elm](#)

Year 3!

Voyagers have been very busy planning and writing their own Traction Man stories this week. We have some amazing story ideas and have worked hard to use effective words and to write in paragraphs

Year 4!

Which It has been like 'The Great British Sewing Bee' this afternoon in Year 4 Amazons. We have had the excitement and frustration of learning a new skill with lots of proud faces to end the day. Well done Amazons! [#year4amazons](#) [#DT](#) [#sewing](#) [#newskills](#).

Year 5!

[#Year5Sharks](#) have been busy painting this afternoon [#Crime-AndPunishment](#) The models and artefacts for the [#Year5](#) Jets Crime and Punishment museum are beginning to take shape.

Year 6!

Year 6 have been treated to some reading recommendations by Emily and Mia this week. I think we have some Tom Gates fans! [#year6rockets](#)



STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

CLUBS

YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YEAR 4	MONDAY	CRICKET
YEAR 6	TUESDAY	TBC
YEAR 5	WEDNESDAY	TBC
YEAR 6	WEDNESDAY	NETBALL