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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

February

- * 10th - Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park— CANCELLED
- * 12th—End of half term
- * 22nd— Children return to school

March

- * 13th - INSET day school closed
- * 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

April

- * 12th - INSET day school closed
- * 19th—School re-opens
- * 30th— School closed for the Easter holidays

May

- * 3rd—Bank holiday, school closed
- * 4th —School re-opens
- * 28th — End of half term

June

- * 8th June—School re-opens

July

- * 21st —School closes for the summer holidays

Look at the Stars...See How they Shine for You...!

Our assembly theme this week is hope. I could not think of a more appropriate theme for this week as it is something we all need to have in abundance at the moment. Inside school, things are ticking along in a new sort of normal way whilst I know at home things are far from normal. This week we have continued to develop our online learning provision. On the whole this has been very good but we have had some disappointing technical issues. This is mainly down to the teacher's laptops being 8 years old...yes you read that right...8 years old. We are in the process of upgrading the teacher laptops so this should hopefully be less of an issue moving forward. It does mean we will be sticking to just 3 hours of live teaching for next week but I have given the teachers the choice on which subjects they want to stream. All of the sessions will be a core subject of English, Maths, Science & IT and each year group will pick live lessons next week which they think would be more beneficial if they were taught live. I will be posting our thoughts on live learning later today as I think we need to make clear what some of the expectations are from both sides following feedback I have had directly from parents, teachers and children.

This week I have continued to have communications with parents about who is eligible to attend school following my posts on WEDUC last week. I just want to be clear, the DfE guidance says '*Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can*'. The guidance doesn't say must keep their children at home and it's down to individual families to choose whether to send their children into school or not. I would just say that as a school we need to do everything we can to keep transmission rates down and we can only do that with less children in school. Inside this building we are doing all we can to make sure we follow the risk assessment to the letter and keep the children and staff as safe as we can. We are really looking forward to a time when we can have you all back.



Have a great weekend & enjoy the snow if it comes!.....Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * The office will close from 4pm next week
- * The school holiday dates for 2021-2022 are now on the school website
- * All of our Covid documents are on the school website

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 love.....

1. Are you a hopeful person?

Yes and no because sometimes if I want a present I am but if it's to play rugby and get in the team then I am not so hopeful.

2. What do you hope for in life?

I hope I spend more time with my mum and dad because they are critical workers.

3. Do you believe in Heaven?

Yes and no because some people believe in it and some people don't. I don't believe it because I believe you come back as something else.

Year 3, Peel

1. Are you a hopeful person?

I am a very hopeful person but I know that isn't enough. You have to work hard and try your best.

2. What do you hope for in life?

I hope to live a healthy and happy life with a stable job with as life full of opportunities and possibilities.

3. Do you believe in Heaven?

I do believe in heaven because I believe in the Christian faith.

Year 6, Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
338	339	340	414

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...

- ⇒ Critical worker holiday club
- ⇒ Holiday schedule 2021/2022



Lost Property

We still have a lovely Zara coat left over from the Christmas party day in the school office.

The coat looks very expensive and is sadly not named. If you recognise the coat please can you contact the Office team to arrange to be reunited with it!



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have had lots of fun doing PE with Miss Jancy today! We practised doing races and taking it in turns and we loved playing the parachute games! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Some amazing home learning happening this week in reception. We have started to look at money, explored the frozen story and investigated ice. [#receptionpine](#)

Year 1!

Another incredible week of working hard at home from Year 1. We have had fantastic story telling, amazing animal facts and mask and brilliant maths. We are so proud of you all [#year1](#) [#homelearning](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 have written some fantastic acrostic poems after describing the Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk. Have a look at some from our home learners. [#year2oak](#) [#year2elm](#)

Year 3!

Year 3 are busy looking at and sorting rocks today..Who knew there are so many different types of rocks!!

Year 4!

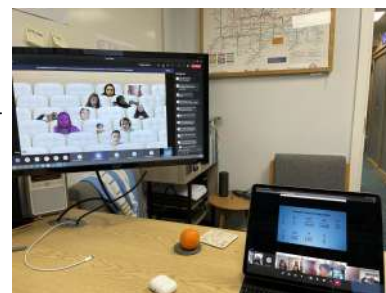
Year 4 have worked really hard this week writing play scripts; today we are getting into character to role play them. I hope you are enjoying this activity at home too. [#year4amazons](#) [#year4swallows](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5](#) have been architects this afternoon and designed their own youth centres inspired by Ian Simpson [#GoYear5Jarks](#)

Year 6!

In English this week Year 6 have been working on their visualisation skills - how does the author paint a picture in the reader's mind? Here are caravans as visualised from reading The Wind in the Willows. [#year6rockets](#) [#reading-skills](#)



Coronavirus

Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds



Palm to palm



The backs of hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers

Use a tissue to turn off the tap.
Dry hands thoroughly.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

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