



### 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

## Thankyou...Thankyou...Thankyou ...!

This weeks' assembly theme has all been about saying thanks and being thankful for what you have. As school staff we are so incredibly thankful that at last we will be able to welcome all of the children back to school on Monday 8th March, together again at last.....! Everyone has done an amazing job both in school and at home to keep the children on track and when they return to school we will do all we can to ensure they have the best opportunities possible to catch up where needed before the end of the academic year. We will be RAG rating the children again towards the end of term in order to plan our catch up provision. We will, as we have throughout both lockdowns, communicate with you regarding your child's progress and catch up provision. We will also make a number of decisions about the end of year events we traditionally have such as a Year 6 production, sports day, etc. and let you know.

It was great to see such fantastic weather towards the end of the week and I am sure you will agree it gives us the opportunity to get the children out more for things like PE as well as play time and lunch time. I hope the children completing the home learning have also had the opportunity to get outside a bit more as it is so good for their mental health particularly as they have had so much time indoors.

There is a lot of new information on the reverse of the newsletter including an update on masks. From the 8th March everyone entering the school site must wear a mask unless they are clinically exempt. If you arrive at school and have forgotten your mask your children will be sent to the office for collection as opposed to their classroom door. Please can we ask you all to ensure you have a mask on you at all times or left in the car so you don't arrive at school without one. This is vital to our risk assessment for the re-opening on the 8th March.



Lastly, have a great weekend...the forecast says the weather will be good so we should all be able to spend some time catching the sun!.....Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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

- \* When we return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March, please remember to inform the office if your child is unwell, will be late into school because of an appointment or will not be attending school due to another reason. Your message can either be sent via Weduc, the school office email address or by leaving a message on the answerphone. Please do not send multiple messages to the office.

### 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 being thankful.....

#### 1. Do you ever think about the things you have?

Yes because when you really think about it, some people in our world don't have anything and don't have what we have for example a home, family and friends.

#### 2. Are you good at giving thanks?

I don't know because sometimes I forget to say thanks and sometimes I show I'm grateful instead of saying thanks

#### 3. Why should we say thank you?

Because if you don't say thank you, you feel like you are rude and it is ok to show someone you are thankful.

Year 5, Lowry

#### 1. Do you ever think about the things you have?

Yes sometimes because it's kind to think that you have enough things and we're lucky that we have families, friends and homes.

#### 2. Are you good at giving thanks?

Yes because I said thank you soooooo much when my first friend gave me her teddy so now I sleep with it every night.

#### 3. Why should we say thank you?

We should say thank you because people should be grateful for what they have if it's special to them.

Year 3, Bridgewater



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1162	1064	1267	1304

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

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

**LOWRY**

### 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...

- \* Re-Opening letter
- \* Easter Holiday Club
- \* Reminder re Book Week
- \* Inset Day 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



### Re-Opening Letter

You will have received this week the Re-Opening letter which details all of the systems and procedures for the return of the whole school on the 8th March.



Please can we ask you to read the letter carefully and get in touch with us if there is any further information you require.

We look forward to seeing you back on the 8th March!

### Face Masks

Just a reminder that any time you spend on the school site you must wear a facemask unless you are clinically exempt.



If you arrive without a face mask, your children will be sent to the office and you can collect them from there.

This also includes dropping off and collecting from Before and After School Club.

### Book Character Costume Day

Just a reminder that we have decided to move the book character costume day from next week, Thursday 4th March 2021, until the Thursday of the following week (**Thursday 11th March 2021**).



This is to allow all of the children to dress up as a book character. All of the planned arrangements for next week will go ahead as planned.

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

#### Nursery!

We have set up our very own farm shop! We've been buying and selling vegetables, making labels for the baskets of food and playing in role. Outside some children were being farmers and discussed what they need to help the potatoes grow in the field! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Another mess in the classroom today .....we must find that naughty bus! We have wrote letters, created maps and made lots of traps to try and catch the naughty bus.

#### Year 1!

Year 1 have been exploring capacity in different forms in maths this week. They have been looking at full, half and empty, measuring out for pancake mixture and reading measures in millilitres. Superstars!

#### Year 2!

Year 2 have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shape this week. They have even created their own 3D shapes - great work year 2!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 have been designing their own book covers for The Bible today. Over the next few weeks we will be reading some stories from The Bible and recording our thoughts about them.

#### Year 4!

Some excellent Science investigations on changes of state. Children explained three experiments and then sent their findings. Brilliant reports! [#year4](#)

#### Year 5!

Today [#Year5](#) looked at Georgia O'Keeffe's Starlight Night and recreated their own version mixing primary colours to make a secondary colour [#GoJarks](#) [#Year5Jets](#) [#Year5Sharks](#)



#### Year 6!

Today Year 6 started learning about odes. It is an poem that uses exaggeration so we had to have some drama to read them out! How do you like these performances? [#year6rockets](#) [#ellenbrookpoets](#).

**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**