



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

The Big 70...!

It's been a very varied week this week and the 4 days we have had certainly feel like 5! I think the weather hasn't helped as the children have not had the freedom they would normally have in terms of going outside. Hopefully it will improve next week as we want the children to enjoy the outdoors as much as they can.

This week my thoughts have very much been on the impact of both lockdowns on our children. You may have recently seen the news story on the report from the Educational Endowment Fund (EEF) about the gap in learning between children with free school meals and their peers widening by another month from non free school meal children as a direct result of lockdown. The report suggests this was only in Maths but also calls for extra funding to address the differences in these two groups to ensure it does not impact their life chances over future years. For us, we know who the children are that need extra support as a result of both lockdowns and as a school we are ensuring we do everything we can to catch the children up as much as possible before the end of the academic year but it's clear this is not going to be done overnight and also not without the support of you as parents.

You may have read (hopefully) my piece on the back of the newsletter about parking particularly on Reedley Drive. It seems that if this was read by parents, my plea to park responsibly have been ignored. We have had more complaints from residents this week about not only parents' parking but also about the way our parents are speaking to the residents when they are challenged on their parking. We have no control on how you as parents park when dropping off and collecting but what I will say is I don't think rudeness to residents is acceptable and certainly not in front of children as was the case with the resident I spoke to.



Thoughtful times were so fabulous this week so I have expanded the section and put them on the back of the newsletter.

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.

Respecting Our Local Residents

Another week of conversations with our local residents about the behaviour of a small minority of our parents when dropping off and collecting children from school.



Can I just re-iterate my plea from the previous two weeks. Please can I ask you all to respect the local residents when dropping off and especially collecting your children. Please don't park across residents drive ways, please don't use their drive way to turn around in and please don't sit in an idling car.

We need all of you to help and support us having positive relationships with our neighbours.

Year 1 Jack and the Beanstalk

Well done to Year 1 who have been working extremely hard rehearsing for the Jack and the Beanstalk musical production this year. Today they linked up via teams and joined many other children with the Bolton Music Service for their final performance. What a spectacle it was, we are all so proud.



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1065	1100	1178	1121

House points for this week are above!

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...

- * Whole School – Book Fair
- * Nursery – Teddy Bears Picnic
- * Half term holiday club reminder
- * Reception vision screening



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We've been practising our number recognition and working on our gross motor skills with water pistol number solar and numicon bingo! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#earlyyearsmaths](#)

Reception!

Reception Today we have been using our measuring skills to measure different playdough worms. The children carefully rolled out their worms and then measured them using rulers. The children really wowed us with their patience and careful measuring! Superstars [#receptioncedar](#)

Year 1!

[#year1maple](#) are warming up along with over 4000 other children (via teams) across greater Manchester for their Jack and the Beanstalk musical performance! [#year1beech](#) are working in teams to build a trebuchet this afternoon . We are carrying out a science investigation to see how far our objects will travel. I wonder what the result will be? [#medie-valsiegeweapon](#) [#predictions](#) [#science](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 Oak have been testing which material is the best for a paper aeroplane. Today they tested the distance and carried out fair tests. Fantastic maths skills for measuring metres too!

Year 3!

Voyagers have continued to work on time today in Maths. Year 3 Discoverers are looking at time in maths the next few weeks! Today some of us enjoyed playing the telling the time board game to practice recognising different times! [#year3discoverers](#)

Year 4!

Which invention (from the time of the Industrial Revolution) is most important? Year 4 Amazons give their opinions and discuss how inventions of this time changed the way we lived and how they shaped the modern world. [#year4amazons](#) [#history](#)

Year 5!

Wow! Wow! Wow! Check out the use of vocabulary from one of our writers in Year 5 Jets! [#Year5Sharks](#) have been investigating which material would be best to use for food packaging [#FoodPackagingChallenge](#) [#MusicFestivalMaterials](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 are designing islands for their adventure stories. What could happen on these islands? The conversations about plots and ideas are amazing - I can't wait to read the stories when they are created! [#year6rockets](#)

Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about the good.....

1. Are you a good person?

I think I am a good person most of the time because sometimes I do wind up my siblings but that is because I am angry, hurt or upset. But when I am happy, I have a good heart.

2. Do all people have a bad side?

Yes because you might be grumpy or tired so you take it out on someone else and you might get angry.

3. Why do you think there are bad people in the world?

It may be because they have been around bad people and once they become part of that group of bad people they start to act bad themselves.

Year 5, Peel

1. Are you a good person?

- * Yes I am I do chores for mummy
- * Yes I help when someone is hurt
- * I do little surprises for my mummy

2. Do all people have a bad side?

- * It is common for people to have a bit of bad in them as no one is perfect
- * All people are made differently

3. Why do you think there are bad people in the world?

- * Because they may not have anyone to teach them how to be good
- * They might rob banks because they are poor

Year 1, Maple

1. Are you a good person?

Yes because I am more polite and kind and I'm more good than bad.

2. Do all people have a bad side?

Yes because we all make mistakes and then we might or might not learn from the mistakes we make. Also, no one in the world is perfect either on the inside or out.

3. Why do you think there are bad people in the world?

There are bad people in the world because probably something bad happened to them in the past and they can't control it so they get angry and make the wrong choices then they can take that out on other people.

Year 3, Peel



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	THURSDAY	High Five Netball
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS1	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

Cancelled until further notice