



### Important Diary Dates

#### January

- \* 4th - INSET day school closed
- \* 5th— Children return to school

#### February

- \* 10th - Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park— CANCELLED
- \* 12th—End of half term
- \* 5th— Children return to school

#### March

- \* 12th - INSET day school closed
- \* 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

#### April

- \* 12th - INSET day school closed
- \* 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

#### May

- \* 28th — End of half term

## Happy New Year to You All!

It has been a very difficult week at Ellenbrook as we looked forward on Monday to welcoming the children back to find out late on Monday that we were not going to be able to do that. I know you don't need me to say this, but as a staff, every one of us, we would much prefer to have all of the children in school for the whole time. Home learning isn't something we would chose to do but we have worked as hard as we can this week to make sure the work set was the best it could. I know not all parents like the model we have in place and would prefer live sessions and that some people are very happy with the way things are currently being done. I can assure you we have listened to all of the feedback we have been given and we are constantly reviewing what we are doing to make sure we give the children the best possibilities to learn that we can. Having said that, we know the level of frustration some of you are feeling about having to juggle work and home learning commitments and we will do all we can to make this as easy for you as we can.

Hopefully this week you will have seen our assemblies which we have posted to Seesaw. We will continue to do this all year and on Monday morning we will be live streaming our Monday assembly through Microsoft Teams. Keep an eye out for the invite which will come via WEDUC at around 9am on Monday and it would be good to have as many of you there as possible. I also wanted to remind you all that we will be updating Twitter throughout the lockdown so please keep checking in to see what is going in both inside school and out.



On Thursday we received new guidance from the DfE about procedures we need to put in place for the current lock down. We will be reviewing this over the next few days and will make you aware of anything that affects how we run the school for both critical workers and for the children learning at home.

Have a great weekend.....

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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

- \* Please can we remind you that any critical worker children who are not attending school due to illness still need to be reported as ill through the school 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 disappointment and failure....

#### 1. Have you made any New Year resolutions?

My New Years resolutions are to exercise more, stay off of my electronics more and spend more time with my family.

#### 2. What are you looking forward to this year?

I'm excited for play centres to re-open again.

#### 3. How will you be more positive in 2021?

I will exercise more because my mum said exercising more affects your mood in a positive way.

Year 5, Peel

#### 1. Have you made any New Year resolutions?

Yes I have and mine is to learn some sign language since both of my grandparents are deaf so I can't communicate with them.

#### 2. What are you looking forward to this year?

This year I am looking forward to being able to see my Grandad and Grandma because I haven't seen them since the start of lockdown.

#### 3. How will you be more positive in 2021?

I will be more positive by thinking about the future like holidays and parties and leaving the past behind us.

Year 6, Ellesmere



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
43	34	26	41

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.



### Lost Property

We 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!



### Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

No letters have ben sent out this week.



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

#### Nursery!

Making marks in the snow [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Wow reception look at your home learning super job..... keep it up!!! [#receptionhomelearning](#)

#### Year 1!

The only way to warm up after a cold playtime is with some hot chocolate [#winterishere](#) [#year1](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 are busy mapping the climate zones. Ask us what climate zone we live in.

#### Year 3!

Year 3 bubble of Voyagers and Discoverers have been super scientists this afternoon. They have been investigating what type of soil we have in Ellenbrook and learning about how soil is formed

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Amazons and Swallows have created wonderful Hindu gods and goddesses both at home and at school. [#year4amazons](#) [#year4swallows](#) [#RE](#)

#### Year 5!

Year 5 created some fantastic art work on dragons using different textures and shading [#Y5Jets](#) [#Y5Sharks](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 have been outside to see what plants and animals we have in Ellenbrook. We timed it perfectly so we could explore in the snow! [#year6rockets](#)



### 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**