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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### February

- \* 1st—Chinese New Year
- \* 18th —School closes for half term holidays
- \* 28th —School re-opens
- \* 28th—4th March - Book week

#### March

- \* 3rd March—World Book Day

### Current Covid Cases

#### Across the School

9

### Events for Next Week

Thank you so much for your support during children's mental health week!

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Just a reminder that we break up for half term on Friday (18th February 2022) next week

## 100 Not Out.....!

This is my 100th newsletter as Head teacher...can you believe it has been that long? It has flown by for me and I still struggle to comprehend that I have been a teacher for 26 years, Head Teacher for 11 and Head Teacher at Ellenbrook for getting on for 4 years now. It hasn't felt that long at all and I still feel just as keen and eager as I did when I first started back in 1996! As cringy as it may sound, I love being the Head Teacher of Ellenbrook and I feel as staff, we have really improved the school over the last few years with plenty of improvements still to make in the coming few years too!

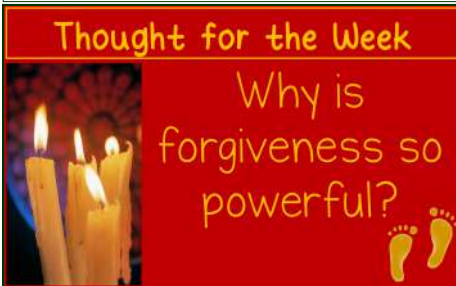
This week the focus has been all about the children's mental health and we have had a fabulous week! I really hope the children have spent some time talking through with you what they have been up to in class this week and more importantly whether they have gained something from it or just had the opportunity to share with others how they feel about their own mental health. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have invested so much extra time in preparing activities for the week. We ended the week with the dress to impress and the children looked fabulous in their outfits which really represented how they feel. Having recently taken up running, I wore my running kit as it's really helped my mental health and a lot of the children were also in similar sports attire.

Sadly this week we have to announce that we will be saying goodbye to our fantastic TA in Year 3 Mrs Cowell who is leaving us next week to work at a school much closer to home. Mrs Cowell has worked at Ellenbrook since 2007 and has contributed such a huge amount to a great deal of children. She will be sorely missed and we wish her the very best in her new job!

Lastly, I know you will have seen Mr Mark's post about healthy snacks this week and I want to follow that up by saying we understand the pressures children can put on you as parents about what they eat but we are alarmed by the amount of unhealthy food the children are bring into school with them. Please help us to help them stay healthy.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about a fresh start!

#### 1. Have you ever wanted a fresh start in life?

No because life is a book—there are good chapters and bad chapters-but you can't change what's already written.

#### 2. When have you been at your happiest?

I don't think there is a 'happiest.' Some days are good and happy and other days are bad and not happy.

#### 3. Would a fresh start change the way you feel about your life?

Yes because I really appreciate the life I have now. **Year 6, Bridgewater**

#### 1. Have you ever wanted a fresh start in life?

No because I love my life already and it has gone very smoothly so far but if I do change my life I wouldn't be myself.

#### 2. When have you been at your happiest?

Yesterday because everything was the best ...like in PE, it was fab and in after school club too.

#### 3. Would a fresh start change the way you feel about your life?

Yes because you might have different emotions everyday and you might be sad one day and then excited the next.

**Year 4, Bridgewater**



### 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. Can we also ask that you give a reason as we have to call and ask if you report them as 'unwell.'**
- ⇒ **All inhalers/medicines need to be in school with a signed medical permission form. This is for the current academic year (even if we have held them for previous years)**
- ⇒ Any letters, slips or forms can be posted in the white post box attached to the wall outside the school office. This box is checked regularly during the day.
- ⇒ If your child is attending an independent school for an entrance exam can we ask that you complete a leave of absence form and return it to the office. This absence will be authorised by the school.

### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1231	1195	1262	1480

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

**BRIDGEWATER ELLESMERE LOWRY PEEL**

### 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...
- ⇒ Children's mental health week
  - ⇒ Covid infection warn and inform
  - ⇒ Year 3 swimming
  - ⇒ Salford Community Leisure Holiday Club
  - ⇒ Covid advice for parents



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

#### Nursery!

Nursery have loved doing 'Wake up, Shake up' every morning. Starting the day with lots of positive energy! #ellenbrook-nursery #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

#### Reception!

#ReceptionWillow learnt a poem called 'The tiny seed' & would like to share it with you! A great end to Children's Mental Health week - the theme has been 'Growing Together' & we thought about how we have grown, how we help others to grow & how to grow seeds! Have a great weekend

#### Year 1!

#Year1Pine have looked at what foods are good for our bodies and how good food helps our mental health. Today we made a raisin breakfast bar. It was delicious and easy to make.

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Beech enjoyed some gardening today planting out our class raised bed We are looking forward to seeing these plants grow and flourish for all of our school community to enjoy. Year 2 Maple have started everyday with their wake up, shake up dance.

#### Year 3!

#year3oak are restoring our poor old shelf , we have decided to give it a fresh start as part of #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Voyagers working hard on fraction maths while dressed to express!

#### Year 5!

#Year5Swallows have been weaving their baskets this afternoon #AngloSaxonBaskets #DT

#### Year 6!

A fantastic positive affirmation worn by Ellie-Grace in Year 6 to support our mental health by reminding us about self belief. #year6jets #mentalhealthweek #dresstoexpress



### Parking

Another week...another moan about the complaints I have had from local people and other parents about car parking outside school. Please help us to maintain good relationships with those living around us and those trying to use the roads around the school.



Also, just a reminder about idling cars. I noticed this myself this week and not only is it very bad for the environment it's also bad for pedestrians.

### Half Term

Just a reminder that Friday next week (18th February 2022) is the last day of school for this half term.

The children will be back in school on Monday 28th February 2022.



## Dress to Express



**STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES**

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Hockey
YR 3 & 4	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Dodgeball
YR 5 & 6	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Rugby
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
KS1 (YR 1 & 2)	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Fitness
YR 3 & 4	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Cricket