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Important Diary Dates

May

- * 19th May—Yr 6 trip to Fusilier museum
- * 20th May—Yr 1 trip to Clitheroe Castle
- * 26th May—Science day

June

- * 6th June—INSET day—School closed
- * 7th June—School re-opens
- * 8th June—Yr 2 Africa day

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

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Events for Next Week

Just a reminder Year 6 will be visiting the Fusilier museum on Thursday next week

Year 1 are also on a trip and will be visiting Clitheroe castle on Friday next week.

Is Everything a Test.....?

Only one place to start this week and that's with Year 6 who have done a tremendous job with their SATs tests. They were nervous, quite rightly, but showed incredible diligence and resilience to get through what has been a tough week of mostly back to back tests. I won't share my thoughts on the validity or necessity for SATs tests but what is clear is that our Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard this year and made fantastic progress. We don't need a SATs test standardised score to tell us how fab our Year 6 are...we know it already! To say we are super, super proud is an understatement and I only hope they are as proud of themselves as we are with them. Their time at Ellenbrook will not be defined by what they scored in the SATs it will be defined by the contribution they have made to the school and they have certainly made a considerable contribution over the years which I am very grateful for. They now deserve to enjoy the rest of the year and have some fantastic things to look forward too.

It's been another week of concerns raised by local residents about the behaviour of some of our parents in regards to parking when collecting at the end of the day. Policing the roads is not part of my job description but your child's safety is our number one concern and I have been made aware of a couple of near misses this week with parents parking illegally and inconsiderately and not seeing children crossing the road. I know I moan about this a lot but we need more consideration from some parents when parking around the school before we have someone injured.

This week we have become aware of some slight issues with children being collected from our after school club. There have been a few occasions where parents have changed arrangements around their children going to club and these haven't been communicated to the office or the club. If you know you are not going to be sending your child to club when you are booked in, please can we ask you to inform club and your child's class teacher. That way we won't have to call and chase up children who should be at club and haven't made it.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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.

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being hopeful!

1. Do you think you are a hopeful person?

Yes I think I am a hopeful person but it also depends what I'm hoping for. For example, if I'm hoping for a new device I won't try to get it but I hope I pass my exams.

2. What do you hope for in life?

For good grades and reports and also I'm hopeful for my family and friends.

3. Is it good to have hope or are actions more important?

Both because it depends because your hopes make better actions. For example, if you want to pass your SATs then you'll be hopeful and ready for it.

Year 6, Bridgewater

1. Do you think you are a hopeful person?

Yes I do because even if I hope for something and it doesn't happen, I don't get too disappointed.

2. What do you hope for in life?

I hope for no war and for hope and happiness for everyone. I hope everyone can live as long as they can!

3. Is it good to have hope or are actions more important?

Well, I think it's a combination because your actions will be worse if you don't have hope inside you.

Year 3, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1070	1391	1085	1320

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

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...

- ⇒ Parents Evening – 24th & 26th May 2022
- ⇒ Nursery arrangements for Parents Evening – Tuesday 24th May
- ⇒ Car Park EBASC Parents



Car Park Gate

Just a reminder to all of our club parents that the car park gate is not opened until 5.15pm.

I know there has been some confusion over times this week but the gate opening time is 5.15pm not 5pm.

48 Hour Vomiting & Diarrhoea Rule

I just wanted to remind you all about our rules on children being in school after a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea. Over the last couple of weeks we have had a few children who have been to sent into school inside the 48 hours since their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Please can we ask you to respect the policy and not send your child into school if they have diarrhoea or sickness before school.

Late signing in

From time to time you will be late when dropping your children off at school. With the inconsistency of traffic in the morning we know this happens from time to time.

If you are late, you are asked to walk your child into school and sign them in. This week we have had a number of children turn up without an adult including some in Key Stage 1. We have also had a number of children being walked in by older siblings which is also not appropriate. I know it can be a hassle but please could you walk your child into the office and sign them in if they are late.

Parking

As you may have seen on social media over the last couple of days, a local resident has posted a picture of an illegally parked car outside the school. I know I make this request a lot but can you please respect the residents and rules of the road when dropping off and picking up before & after school.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have a very tired little chick! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

[#Receptionwillow](#) were so excited to receive another letter from the fairy today. We now know that our fairy is called Erin the Ellenbrook fairy and she has answered all of our questions. [#magical](#) [#imagination](#) [#makebelieve](#)

Year 1!

Carrying on with descriptions of settings and characters from 'The Kiss that Missed' [#year1cedar](#) completed versions of the drama technique 'Roll on the Wall'. They thought about the characters personality, like and dislikes rather than just his appearance. [#english](#) [#descriptions](#) [#Year1Pine](#) have enjoyed history today. They have made posters about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.

Year 2!

Year 2 Maple have been inspired by Martin Luther King and have written speeches with their dreams for their futures!

Year 3!

[#year3elm](#) practicing their passing and moving skills in netball this morning! [#netball](#) [#PE](#) Rehearsing for our news-round reports on The Witches! [#year3oak](#)

Year 4!

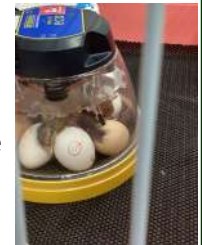
Our winning sprinters this week in Year 4 Voyagers

Year 5!

[#year5amazons](#) amazing art work! Designing their own Youth Centre based on the glass buildings in Manchester which were designed by Ian Simpson. [#amazingartwork](#) [#iansimpsonarchitect](#) [#manchesterskyline](#)

Year 6!

We are full of emotion in Year 6 this afternoon. Can you tell what emotive responses we are trying to get from our viewer in these freeze frames? [#year6sharks](#) [#art](#) Still working hard! No stopping Year 6 this afternoon - PE and RE. What they are. [#year6jets](#) [#stars](#)



CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Dodgeball
YR 3 & 4	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Tennis
YR 5 & 6	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Tchoukball
EBASC Attendees KS1 3.30pm-4.15pm—KS2 4.15pm—5.00pm	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Multi Sports & Lacrosse
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Rounders
KS1 (YR 1 & 2)	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Dodgeball
YR 3 & 4	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Rounders