



Spring Term

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Important Diary Dates

March

- * 7th—11th March—Book Fair
- * 18th March - INSET day, school closed

April

- * 1st April - School closes for Easter
- * 19th April - School re-opens

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

7

Events for Next Week

Just a reminder the school car park is now closed for parental access

Year 3 class assembly is on Tuesday next week (22nd March 2022)

The Sun Has Got it's Hat On.....!

It's been another fantastic week at Ellenbrook and the lovely weather has really helped to brighten the mood. It's amazing what impact the weather can have on the children and this week we have been able to spend a lot of time outside for play and lunch times as well as PE. I am very much looking forward to the rest of the term and hopefully much more sunshine!

This week the ever present Covid has touched base again with a rising number of cases across the school. We have been advised by the LA to speak to Public Health England to manage rises cases which we sill do but we are not gong to bubble any classes unless we absolutely have to and unless we are directed to do so by public health. What we will do is send out warn and inform letters if we have more than 3 children (10%) in a class with Covid. We will start this next week and hopefully it isn't something we have to send out very often.

On the back of the newsletter is a more detailed explanation of why we have closed the car park. I do want to say that we have communicated many times through WEDUC and the newsletter that parents should not be accessing the car park. Unfortunately we have had a few parents drive onto the school car park when children are entering or exiting the school and we have also had a couple of near misses. No one wants to see anyone get hurt so we decided to close the car park and revert to our pre-Covid routine.

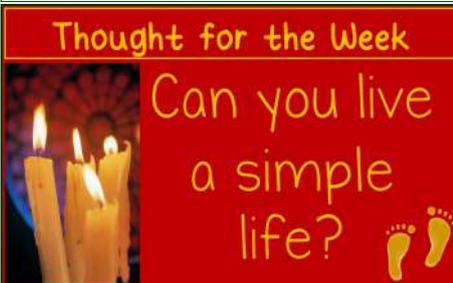
Lastly, we spent the INSET day reviewing some of our key policies including the marking policy. We have decided as a staff to change it to feedback for a start and we will also be reducing the amount of direct marking in books. When the policy is confirmed we will send you a copy of the new spolicy along wityh an explanation of how the policy will work.

We are due for some lovely weather this weekend and I really hope you are able to enjoy it and get out and about. It's a beautiful time of the year for a walk in nature. I hope you all have a fantastic 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 our fears!

1. Do you get scared easily?

Yes and no, it depends on what is going to scare me like if it is spiders I wouldn't really be scared since I am ok with them but snakes I would be scared of them because they would poison and bite me.

2. Who helps you conquer your fears?

My mum and dad because they calm me down. Also, myself because in my head I tell myself to get over it.

3. What's your biggest fear in life?

I have quite a lot of fears like animals that can bite me or cause me harm. Also, I fear dying because you never know when you are going to die. Also, I fear being lonely.
Year 6, Ellesmere

1. Do you get scared easily?

Not really because I get random shocks and I get a warm feeling for some reason.

2. Who helps you conquer your fears?

Not my sister because she is very rude to me. My friends, they stick with me and will be forever and ever with me.

3. What's your biggest fear in life?

I'm scared of the footballer Zlatan Ibrahimović because he just explodes my head off because he is very good at martial arts!

Year 5, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2759	2695	2599	2818

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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.

Car Park Gate

You will have noticed this week that the car park gate has been closed to you at dropoff and pick up times. I want to first thank those of you who have shared their views with me on this and I thought it was important to explain the decision in more detail.



Prior to Covid, the car park gate was never open for parents to use. We only opened this to aid with the one way system, and reduce the amount of parents coming into the front of school.

Now that Covid restrictions have eased, we don't need to use the car park and with the number of parents who have driven onto the car park lately and the near misses we have had we decided to close the car park for health and safety reasons.

Football

I just wanted to give a huge shout out to the footballers in Year 6 who played two fixtures on Thursday away from home.



The team faced St. Pauls in a very tight game which ended goalless. The team played very well after an initial slow start and were unlucky not to score after a fantastic shot by Daniel.

The last game ended in a very narrow 2-1 loss to St. Andrews but the team played exceptionally well and were unlucky not to draw after coming behind from two goals down.

Had there been a couple more minutes added time there was a good chance the team could have salvaged a draw

Really well done to the team and it really was a superb effort by everyone involved.

Bring on the next round of matches!

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Cancelled Aldi Olympian visit
- ⇒ KS2 Assemblies
- ⇒ EBASC Spring 2 Payment Reminder



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery, Happy St Patrick's Day! Caitlin enjoyed sharing her celebrations with us and we even had a try at Irish dancing! We had lots of fun! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#knowledgeandunderstandingoftheworld](#)

Reception!

Outdoor [#receptionwillow](#) had a class discussion this morning and we came up with four names, the choices were Frankie, Alfie, Rosie or Bella. After counting all of the votes the most popular name was.....Rosie [#welcomerosie](#) [#classpet](#) This morning the egg hatched!!The children were thrilled to find the broken egg. We can't believe it's actually a dinosaur! He seems very friendly too and the children are being very kind to him We would like you to meet Chomper our new class pet.[#receptionbirch](#)

Year 1!

[#Year1Pine](#) [h#year1cedar](#) and [#year1pine](#) have worked hard on naming and describing materials in science. They had to draw plans for the third little pigs house and choose which materials would be strong and waterproof. We also discussed which materials are transparent and absorbent.

Year 2!

Year 2 Year 2 Beech are really enjoying their new DT unit which is all about linkages Today we have been learning how to join strips together to make them all move. Maple have written fantastic twisted endings to their favourite traditional tale.

Year 3!

Back [#year3oak](#) are creating mountain landscapes using collage

Year 4!

Voyagers voyagers are managing their money this morning. Can they keep to budget to make their pizza? [#year4voyagers](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 Today in Geography [#year5amazons](#) were investigating different biomes.

Year 6!

Another am super impressed with the tasty menus that Year 6 have created for their DT project 'Come Dine with Me'. Which one would you choose? We would love to know! Designing recipes for a [#comedinewithme](#) challenge.

[#year6sharks](#) [#designandtechnology](#)

CLUBS

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