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Important Diary Dates

April

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

May

- * 4th & 5th May - Reception Forest Schools trip
- * 4th May - Year 5 trip to Lancaster Castle

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

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Events for Next Week

Just a reminder that school closes for the Easter holiday. We will return to school on Tuesday 19th April 2022

Year 4 parent please remember to complete the medical & permission forms for Ironbridge

You've Got to Have Hope.....!

This weeks' assembly theme, the last of the term, has been all about hope and it's been a very fitting way to end the term. We hope for many things in life, some of which are close to home and immediate and some of which are more distant and abstract. The children and staff hoped for many things with the conflict in Ukraine being the biggest one, but also for friends and family who are much closer to home and perhaps not doing well at present, to get better. The thoughtful time responses were excellent as usual and the children are very good at expressing not only their wishes and desires but also their opinions on what's happening around them which is fantastic.

We had our first PTA meeting in over 2 years on Thursday and I was so pleased to see the committee members again. We have started to make lots of plans for the Summer fair (Saturday 16th July 2022) and they, and I, will be writing to you after the Easter holidays to let you know how you can help out :)

As you will know I take a huge pride in being the Head Teacher of Ellenbrook and I think that it is a fantastic school and one in which the diversity of our school population is not only recognised but also celebrated. I had a discussion with a parent this week which has made me reflect on whether my view is a rose tinted one. I was made aware of a couple of incidents which are not appropriate for a school with such a fantastically inclusive culture. Incidents where children have been treated poorly by other children because of their race, cultural status or skin colour. None of these incidents have been reported to me or the SLT and we take these types of incidents very seriously. If you are reading this as a parent who has a child who may have experienced some of this inappropriate behaviour please can I ask you to speak directly to myself, Mrs Baird or Mr Marks. This type of behaviour is completely unacceptable and we want to stamp it out.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and get to spend some quality time together. Hopefully the weather will warm up and the sun will stay out! Just a final reminder we don't return to school until Tuesday 19th April at the usual time. Take care!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about hope!

1. Are you a hopeful person?

Yes but sometimes I don't hope and sometimes amazing things happen. So I do hope for many things like happiness

2. What doubts do you have in life?

I don't doubt people or things in life. I see the best in people and always hope for the best.

3. How can you help people who have no hope?

You could make sure that they know everything they're good at and the things they are not good at.

Year 6, Lowry

1. Are you a hopeful person?

I can be sometimes but if it is like 10-0 at a football match I can be a bit hopeless!

2. What doubts do you have in life?

I don't really have a lot of doubts as I am still young but I think I will experience doubts in my life and let's face it, everyone has doubts.

3. How can you help people who have no hope?

You could reassure them or tell them a joke or try and relate to them and give them encouragement and cheer them up.

Year 6, Ellesmere



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
3426	3870	3617	3850

Here are this terms' final house point totals!

The winner of this term's house competition was.....

ELLESMERE

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...

- ⇒ World Book Day Voucher
- ⇒ Year 5 Class Assembly—New Date
- ⇒ Easter Egg Trail
- ⇒ Ironbridge Meeting Recording



PTA Summer Fair

An important date for your dairy! The PTA will return—big style—with the Ellenbrook Summer Fair which will be held on the school field from 1-4.30pm on Saturday 16th July 2022.

[ellenbrookpta](http://ellenbrookpta.com)



Please put this date in your diary and we will be writing to you in more detail next term to explain how you can help!

After School Club

Please can we remind all of our club parents to read all communications from the school regarding club



We had a number of children not collected today despite a number of messages informing you that club will not be running on the last day of term.

This will be the case going forward.

Football

Our footballers have been very busy these week with four fixtures with two being at home and two away.



On Tuesday we faced St. Paul's and were victorious with a 1 nil score line. The second game was exceptionally close with a very tight 0-0 draw with Christ the King.

Last night we faced Broadoak and St Mark away and sadly lost both matches. Broadoak played exceptionally well and ran out 4 nil winners. It would have been worse for Ellenbrook if not from some truly world class saves from Max in goal...well done Max!

The second game against St. Marks was incredibly tight and the boys fought back from 2 nil down only to be beaten by a goal immediately after they had equalized. Heart breaking for them but again they played very well.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We're Going on a Bear Hunt, we're going to catch a big one. What a beautiful day... okay it was freezing, but we braved the cold and we had so much fun that Nursery wanted to keep going round! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#bringingstoriestolife](#)

Reception!

[#Receptionwillow](#) had a challenge from the aliens today! They had to see how many different ways they could make 8 - using underpants and the part-part-whole model outside. They then recorded this using pictures & number sentences. Super maths work!

Year 1!

[#year1cedar](#) exploring leaves from the evergreen trees! We even found a cedar tree! We have had a fantastic day. The children made us so proud with their knowledge and behaviour! What an amazing day at [#RHSBridgewater](#)



[#Year1Pine](#) really enjoyed

learning about plants and exploring the grounds

Year 2!

Year 2 Beech are getting very hands on with bulbs and seeds this afternoon in science

Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) are loving this terms house quiz!

Year 4!

Voyagers are writing wish for the toy shop, but will there enough money in the budget [#rsemoneymatters](#) [#year4voyagers](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) braved the weather today and had a game of football in PE. We had some fantastic saves [#Goalie](#) [#Win-terIsBack](#) [#PE](#) [#Football](#)

Year 6!

Super proud of Year 6. They have planned, cooked and tasted a whole three course meal over the course of this week. Amazing work! [#year6sharks](#)

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Dodgeball
YR 5 & 6	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