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The Ellenbrook News

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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

It's our Jubilee celebration on Friday next week and the children will have a shared sit down picnic outside (weather permitting!)

The Year 3 football tournament at Carrington is on Tuesday

Why Can't We Just Get Along.....?

It's been a fab week at Ellenbrook with the children enjoying the fantastic weather (except for the rain!) and producing some fantastic work which you can see on Twitter. It's been less of a great week for me as I have had to listen, in some cases face to face, to some very disappointing feedback from local residents on not only the parking of some of our parents but also the manner in which they have spoken to house owners. I know parking on the roads around the estate has always been a problem at Ellenbrook but I am surprised to hear of verbal confrontations taking place between our parents and local residents when parents have either parked irresponsibly or in some cases illegally. I appreciate that my plea for everyone to get along may well fall on deaf ears of those parents this relates to but I don't think anyone would be happy with the current situation if the shoe was on the other foot as it were. With good weather forecast can I re-iterate my plea for children to cycle, walk or scoot to school rather than be driven in a car. It would really help us to maintain good relationships with local residents which is very important to us.

This week the Ellenbrook swim team took part in the swimming gala at the Worsley leisure centre. Unfortunately I couldn't be there but Mrs Chapman and her team said they all did a fantastic job. I wanted to say a huge well done to all of the children who swam and gave their all to represent the school. We are so proud of them and even though some may have been disappointed with their finish they are all winners in our book! A huge thank you to the staff who attended to support the team as well.

Just a reminder that the booking page for the Summer club should hopefully have opened today. If you do want a place, I would suggest you book early as numbers each day are limited to 30.

Next week is the last week of this half term and I have to say it has flown by! We have some great plans for the jubilee next week and just a reminder that the jubilee lunch is on Friday.

We are having a huge picnic on the field which I think the children will enjoy very much!

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. Are you easily satisfied?

As I am getting older I don't really play with many toys so it is hard to satisfy me when I don't even know what I want. I am grateful and satisfied with most things though because of all of the thought and love that people put into them for me.

2. Do you always want what others have got?

I know I shouldn't but sometimes people have the new electronics that I so badly want. When I am walking down the street and I see all these cool clothes on people I do get pretty jealous.

3. Is it ok to never be satisfied?

No because you have to think of all the people that don't have a house or food and water so we should be satisfied with what we have. **Year 5, Peel**

1. Are you easily satisfied?

Sadly not really but I try to stop and be grateful for everything I have got!

2. Do you always want what others have got?

It depends if I really like that thing I might get it but I might not be interested.

3. Is it ok to never be satisfied?

Sometimes because all that matters is happiness & grateful **Anon**



HOUSE POINTS

| BRIDGEWATER | ELLESMERE | LOWRY | PEEL |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------|
| 1775 | 1851 | 1631 | 1932 |

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.



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ Summer Holiday Club Bookings
- ⇒ EBASC Summer 2 Invoices
- ⇒ Year 6 Leavers Books
- ⇒ Year 3 Sleepover Update
- ⇒ Young Voices Final Arrangements
- ⇒ Year 6 Lledr Hall Payment Reminder
- ⇒ Summer 2 After School Sports Activities
- ⇒ Year 6 Alton Towers Trip
- ⇒ EYFS Suncream letter 2022



Request for Absence

This week I have received a number of requests for leave in exceptional circumstances from parents.

I just wanted to remind you all that holidays in term time will not be authorised and you may be liable for a penalty notice if you take your child out of school for an unapproved absence.

Family weddings or trips delayed due to Covid also do not count as exceptional circumstances and as such I am afraid they will be unauthorised too.



Drop off and Signing in

I appreciate I mentioned this in last weeks' newsletter but I do feel I need to clarify the procedure around dropping off at school in the mornings.

The gate beside my office, the main walkway around the school closes at 8.55am. When that gate closes, the classroom doors also close meaning any children who arrive afterwards must enter via the school office. These children do need to be signed in by an adult and cannot be sent into the office unaccompanied.

If you have any queries relating to this, please contact the school office or speak to myself or Mr Marks during drop off in the morning.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have had a super morning using our new Mighty Writer resources! We've had stories about pirates, mermaids, dinosaurs in space, football playing cats and upside down trains! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#storytellingskills](#) [#earlywritingskills](#)

Reception!

[#ReceptionWillow](#) have shared the story 'Yucky Worms' and have enjoyed leaning all about worms today! Two children have worked together to create this paper chain worm They are using it to measure and make comparisons! [#maths](#) [#fine-motordevelopment](#)

Reception Birch have become wormologists today. We having been learning all about worms and the important job they do in the garden. The children carefully hunted for some real life worms to observe. [#receptionbirch](#)

Year 1!

A great morning in [#Year1Pine](#) today we solved money word problems using number lines.

Year 2!

Year 2 Maple have been busy exploring watercolours in art and finding out geographical facts in preparation for their assembly. In Year 2 Beech we are learning about Rosa Parks. Fantastic partner work using primary sources of information.

Year 3!

[#year3elm](#) trying really hard this afternoon matching up analogue and digital clocks showing the same times, [#maths](#) [#time](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 Discoverers using place value counters in their Maths this morning for building fluency with division. [#Year4Discoverers](#)

Year 5!

In art this week [#year5amazons](#) have been designing the interiors of our youth centre. I'm delighted that some of them have remembered to add essential things like toilets and some have even included a Mental Health café

Year 6!

Year 6 are creating a design plan ready for making their steady hand game next week. [#year6jets](#) [#science](#) [#DT](#)



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 |