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Important Diary Dates

April

- * 1st April - School closes for Easter
- * 19th April - School re-opens
- * 26th—29th April—Year 4 trip to Ironbridge

May

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

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

2

Events for Next Week

Just a reminder that it's the Year 4 trip to Ironbridge next week

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school at all times

Welcome Back.....!

What a fab holiday that was! It felt like ages and it was great to see so many rested children raring to go on Tuesday. It is slightly weird having colleagues who are currently still on holiday when we are back but I suppose they had that the other way around when we broke up. I hope you managed to have a restful break and from what the children indicated in assembly a lot of you visited other countries which is always a great experience for children. Speaking of holidays, just a reminder that family holidays should not be taken during term time and are not an exceptional circumstance so will not be authorised. If you do take your child out of school for a holiday during term time you are at risk of receiving a penalty. Our policy is available on the school website should you need to read it.

We have returned to some fantastic weather and there are a few reminders on the reverse of the newsletter about things to bear in mind this term. There is also a reminder that children aged 5-11 are now eligible for the Covid 19 vaccination should you choose and the NHS will be writing to all parents shortly.

I also wanted to give a very polite reminder about school uniform. It is always a contentious issue in the Summer term but this week I have noticed a lot of children returning to school in uniform that does not conform to our school policy (which is on our website). In particular there were a lot of children not wearing the correct shoes and this was for a variety of reasons. Please can we ask you to ensure your child has the correct uniform, particularly footwear, as quickly as possible. If you have any issues around uniform please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

Social media is very much a hot topic at the moment and it's something which I think can have a hugely positive impact if used correctly. Sometimes, it can cause issues and I wanted to ask you all to think carefully about messages you post on social media sites and WhatsApp groups. What may seem inoffensive to some can be hurtful for others.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being special!

1. Do you think you are an ordinary person?

Yes. In a way.....I mean ordinary and normal are the same and the definition of normal is a person or a thing that have no specialities and is 'typical'. I'm not the best-most amazing person in the world but everyone is special in their own way

2. Who do you think is the most amazing person in the world?

The people who support me and do not judge me. Everyone has a value and is amazing but the ones I value are my friends, family and teachers.

3. What is special about you and who knows it?

I can wiggle my ears and I don't know who knows it. No one knows that I want to be a high school Geography teacher. Also, most people don't know it but I can draw a portrait upside down! There are many things people don't know about me and I like to keep it that way!

Year 6, Peel

1. Do you think you are an ordinary person?

I think I am an ordinary person but sometimes I think I'm extra ordinary as I am different to other people because I don't have a thyroid.

2. Who do you think is the most amazing person in the world?

Mary Anning because she discovered fossils and I want to be just like her and find some fossils!

3. What is special about you and who knows it?

I can do a handspring in gymnastics!

Year 2, Lowry



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
162	332	167	208

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

The winner of this weeks' assembly challenge 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...

- ⇒ Year 6 leavers meal menu choice reminder
- ⇒ Year 5 Lancaster Castle Trip
- ⇒ Ironbridge Trip forms reminder
- ⇒ Year 3 DT 'Eating Seasonally'
- ⇒ Year 6 SATS Meeting – Tuesday 3rd May
- ⇒ Year 1 & 2 Class Assemblies
- ⇒ New Website Photography



Child Vaccinations

As I am sure you are aware, children aged between 5-11 are now eligible for Covid vaccinations through the NHS.



Over the coming weeks, you should receive a letter with further information on how you can obtain a vaccine at a vaccine center or pharmacy should you wish to.

Uniform

This week the children have returned to school lost mostly fabulous but we have noticed a significant number of children in trainers and schools which are not appropriate for school.

I appreciate it's the last term, but the children need to be in the correct uniform particularly shoes. The Staff and I will be speaking to you and the children directly if they don't have appropriate uniform.

Hot weather message

It appears that we are finally in for some warmer weather and with that in mind, can I ask you all to ensure your child has a wattle bottle, and when it is especially hot, sun block and a hat or cap.



We do remind the children throughout the day to rehydrate but they all need to have their own named bottle.

Leave of Absence

As the Summer term begins I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that absences from school for holidays during term time are not authorised unless they are deemed an exceptional circumstance.

Family holidays, weddings and visits to relatives do not count as exceptional circumstances and you may incur a penalty notice should your child be absent from school.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We're Nursery have had a visit from the Easter bunny! They left us a brilliant book called 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' and left us the ingredients for delicious cornflake cakes! We practiced our counting putting on the sweets [#ellenbrook-nursery](#)

Reception!

Easter fun continued in Reception today. The children ordered and followed instructions to make tasty Easter nests! [#receptionbirch](#) [#receptionwillow](#) [#eastertreats](#) [#Receptionwillow](#) had a wonderful time on their Easter Bonnet parade this afternoon! We are so proud of them all and how hard they worked to create their bonnets [#HappyEaster](#)

Year 1!

Amazing place value work happening in [#year1cedar](#) this morning! The children are exploring numbers to one hundred! [#placevalue](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 Maple are busy finding out about significant people from history. Year 2 Beech are busy making their egg monsters in D.T today. Lots of super cutting skill and measuring going on in class

Year 3!

After a super busy morning of fractions [#year3oak](#) cannot wait to get out to do some rounders

Year 4!

Year 4 Voyagers have just done their first Athletics session of the Summer Term! Today with have been working on stamina! [#year4voyagers](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5swallows](#) have some thought provoking questions for thoughtful time this morning

Year 6!

Year 6 have learnt about circuit symbols to create circuit diagrams of their own. [#year6jets](#) [#science](#) [#electricity](#) You have to ask [#year6sharks](#) how World War 1 started! Their knowledge is blowing me away!



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