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Important Diary Dates

February

- * 1st—Chinese New Year
- * 18th —School closes for half term holidays
- * 28th —School re-opens
- * 28th—4th March - Book week

March

- * 3rd March—World Book Day

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

9

Events for Next Week

Please remember to keep checking WEDUC for any updates

Just a reminder that we are a no nut school.

Please can we ask you not to send in food items with nuts in them

Every Day We're Bubbling....!

How fabulous it has been to finally be free of bubbles...for a while at least! The circuit breaker worked and our current covid numbers are significantly lower than they were when we made the decision to bubble the children which shows it was the correct decision but it does come at a cost in terms of the children's social development with many of them missing friends from other year groups. On the plus side, the children are now so used to these changes they have taken them in their stride and thankfully it was only a week which is positive at least.

One very good piece of news this week is that Ms Penman will be staying as Year 1 Pine teacher until the end of the academic year. Ms Penman has done a fabulous job and we are very lucky to have such a talented teacher to fill Ms Bradley's shoes.

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with the children wearing a red item of clothing. This can be shoes, a jumper, a shirt, a hair band, just something red. Please can we ask that the children are in their school uniform except for their red item. It's a really important part of our ethos that we celebrate the diversity we have in our school and events such as this, and black history month that we celebrated earlier in the year, are important for the children to see celebrations from different cultures.

This week we have had two occasions where parents have driven into the car park during drop off and pick up time when a member of SLT hasn't been on duty. Please can I remind you all that the staff car park is not to be used by parents during drop off and pick up times. There are some parents who have access to the car park but they are closely monitored by the SLT member on duty. Please help us to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Lastly, really well done to the Year 1 team and children on a fab visit to Blackpool Zoo. The children were a credit to the school and superbly behaved!

Have an absolutely fabulous weekend

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Thought for the Week



Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our plan for life!

1. Who influences the way you think in life?

Yes my mother influences the way I think because me and my mother are so alike.....I want to be just like her when I grow up.

2. Who are your role models?

My role model is Simone Biles because she is such a hard worker and she never gives up!

3. Do you believe in yourself all of the time?

No, because sometimes I get nervous and scared, but it is just a part of life so I try to carry on regardless.

Year 5, Lowry

1. Who influences the way you think in life?

My grandparents because I am determined to behave when I am around them.

2. Who are your role models?

My role models are my grandparent and his friend (who is a song writer that wrote the theme tune for Postman Pat) because I am musical and want to make them proud.

3. Do you believe in yourself all of the time?

I believe in myself most of the time but not all of the time like when I am uncomfortable or struggle with something.

Year 6, 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
794	796	786	937

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

BRIDGEWATER ELLESMERE LOWRY 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...

- * Children's Mental Health Week - 7th – 11th February
- * Young Voices Choir Concert – new date
- * Chinese New Year Wear Red – Tuesday 1st February



Children's Mental Health Week

This year we will be celebrating and supporting children's mental health week which runs from Monday 17th February 2022.



During this week we will be focusing on the issues the children are facing in school and beyond.

The theme is growing together and we encourage you to spend some time that week talking to your children about the activities they are undertaking and how it has made them feel.

More details will follow next week....

Idling Cars

Just another reminder about leaving your car idling when you are dropping off or picking up from school.



It's bad for the environment and for the pedestrians who have to pass by and it's also a waste of fuel.

Lost Property

Our lost property pile is again growing at a rapid rate and most of the items are not named meaning it's impossible to return them to their correct owners.

Please can we ask you to name all items of clothing and equipment that come into school.

Parking

Yet again this week I have had complaints from residents about the way parents are parking during drop off and pick up.

Please can we ask you to respect the yellow lines and not park over the driveways of residents.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery This afternoon [#nursery](#) have been learning all about 2D shapes. We then went on a shape hunt around school to see which shapes we could recognise. We cannot wait to tell you all about which shapes we know and can describe. [#earlymaths](#) [#superstars](#)

Reception!

More exploring of the composition of today, but this time using multi-link. [#receptionwillow](#) [#earlymaths](#) [#superstars](#). [#receptionbirch](#) have worked hard this morning using our gross motor skills to move in various ways to get to Granny's house. We have rolled, crawled, walked, jumped, ran, hopped, skipped and climbed our way there. [#physical](#) [#grossmotor](#) [#active](#)

Year 1!

[#Year1Pine](#) have had a great RSE lesson this week. We have had a class discussion and completed a task. [#year1cedar](#) have received poo from the zoo! Blackpool Zoo have asked us to investigate the poo from a carnivore, herbivore and an omnivore. The children found out what each group eats. We have to take the results back on Friday when we go on our school trip!

Year 2!

Year 2 Beech have been using paper patterns to make their purse and wallets in D.T today. Super cutting and sewing skills

Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) [#RSE](#) [#year3oak](#) We all have rights AND responsibilities!

Year 4!

Voyagers have produced amazing work to demonstrate their learning about the Roman army [#year4voyagers](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) [#Year5Swallows](#) played fractions bingo this morning in maths finding equivalent fractions, it got pretty competitive

Year 6!

Thank you to Mrs Tandy for helping [#year6sharks](#) to make these beautiful origami flowers in art today.



CLUBS

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