



Important Diary Dates

January

- * 11th January - Class Photographs
- * 11th January - Intra-health flu vaccination catch up

February

- * 18th —School closes for half term holidays
- * 28th —School re-opens
- * 28th—4th March - Book week

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

20

Events for Next Week

It's class photographs on Tuesday next week (11th January 2022)

Intra Health are doing their second nasal flu vaccination on Tuesday next week (11th January 2022)

Welcome Back and Happy New Year...!

I hope you all had a super, smashing, great Christmas and New Year! It has been some great to have the children back in school and it was great to see you at pick up and drop off too.

Only one place to start this week and that is with the current Covid situation. As you know by now, we have endeavoured to keep you up to date with all of the relevant information as quickly as we can and we will continue to do so moving forward. We have been hit by a number of staff absences this week which we have managed to cover but I do feel I need to warn you that we may need to close some class bubbles, as we did in December, should child or staff cases rise too rapidly within a short space of time. This is of course the last resort but we will closely follow and implement the advice and guidance from both Salford and Public Health England should we reach that point. We will let you know as quickly as we can should a bubble need to be closed but I do stress again it would be the absolute last resort.

It was great to see the children in the first assembly on Wednesday and I was really taken aback by how much some of them seem to have grown over the holiday. They all looked very happy to be back and it has felt very settled in school this week with the children getting straight back into their routine and producing some fantastic work.

You will hopefully have seen the post I put on WEDUC today about our holiday clubs and the fact they will not be going ahead for February half term and for Easter. There are a number of factors involved in this decision on how we manage and staff the club and we are currently reviewing how we run the club following some advice and guidance from Salford. We hope to run the club again in the future but at this stage I cannot inform you when that will be or if we will actually be able to re-instate the club.

Lastly, have an absolutely fabulous weekend and I will catch up with you all next week

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Happy New Year!

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 dreams!

1. Do you have a dream in life?

I have a huge dream to save all of the pandas and to keep them all alive and healthy. But I also have another dream to let all my family live close to each other and make sure that they are the most happy they can possibly be.

2. Do you believe dreams come true?

Dreams can come true as long as you try and be determined and carry on no matter what may try and stop you in your path. You have to be clear on your path and try again.

3. What would you give to fulfil your dreams?

Well life is full of many things and you might have to give a lot of those things up to fulfil your dreams.

So I would maybe have to go to a new country to save the Panda's and other animals but then I would come back to this country knowing I have done a good deed.



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
0	0	100	0

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

LOWRY

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...

- * Class photos – Tuesday 11th January
- * Nursery resource & snack fund
- * Reception resource fund



Mr B Charity Appeal Update

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the 'Run the Month' appeal for Prostate cancer.



Just an update for you, this week I have run 36km (22 miles) and will hopefully be finished on Monday!

It's not too late to sponsor me though using the link below.

<https://runthemothme.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/mr-bs-running-the-month>

Lost Property

We still have a huge amount of lost property which accumulated before the Christmas holidays.



If you know your child has lost something (or multiple things!) please can I ask you to look at lost property next week. We will put the tubs outside.

Uniform

Please can I just remind you all about our expectations of uniform. This week I have seen a number of children wearing ankle boots and trainers as school shoes, neither of which are acceptable and both of which fall outside our uniform policy. Please can children be sent to school in appropriate shoes.

Packed Lunches

I appreciate it has been Christmas and there is probably a lot of chocolate floating around at home but can I please ask that children don't bring in whole (and often large!) chocolate bars as part of their lunch.

This isn't very healthy and can cause issues. Please can we ask for healthier lunch choices :)

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have loved creating and exploring our winter cave this morning! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#winterishere](#)

Reception!

Happy New Year from Reception Willow! This week we are reading the story 'Squirrel's New Year's Resolution.' We have been busy writing our own New Year Wishes and have created a New Year Wish Tree in our classroom Look at our wonderful writing! [#receptionwillow](#) [#writing](#)

Year 1!

[#year1pine](#) have enjoyed being creative this afternoon making frost art, drawing winter scenes and adding a descriptive sentence. A great first day back. A super start for [#year1cedar](#) after the Christmas break! We are exploring the season of winter through poetry in English this week. Look out for our poetry performances!

Year 2!

Year 2 Maple are exploring their senses in preparation for collecting noun phrases for their Tin Forest poetry.

Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) have loved exploring rocks this afternoon

Year 4!

Well done to all of Year 4 for their attitude and exemplary behaviour on the school trip this afternoon! [#proud](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) have been learning about reproduction in Science, there have been some excellent conversations amongst the children [#year5amazons](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 have created invaders and settlers timelines as an introduction to their new topic 'Do the Vikings deserve this land?' [#year6jets](#) [#History](#) [#Vikings](#)



STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

CLUBS

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
MONDAY	8-8.45AM	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	YEAR 3 - 6
	3.30-4.30PM	BASKETBALL	YEAR 5 & 6
TUESDAY	3.30-4.30PM	FOOTBALL	YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY	3.30-4.30PM	MULTISPORTS	EBASC ATTENDEES
THURSDAY	3.30-4.30PM	DODGEBALL	YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
FRIDAY	8-8.45AM	HOCKEY	YEAR 1 & 2
	3.30-4.30PM	NETBALL	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4