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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

<b>BRIDGEWATER</b> .....	<b>2169</b>
<b>ELLESMERE</b> .....	<b>2004</b>
<b>LOWRY</b> .....	<b>2032</b>
<b>PEEL</b> .....	<b>1963</b>

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week. Keep up the good work!

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### DECEMBER

11/12/2018	Reception production @10am
12/12/2018	KS1 production@1.30pm
13/12/2018	Reception production @10am
13/12/2018	KS1 production@1.30pm
14/12/2018	Nursery production@10am
14/12/2018	Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation
14/12/2018	PTA Christmas Family Night—7-9pm
17/12/2018	Ellenbrook's Got Talent! - EYFS & KS1 - 1.30pm
18/12/2018	Ellenbrook's Got Talent! - KS2—1.30pm
19/12/2018	EYFS & KS1 Christmas parties—1.30pm
20/12/2018	KS2 Christmas parties—1.30pm
21/12/2018	KS2 Carols at St. Mary's Church—10am
21/12/2018	Whole school Christmas DVD—1.15pm
21/12/2018	School closes for the Christmas holidays

### JANUARY

07/01/2019 Back to school!

### FEBRUARY

15/02/2019 School closes for half term

25/02/2019 Back to school!

## All About the Feedback...!

What an amazing week we have had at Ellenbrook, it's been simply magical! We have had some incredible Christmas performances and the children were superb. Great acting, great singing, great costumes and great support from you as parents. I also want to publicly thank all of the Ellenbrook staff who have been amazing. They are a fantastic bunch and their sheer determination, patience and dedication has driven the children on to perform superbly. Thank you to everyone who attended and I am sure, like me, you thought they were all fantastic!

It's the PTA Christmas Family evening tonight and I am looking forward to seeing you all later. We have a fantastic evening planned and it's a great opportunity to celebrate Christmas together as a school. We have some interesting stalls for you to look at this year as well as the usual favourites and of course a visit from Santa!

The parental feedback survey is going very well and I am pleased with the responses we have had so far which at the time of writing this are 117. It is open until after Christmas so please take some time to fill it in if you can. It is pleasing to see that many of the changes we have implemented so far have been popular with the majority of you and the feedback we have had on changes you didn't think were a good idea have been very informative.

It's been a great term so far and we have one very Christmassy week left!

There are a number of changes to items on the back of this newsletter so please take so time to read them. Until next week, I hope you have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our forgiveness....

### 1. Is it weak to forgive or strong?

Yes it is strong to forgive and it takes courage to forgive people too like Nelson Mandela. He regretted what he had done when he was younger because when he was older he knew that he had done the wrong thing and was sorry for it.

### 2. Have you ever forgiven someone?

I have forgiven somebody when I fell out with a friend. He said sorry for what he had done and I forgave him. When I did, my anger and frustration went away so I knew it was the right thing to do.

### 3. Have you been forgiven?

I have been forgiven when I accidentally punched my friend and I said sorry meaning sorry and he forgave me. **Lowry, Year 4**

### 1. Is it weak to forgive or strong?

I think it is strong because if not you may lose a friend.

### 2. Have you ever forgiven someone?

I have forgiven someone when we were fighting.

### 3. Have you been forgiven?

I have been forgiven when me and the family were playing a game and I was getting angry and flipped the board and I said sorry. **Bridgewater, Year 6**



**TOOL OF THE WEEK**

**Locks, Hinges & Handles**

**Are you able to forgive others?**



### Things to Remember from the Office....

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by calling or emailing the school office. If your child is off for more than a day, we still need you to call in with a detailed message explaining their absence.
- Please can you let the office or your child's class teacher know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- Can we remind you all to check your Parent Pay account for messages and communications from the school. Please can we also ask you to read the e-mails sent from the office. We currently have 13 Parents Pay accounts that need to be updated!
- Any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox inside the school office.
- Please remember we need two weeks notice if you child is changing from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa. Please do not change without informing the office.
- Answerphone messages are picked up throughout the day, we may not always responded immediately if the office is very busy. We would ask you to be patient if you haven't heard from us, your query will be answered the same day.



### Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- Performance arrangements: Nursery/EYFS KS1
- SATS Revision booklets reminder, closing date Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Year 6 only
- EGT Finalist letters: Selected children only



### In the classroom this week.....

#### Nursery

We are bursting with pride at how well Nursery performed Today! They all did an amazing job and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! [#allonthestar](#) [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Reception have been excited to write letters to Father Christmas today [#writing](#) [#oak](#) #elm.

#### Year 1!

Couldn't be prouder of Year 1 and the whole of KS1 for their performance of 'A Midwife Crisis'. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Merry Christmas !

#### Year 2!

Problem solving with odd and even numbers in Swallows!

#### Year 3!

A super Thursday afternoon in Year 3 today, Testing to identify reflective materials. Reflections in water by Year 3 and we are working in groups to write the first draft of their play-scripts. [#teamwork](#) [#crosscurricularlearning](#)

#### Year 4!

This week Year 4 have been making rag-bag toys for Christmas [#year4rockets](#)

#### Year 5!

This week we have been predicting how line graphs will look for our Brazilian data! Design teams have been given a brief for their clients and are coming up with appropriate designs for carnival costumes.

#### Year 6!

This week, Year 6 built, tested, recorded and evaluated their bridges. Future engineers in training!



### Uniform Reminder

I know we approaching the end of the term and it has been a busy period over the last two weeks, but we have a number of children no in the proper school uniform mainly around shoes. Please can you ensure your child has the appropriate footwear for when we return in January. And just a reminder that Black trainers are not part of the Ellenbrook school uniform.



### Save the Children!

Thank you all so much for everyone who donated to make our Christmas Jumper day so special.



We were able to raise over £300 which is excellent and will be greatly welcomed by this fantastic charity. Thank you all very much!

### Parental Survey

Huge thank you to everyone who has completed the online survey so far.



We have had 122 so far with Swallows and Amazons neck and neck.

The deadline for completing the survey is **Monday 14th January 2019.**

### Ellenbrook Wet Play Games Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated a game or toy to the school in the last week. We would like to establish a wet play game box for every class at Ellenbrook.....



The toys do not have to be new but in good condition with no bits missing. We have had games, puzzles, jigsaws this week and I am hoping there is a lot more sorting at home to do before Christmas. We are also looking for Top Trumps smaller quieter games.

Again, if you have anything at home that fits the bill, please drop it into school...we'd be very grateful!

### Parking

We have been informed that cars are being parked on corners, double yellow lines, zig zags or so far up on curbs you can't get passed and are blocking people's driveways.

Can I please ask you all again to respect the traffic laws and not park illegally or irresponsibly.

