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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

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## House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

<b>BRIDGEWATER</b> .....	<b>1080</b>
<b>ELLESMERE</b> .....	<b>996</b>
<b>LOWRY</b> .....	<b>992</b>
<b>PEEL</b> .....	<b>978</b>

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

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

09/11/2018	Individual class photographs
21/11/2018	Nasal flu vaccinations
28/11/2018	New admissions open morning @ 10.30am
29/11/2018	Year 4 Tatton Park trip

### 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!
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## I Get By With A Little Help....!

I am not sure how it feels to you but for me...this term is flying by. We have had an amazing week at Ellenbrook this week as we have had our first Friendship Week. We call it Friendship Week rather than anti-bullying week as I think that starts with a focus on the negative rather than celebrating the positive. Friendships are a key part of school life and this week we have focused on understanding why friendships sometimes go wrong and what we can do to stop that from happening and how we deal with it when it unfortunately does. We have also taken the opportunity to celebrate our friendships this week and to value the contribution other friends make to our lives. How they support us, guide us and enrich our life experiences.

As you will see, this is a special edition newsletter as it features pictures of our new playground. There is still some work to do on the trim trail for the Spring and a few line markings to go down but it is essentially completed and oh how the children have loved using it this week. I want to take this opportunity to thank the PTA. They contributed an incredible £15,000.00 which paid, single-handedly, for the Key Stage 1 playground and has freed up money for us to work on other key priorities in school. A huge thank you to them for agreeing the donation and of course to **you** the parents who have parted with your hard earned money over the years to the PTA to provide the funds. Lastly, Mr Marks needs a mention as he not only pulled the children's ideas together for the playground but did all of the groundwork (excuse the pun!) in terms of selecting a supplier. Just a reminder too that tickets are now on sale for the PTA family night on Friday 14th December from 7-9pm.

Lastly, I do want to draw your attention to the message on the back about parking. I have been shocked this week to see the way some parents are choosing to park on the streets surrounding the school. Please take this message on board I would hate for anyone to get hurt. Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about friendship.....

### **1. Have you ever fallen out with your friends?**

Yes I have fallen out with my friends when we had an argument with what to play, for example I wanted to play a funny game and my friends wanted to play roundabout. We did make up though!

### **2. How did it make you feel?**

It made me feel very miserable and I nearly burst into tears but I tried not to. I just found someone else to play with and they cheered me up.

### **3. Have you ever bullied someone?**

I have never bullied anyone although I might have been a bit means-sometimes  
**Bridgewater, Year 3**

### **1. Have you ever fallen out with your friends?**

I fell out with my friend when she kept running away from me.

### **2. How did it make you feel?**

Really sad, because I trusted her.

### **3. Have you ever bullied someone?**

No I have never bullied anyone at all...ever

**Bridgewater, Year 2**



This  
**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
we

**choose  
respect**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

### Reminders 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 your 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 respond 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...

1. Update on PTA Christmas party night
2. Whole school – Christmas market stalls PTA Family night
3. Young voices t-shirt letter (choir only)
4. Year 4 Tatton Park trip
5. Incident Outside School—Whistles only

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

#### Nursery

Where did Baa Baa get his wool from? What could he use the wool for? Just a couple of questions we have been busy investigating in nursery this week. We have looked at clothes made from wool and watched a video of sheep being sheared! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

A Gingerbread bakery. The children turned the classroom into a busy bakers shop in Reception Oak making and selling their own gingerbread men! Yum! [#mathswith-money](#) [#roleplay](#) [#oak](#)



#### Year 1!

Year 1 Voyagers couldn't believe what had happened when they walked into the classroom this morning! Their toys had been up to mischief! The children were convinced they had come alive just like in the film 'Toy Story'.

#### Year 2!

Amazons are working on their friendship poems, in the style of Rudyard Kipling. [#friendshipweek](#). Time to perform our poems in Amazons.

#### Year 3!

Friendship art in Sharks. It's Friendship week! Sharks are busy creating WANTED posters for new friends and making friendship value people

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Rockets taking time to compliment each other [#friendshipweek](#)

#### Year 5!

Multiplying up to 4 digits by 2 digits showing 2 written methods in year 5 this week. Everyone is working extremely hard! Well done! [#year5falcons](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 Bells have worked as a team to order the events of the Industrial Revolution.

Year 6 Bells and Whistles have worked together this afternoon on team building tasks and are working as a group to create some art together [#friendshipweek](#)



### PTA Christmas Family Night

As you will have seen this week, the PTA is holding its annual Christmas Family Night on **Friday 14th December** from 7-9pm. There will be a DJ, hot supper, tombola, bar and tuck shop. This year we will also be having an adult themed shopping area.



It costs £5.00 per ticket and the deadline for tickets is **Wednesday 23rd November 2018**. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible!

### Cross Country

Best of luck to our cross country team who have their second race tomorrow morning.



### Parking

Over the course of this term I have mentioned the way some of our parents park in the roads surrounding school at both pick up and drop off. Policing the roads is not the school's job, but ensuring children are safe is!



This week we had a collision between a lorry delivering in Helmclough Way and a car. I have been out at different times over the last few days and have been shocked to see the way cars are parked, particularly at pick up time.

I have seen cars parked on corners, double yellow lines, so far up on curbs you can't get passed and blocking people's drive-ways.

If we are not careful, a child is going to get seriously hurt. Can I please ask you to adhere to the laws of the road when parking and help make the roads around the school safer!

### School Play Equipment

As tempting as it is, can I please ask you to ensure your children don't play on any of the play equipment when dropping off and picking up including siblings.

We are liable for any injuries on the school site and we have already had a number of children playing on the new equipment after school and in the Nursery playgrounds.



# Playground Special

## KEY STAGE 1 PLAYGROUND.....

This week saw the long awaited opening of our new Key Stage 1 playground. This has taken a huge amount of time and effort to plan and deliver and we are so happy with the finished product, which as you can see, mirrors our initial design.

Creating such a an amazing playground is clearly very costly and we are so very fortunate to have such an incredibly committed and hard working PTA who raised, with your support, the £15,000 needed to pay for the Key Stage 1 development.

I want to thank the PTA, past and present, and you the parents for attending the events which have raised such an incredible amount of money and allowed us to realise our dreams for an amazing play space!

It's already been incredibly well used! Thank you all!

## New Markings



## New Climbing Frame



Our original design



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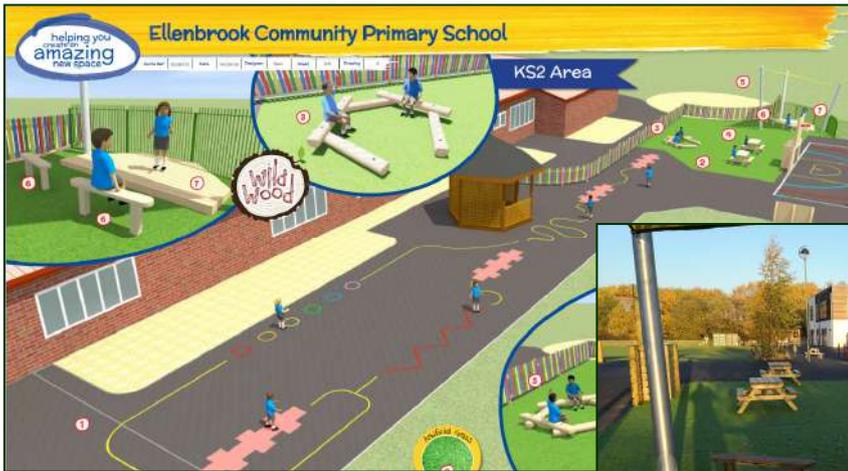


# Playground Special

## KEY STAGE 2 PLAYGROUND & TRIM TRAIL.....

Construction on the Key Stage 2 playground is finished but the main set of line markings need to be laid down over the next two weeks.

The trim trail at the back of the field still needs to be rubber mulched and that will happen in the Spring term.



Our original designs



## Grassed bench area



## Trim Trail