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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...

BRIDGEWATER	1679
ELLESMERE	1555
LOWRY	1606
PEEL	1525

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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Make a Little Room.....!

They say it's the most wonderful time of the year and it is certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Ellenbrook this week. Rehearsals are in full swing, the children are feeling Christmasy and the weather is getting colder. At this time of year many of you will be looking at the children's toys and possibly thinking of recycling. Please read the message on the inside of the newsletter if that applies to you!

We have been thinking a lot about attendance this week and at this time of year attendance is more important than ever. Please can I ask you to read the item on the inside of the newsletter about attendance as we cannot continue to help the children achieve their potential if they miss too much school.

I was very pleased with the way the booking system for parents' evening went with the exception of Bells who unfortunately were unable to book their appointments due to technical difficulties with the provider's website. They were all solved as soon as we were made aware and there haven't been any problems since. We will be sending out a letter on Monday with all of the final information you will need for parents' evening including how you will come in and out of the school and where everyone will be. Please can we ask you to read it carefully as there are a few changes (surprise, surprise!) from last year.

We are nearly ready to send out the parents feedback survey and there are a number of questions on their which are designed to get your thoughts about the whole of the school. We are going to have a prize for the class whose parents complete the most surveys so please take some time to fill it in when it comes out at the end of next week.

Just a reminder that there are a number of events coming up over the next few weeks so keep checking Twitter and the letters that go out. Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

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

1. Do you stand up for those that are picked on?

Yes I do when my friend was being bullied by one of my team mates at football.

2. Have you ever felt outcast or hated?

Yes I have been left out when nobody would play with me and I felt sad

3. How can we combat prejudice?

I am nice so I would be nice and stand up for them!

Ellesmere, Year 2

1. Do you stand up for those that are picked on?

Yes I do because if someone is upset then I will help them feel better.

2. Have you ever felt outcast or hated?

I have been left out when my friends didn't include me in what they were doing.

3. How can we combat prejudice?

If someone is alone then I would make them feel better by saying are you ok?

Ellesmere, Year 6



TOOL OF THE WEEK

Brushes & Rollers

Do you stand up for what you believe in?

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. Year 6 Maritime Museum
2. EYFS Christmas Tickets
3. KS 1 Christmas Tickets Allocation



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery

Nursery have been using their gross motor and fine motor skills to roll, cut, and pinch the pastry and scoop the make the delicious mince pies. We can't wait to eat them! [#ellenbrook-nursery](#) [#buildingmusclestowrite](#). This week Nursery found a letter from the robin saying thank you for all the wonderful pictures they have drawn of him. He left us ingredients to make our own mince pies to share! We have been writing lots of letters back to him! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#emergentwriting](#) [#meaningtoourmarks](#)

Reception!

We have been looking at the story 'Biscuit Bear' in Reception Elm. Today we had a letter from him to say that Bongo the dog had eaten all his friends (just like the story!) Look at the mess he left in our class! We are busy making him some new friends [#receptionelm](#) [#biscuitbakery](#)

Year 1!

This week Year 1 had a special toy delivery from Manchester Museum; a mixture of old and new toys. They needed our help to sort the toys, so we have been researching answers to questions about those which we didn't know much about. We created our own toy museum full of the old toys!

Year 2!

Swallows are being history detectives looking for evidence - why did the Great Fire spread so easily? Year 2 have identified the causes of the Great Fire of London. They travelled back in time and took on the role of King Charles II by writing orders to the Lord Mayor about how to prevent another fire from happening.

Year 3!

Jets went on to test which materials make the best shadows today. They will need to remember this when choosing materials for their shadow puppets later this week. Sharks wanted to investigate shadows so here they are in action... Can we make colourful shadows? Can we make shadows bigger or smaller? Can we see any lines of detail in shadows? [#pu-pilvoice](#) [#childledlearning](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 art work now being displayed at 'Rockets Art Gallery'. Fantastic drawings created from black and white images. Amazing! [#talanted](#) [#creative](#) [#year4rockets](#)

Year 5!

Pancakes and writing, what more do you need? [#earlymorningwritingclub](#) [#year5falcons](#) [#spookysaga](#) Warming up for our multiples and factors maths lesson [#year5falcons](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 Whistles really enjoyed investigating how light reflects off objects and the angles it creates.

Year 6 Bells have also been using mirrors, torches and protractors to find the angle of reflection.

Ellenbrook's Got Talent!

We were very pleased to finally begin our Ellenbrook's Got Talent! auditions this week. A huge well done to those children who have auditioned so far it can be incredibly nerve wracking to stand up and perform in front of other people.

Next week we will be auditioning the rest of the school so please encourage your children to practice this weekend!



Parking

Over the course of this term we 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 continues to be an issue I am in touch with local residents about and I will continue to ask you all to park responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children before and after school.

Cars are parked on corners, double yellow lines, so far up on curbs you can't get passed and blocking people's driveways. Can I please ask you all again to respect the traffic laws and not park illegally or irresponsibly.

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!



Educational Welfare Officer Support

This year the school have an Education Welfare Officer (EWO) working alongside us to support our families with school attendance and punctuality.

Salford City Council

One of the EWO's jobs is to review the attendance data and identify children who are below 90% (persistence absence). If we are concerned with a child's absence under 90% then the EWO will recommend that we send a penalty notice.

As I am sure you will know, attendance at school is extremely important and this is something that the EWO can support you with. The EWO will share further information with you during the year and on some days she will be here at 9.00am to support families who struggle with punctuality.

Our current Attendance Data is

Attendance	Percentage
Current Whole School Attendance	96.6
Unauthorised Absence	0.5%
Persistent Absence (90% or less)	10%

Our attendance target for this year is 97.5%. Please help us to do all we can to meet the target! Remember,

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Mission Christmas

At this time of year it is important to remember that the joy of Christmas is not shared by everybody. In my previous school we have supported the mission Christmas campaigns and asked our parents to contribute an unwrapped present if they want to give back to their local community.

The presents donated will go to children in Salford and Manchester can be donated at a number of different places including the Arndale shopping centre. Please help if you can!



Christmas is coming

Music and Readings for Advent and Christmas

with **Notability**
A choir of quality

St John's Cathedral
Salford M3 5LL
6:30 pm
Sunday 2nd December 2018

Free admission
Collection in aid of Loaves & Fishes and Caritas

Caritas
Diocese of Salford
0161 617 2250

Refreshments available afterwards

Ellenbrook CP School PTA Presents

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Following on from the very successful Halloween Family Night we are excited to announce the Christmas Family Night, which will be held on Friday 14th December (7pm to 9pm) in the School Hall. We have booked an energetic Kids DJ to keep the children entertained all night...

There is also a visit scheduled from Father Christmas himself.

The price is still just £5.00, which includes a hot supper. Please feel free to dress up in Christmas attire.

Chocolate and Bottle Tomatoes Stalls Children's Talents

info@ellenbrookpta.co.uk • facebook.com/ellenbrookpta • https://app.ptasocial.com/register/ellenbrookpta

Toy Appeal

With Christmas around the corner it is getting to time of year where you may be reviewing your children's toys.

We are looking to set up a 'wet play' box of games for each class to use when they can't go outside and are asking for donation of still in good conditions games and toys.



We are also on the look out for things for Nursery and Reception so if you have any of the items listed below we would really appreciate it.

The types of things we are after are

- **Beanbags or floor cushions**
- **New or very good condition small toys: games, puzzles, soft toys, balls, cars**
- **Board games, top trumps, etc.**
- **Old pots and pans and kitchen utensils for the Nursery outdoor provision**
- **We are particularly short of baby dolls and their clothes.**

No electronic games please.

Thank you very much for your help in advance!

Newsletter

We really hope you enjoy reading the weekly newsletter. This term we have decided to send out a paper copy to all of the children. We will be moving to an electronic copy from January but if you'd still like a paper copy, please let the office know on the usual e-mail. Ellenbrook.PrimarySchool@salford.gov.uk



Be part of our mission!

Mission Christmas is back to make this Christmas Day different for local children living in poverty.

It's a heart-breaking thought, but there are thousands of children living right here in our community who are in danger of waking up to no presents on Christmas Day. For some families Christmas is a luxury they just can't afford.

If you're able to, please buy an extra present this year and donate it to Mission Christmas. Reliant the Robin will make sure it gets to the Big Man in time for Christmas Eve.

We're looking for new and unwrapped gifts suitable for children and young people aged 0 to 18, and you can take them to drop off points across the region. Go online to find your nearest location.

Check out the rest of this pack for useful information about the appeal, plus a whole host of fundraising ideas and materials which you can use to support our mission. If you need a hand or have any questions the Cash for Kids team are happy to help - just get in touch!

Every gift donated and every penny raised stays local - so you can be sure that your generosity will benefit children living in our area.



From Twitter this week.....

