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The Ellenbrook News

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER	1897
ELLESMERE	1768
LOWRY	1812
PEEL	1731

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!

Give A Little Love.....!

What an amazing week it's been at Ellenbrook! We kicked it off with the Year 5 trip to St. Marys Church then followed it up with some excellent play rehearsals and scattered a couple of great parents' evenings over the top. Thank you all so much for the positive feedback we have had about parents' evening. From our point of view it went very well and seemed less pressured than I understand it had been before. There are questions on the parental survey which was launched today about parents' evening which will help us to make it even better next year.

As I mentioned the parental feedback survey is now live online. We have told the children there will be a class treat for the class that has the most responses so please take some time to fill it in. As I said in my earlier newsletter I am very keen on parent voice and this is now your opportunity to give us your views and opinions on many aspects of the school. Please be honest and help us to understand how we can make the school the very best it can be.

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated to our wet play games boxes so far. It would be great to get some more so if you have a minute please can you rummage the cupboards to see what's spare.

Our Ellenbrook's Got Talent auditions are coming along famously and we are looking forward to the final performances. If you are interested, we will live stream the finals with all the acts we have permission for. It will be well worth watching as they have all been absolutely fabulous so far!

Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

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

1. How do you know you are doing the right thing?
When I am doing the right thing, I will often get praise and if I do the wrong thing I will feel guilty and often cause arguments with others.

2. What makes you truly human?
I am truly human because I am able to use empathy and I have a wide skillset.

3. Are you in touch with your soul?
Sometimes if I am really angry, I am too angry to listen to my soul but if it's not as bad I do. **Bridgewater, Year 6**

1. How do you know you are doing the right thing?
I know that I am doing the right thing because I'm helping people out at play times.

2. What makes you truly human?
Being kind and helpful and being just me because I know that's what a real human should do.

3. Are you in touch with your soul?
I know that I'm in touch with my soul because when I'm doing the right thing I'm happy but when I'm doing the wrong thing I feel anxious but that's just what I'm like.

Bridgewater, Year 3



TOOL OF THE WEEK

Glass

Do you let your soul shine out?



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...

- Whole School – parents evening arrangements
- Whole School – Christmas Lunch
- PTA – Limited number of tickets left
- KS1 – informing parents tickets are in book bags, if not applied then do so & if there are any available these will be considered after requested allocations
- Mince Pie request
- Parental survey



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery

We have been very busy little elves in nursery, getting our classroom ready for Christmas! We have been wrapping presents, putting baubles on the tree and setting up our nativity scene [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#christmasiscoming](#)

Reception!

The elves left reception Mrs Claus's recipe for mince pies. They worked together to order, read and follow the instructions to make their own just like the Robin had in our story this week! [#baking](#) [#reading](#) [#teamwork](#) [#reception](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 are eagerly writing letters this morning... to parents to invite them to our KS1 Christmas performance next week and to our lost museum toys to ask where they are hiding!

Year 2 have written letters to Christopher Wren, in the character of King Charles, and performed them to the class.

Year 3!

We have had another busy week in Year 3. In Science we have been applying our measuring skills to investigate how shadows change in size. We have also been refining our observation skills in art to draw our own portraits.

Year 4!

Year 4 are working hard applying their knowledge of multiplication and division. [#Mathematics](#) [#learning](#) [#year4rockets](#) and WW2 life on the farm continues in Year 4 at Ellenbrook Primary.

Year 5!

Learning about sexual reproduction of flowers and plants today in year 5 falcons [#science](#)

Year 6!

6 Bells are using their designs to construct bridges that can hold weight. Which will be the strongest?

The relentless rain has made it difficult to get outside to play netball in Year 6 Whistles so we are creating some yoga routines instead [#stretchandrelax](#)

Date Reminder

Next week is a very busy week at Ellenbrook so can we ask that you check all of the dates of the performances, etc. so you don't miss out.

Everything you need to know is in this or previous newsletters too!



Ellenbrook's Got Talent!

Auditions continue to go well for Ellenbrook's Got Talent and we will be moving onto Year 1 on Monday.

Remember, if your child is selected, you are more than welcome to come and watch the performance. The EYFS & KS 1 performance will be on **Monday 17th December 2018 @ 10am**. The Key Stage 2 show will be on **Wednesday 19th December 2018 @ 1pm**.



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 on an almost daily basis about. Can please 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.



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!

