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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Ellenbrook News

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House Point Totals

This weeks house point totals are

BRIDGEWATER	0
ELLESMERE	0
LOWRY	0
PEEL	0

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

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

07/09/2018	Year 4 trip to Chester
10/09/2018	Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
11/09/2018	Year 5 Yorvik Museum trip
11/09/2018	Lledr parents meeting @ 5.30pm
17/09/2018	Year 6 Bells on Lledr residential
18/09/2018	Reception Elm Bring Yer Wellies!
19/09/2018	Year 6 Whistles on Lledr residential
19/09/2018	Year 3 Bring Yer Wellies!
20/09/2018	Reception Oak Bring Yer Wellies!

OCTOBER

19/10/2018	School closes for half term
29/10/2018	Back to school!

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

05/12/2018	Nursery/Reception walk around
19/12/2018	Year 6 Liverpool Maritime Museum trip
21/12/2018	School ends for the Christmas holidays

JANUARY

07/01/2019	Back to school!
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Welcome and Welcome Back....!

Welcome to the beginning of a new school term! I hope you all had an amazing holiday and feel refreshed and ready for a new school year...!



Welcome to the new Ellenbrook weekly newsletter. Firstly, can I place on record my thanks to Mr Marks and the rest of the dedicated Ellenbrook team for guiding the school through the Summer term. I feel very fortunate to have arrived at a school with such a professional and dedicated staff and am really looking forward to working with them more closely in the future.

I thought I'd tell you a little bit about me. I have moved to Manchester from Sandhurst in Berkshire and was the Headteacher of a three form entry junior school in Guildford called Queen Eleanor's. I have been a Head for 7 years and before that was Deputy for 5 years. I have been an Ofsted inspector in my time and have also worked in independent schools and abroad. I have two step daughters aged 13 and 16 and live with my partner Lynne.

I am sure you are wondering what the future holds for Ellenbrook and let me assure you, I fully intend to ensure the school continues to go from strength to strength in the future building on the superb base Mrs Parkins left. We have some new initiatives that we have introduced and over the next few weeks we will be informing you of the changes we are making.

The first important change is around our current behaviour policy. We have decided as a school to go with a slightly different approach to managing behaviour. We will now be using a red and yellow card behaviour model to support the children who sometimes make the wrong choice at school. This has been explained to the children so why not ask them to explain it to you in their own words. We will be sending out a revised policy for you next week which explains how everything works.

Part of the new policy will be raising the profile of houses and house points and we will explain that more in detail next week.

So it only remains for me to wish you all a great week-end...see you next week! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Key Stage 2 Playtime

As part of our curriculum review, we have looked at the structure of the school day and made some changes to lesson times to accommodate assembly, etc.

One of the things we noticed was the amount of hours across the week the Key Stage 2 children were being taught for. When we reviewed this, we realised we are slightly under the Government's recommended teaching time. Removing the afternoon play time also allows for longer, more focused curriculum sessions such as extended Art or Science.

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about....

This is where our weekly Thoughtful Time letters will go. Each week the children will be set questions to answer based on the theme of the week and will write replies in their Thoughtful Time session on a Thursday. We will select a few and print them in the newsletter every week.



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.
- Please can we politely remind you all to check your Parent Pay account for messages and communications from the school. This is the primary way we send letters home so is your first port of call for information.
- Please remember all letters sent out through the school office are also available on our school website (www.ellenbrookschool.com/letters-home/).
- Paper copies of all letters sent out are also available for collection in the office.
- Any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox inside the school office.
- Answerphone messages are picked up throughout the day, and we may not always responded immediately if the office is very busy. Please can we ask you to be patient if you haven't heard from us, your query will be answered the same day.
- If you have any query at all, please don't hesitate to contact the office via phone or e-mail.



Letter sent this week.....



In this section of the newsletter we will let you know all of the letters sent out this week. As it's our first week back, not much has gone out from the school office. We have sent letters for

- Year 4 Chester visit
- Year 5 Yorvik Museum trip
- Year 6 Lledr Hall parents meeting
- Reception trip to Bring yer wellies

In the classroom this week.....

It's been a great few days back for the children at Ellenbrook.



In this regular section of the newsletter, we will be reporting back on some of the learning that have gone on in each of the year groups in the school.

Year 4 visited Chester today as the introduction to their work on the Romans.

Want to watch a TV show being made.....?

Have you ever wanted to watch a TV show being made? The BBC has asked us if we would be interested in offering our pupils the chance to watch an episode of Saturday Mash Up being recorded on Saturday 10th November 2018.



If you are interested look out for the letter next week with more information.

Penalty Notice Reminder.....

As a school we are required to remind you at the beginning of each term about the school's policy on pupil absence.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of Salford City Council, to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Welcome to our new staff!

This year we have been joined by a number of new staff across the school.

We welcome Ms Hale who is teaching Bells in Year 6.



We also welcome Mrs Chapman who will be teaching Amazons in Year 2.



Mrs Richardson has also joined us and will be teaching Nursery



We are also very pleased to welcome the following Teaching Assistants.



Miss Gardner



Mrs Rendel



Mrs Tandy