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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>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

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

### JANUARY

07/01/2019	Back to school!
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### FEBRUARY

15/02/2019	School closes for half term
25/02/2019	Back to school!

### MARCH

26/03/2019	Worsley Swimming Gala
29/03/2019	School closes for Easter Holidays

### April

15/04/2019	Back to school!
19/04/2019	School closed—Bank Holiday
22/04/2019	School closed—Bank Holiday

## Working Together is the Key....!

It's been a great if not wet, week at Ellenbrook with some incredible learning taking place. You can always keep up to date with what's going on via our Twitter page and a selection of stories from this week are on the back page of this newsletter.

We had the PTA AGM this week and I was so pleased to see lots of new faces attending. You will have had a PTA survey letter today and I would really encourage you to respond to the questions in it. Your feedback is the only way we are going to provide events you want and it will take you less than 5 minutes online or on paper. A huge thank you too for the wonderful Halloween Family Night last week. I really enjoyed it and it was great to see so many of you there supporting the school!

You will also have had the letter about our Christmas activities this week. We have a lot on at Christmas so please make sure you add them to your calendar and book time off if necessary. We will also be using Twitter to live stream some of the events in case you aren't able to make it to them in person.

It has been great to get feedback from parents' on the changes we have made at school so far and I am very keen to engage with you all as often as possible. The questionnaire I have mentioned is nearly ready, but please feel free to chat to me or Mr Marks on the gate in the morning. We are there to welcome you in the first instance but also to chat to you about the things you like and to hear your suggestions on improvements. We are very much a forward thinking, listening school so please feel free to share your ideas with us.

Lastly, I am so pleased to announce that the new playgrounds will be open on Wednesday next week following an inspection by the company we are using ESP. It has been hard for the children to watch it going up and not being able to use it but it will be worth the wait! Have an enjoyable weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about standing making the most of what we have.....

### **1. When have things been black for you? How did you cope?**

When my Grandfather dies as he was in very serious pain. I coped with it by putting up a picture of him on my wall.

### **2. Who helped you and what did you learn?**

My mum and my dad helped me and they taught me that it is not the end of the world if someone dies as it is life.

### **3. How can you be more optimistic?**

To keep me optimistic I play with my friends.

Peel, Year 3

### **1. When have things been black for you? How did you cope?**

When I couldn't do a question in Maths. I coped terribly and didn't want to do it

### **2. Who helped you and what did you learn?**

My friends helped me and I learnt you don't have to be perfect at everything

### **3. How can you be more optimistic?**

Try your best. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Bridgewater, Year 6



# TOOL OF THE WEEK

## EAR PROTECTORS & GOGGLES



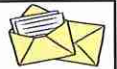
# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CUT FREE FROM?

### 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 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...

- Update on incident
- Christmas Card orders – whole school
- Photo reminder – whole school
- Cross Country Results – yr3, 4, 5 & 6
- Playground closure – whole school
- Year 3 - Sleepover
- PTA survey

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

#### Nursery

This week we have looked at the videos from our firework display, made a list of the noises we could hear and acted out being our own firework. Some were whizzing, whooping and banging! We then designed our own fireworks on the laptops. [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Firework fun in Reception Elm! We loved watching our firework show at school yesterday and today we have made our own firework rockets, danced with streamers to make firework patterns, built bonfires and worked as a class to write a firework poem! [#fireworkfun](#)

Reception Oak have been busy getting their classroom ready to celebrate Diwali. They've made lanterns, Diva lamps and practiced rangoli patterns. [#FestivalofLights](#) [#Celebrations](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 have started their subtraction work with Pirate Bear! This week we are been taking part in activities such as stealing golden treasure, playing 'subtraction smash!' and jumping back on the number line...

#### Year 2!

It's all about the money in year 2. Amazons have been busy making money in lots of different ways. In Art we are exploring textures to create their Great Fire of London scenes.

#### Year 3!

When we are eating our lunch is everyone else in the world also having theirs? Geography investigation in Sharks this afternoon. Christmas has officially started in Year 3! Generating designs for our shadow puppets. In Jets we have been exploring day and night this week.

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Rockets using a variety of shading techniques. In topic we have also been creative with World War 2 timelines.

#### Year 5!

Samba dance has started in year 5 Falcons today! Drums tomorrow and then Friday we will put a video up. We have also been creating our own 'Eden Project' style biomes in Year 5 [#year5falcons](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 Whistles have just enjoyed trying out some new yoga poses and are feeling very stretched out and relaxed.

### PTA AGM

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM this week. It was so nice to see so many of you there and it was a great meeting!

**THANK YOU!**

### PTA Halloween Family Night

A massive thank you for attending the recent PTA Halloween Family Night. It was a great success and everyone seemed to have a great time. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such a great evening!



### Christmas Dates

You will have had a letter this week which explains all of the Christmas activities we have planned for this term. The letter has all of the key dates and times on it for the various productions and events we have planned.

If you haven't got one, it can also be found on the website.



**RAISING MONEY**  
for BBC Children in Need



#### WHAT?

The theme this year is... 'Do Your Thing!'  
The school council have decided that we should all wear something that best represents ourselves. This could be a full fancy dress costume, a t-shirt with images/patterns or simply a different pair of socks. We will explore the theme in classes before the day.

Children can wear an outfit to represent themselves and bring a donation in for Children in Need.

#### WHEN & WHERE?

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Ellenbrook Primary School

### Cross Country

On Saturday children from Years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in the first race of the Salford Primary Schools Cross Country. I am so proud of every child, they all ran brilliantly!



The results can be found on the Salford Harriers website (<http://www.salfordharriers.co.uk/schools-xc>) where you will see that our Year 3 and 4 girls team are currently winning their league!