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# The Ellenbrook News

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## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
181	196	148	188

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week.

### Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being clever.....!

#### 1. Do you take things slowly?

I really don't know. I don't pay attention to time, I just get on with it and try not to look back.

#### 2. What do you do to slow down if you are rushing?

I don't really rush but if I do I just stare at something and begin to day dream.

#### 3. Do you make the most of your time?

On Sundays I don't really....but on Saturdays I guess I do. If I am not making the most of my time, my parents will make sure I do!

Ellesmere, Year 6

#### 1. Do you take things slowly?

I am not slow because I am always in a big rush doing everything at the same time because I always worry I am late!

#### 2. What do you do to slow down if you are rushing?

I would try to sit down, take a break and think about what I'm going to do carefully.

#### 3. Do you make the most of your time?

Yes I do make the most of my time because I'm always doing what I should do and what I want to do and be happy!

Peel, Year 4



## Keep Calm All is Well.....!

It's been another fantastic week at Ellenbrook and I have loved seeing the work the children have been completing on their topics. The first few weeks back are always very busy and this year has been no exception but I am very happy with how the children have settled and the staff too! Every school has a unique nature about it and Ellenbrook is such an amazing place that I think you can feel it when you walk into the building. I feel very lucky to be the Head of such an amazing school with such great children and every now and then I take a step back and think about the wonderful environment it is. I wish I had attended a school like Ellenbrook when I was a child.

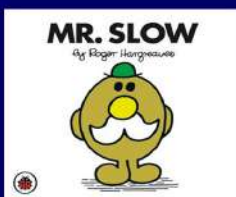
This week I had a discussion with a parent about the school and how it's run and it has really made me think about what we are trying to achieve. With the new Ofsted framework, there is much more focus on the curriculum and ensuring we deliver opportunities to the school that are the right ones from them. We are working on that exclusively this year and I hope you will see the fruits of those changes at home.

We have worked hard over the last 12 months to improve communication within the school community and to try and make the school a more open and welcoming environment. You will have seen numerous times in this newsletter my call for feedback which is very important to us. Can I just ask that if feedback comes, it is in as polite a manner as it can be and as constructive as it can be. We all have things we'd like to see changed and as with most things it's always a best size fits all model. We can only get the school to where we want it to be with your help and support which, I have to say has been great so far. Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### Important reminder... Important reminder...

- \* Bring yer wellies (year 3) - Monday 23rd September & Friday 27th September
- \* Macmillan Coffee Take away - Friday 27th September

## Wisdom of the Week



Choose understanding  
NOT gold or silver  
(Proverbs 16 V16)

Be still and enjoy the moment

## ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20/9/2019 - INSET Day, school closed</li> <li>23/9/2019 &amp; 27/9/2019 - Year 3 Bring Yer Wellies (classes TBC)</li> <li>27/9/2019 - Macmillan Take Away coffee morning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/10/2019 - Nasal flu vaccinations for years 1 to 6/10/2019 - Harvest Assemblies</li> <li>7/10/2019 - EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents @7pm</li> <li>9/10/2019 - Yr 1 Blackpool Zoo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/11/2019 - PTA Family Night</li> <li>2/11/2019 - Cross Country</li> <li>8/11/2019 - Year 3 sleepover</li> <li>11-15/11/2019 - Year 6 Bikeability</li> <li>11-15/11/2019 - Friendship Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 &amp; 5/12/2019 - Parents' Evening</li> <li>4/12/2019 - Nursery @ Reception new intake meeting</li> </ul>

### Things to Remember 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.
- 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.



### Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- Letter join
- Year 3 Bring Yer Wellies
- Inhalers in school
- KS2 Choir Young Voices



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

#### Nursery!

We've been continuing our listening walks and even found some colours that we have been talking about in class! I wonder if you can spot any colours whilst you're out and about?

[#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Reception have learnt how dangerous and problematic plastic is to our oceans and sea life this afternoon.

#### Year 1!

Look at our super zoo! Year 1 have worked hard as a team to create their own zoo. They have thought about which animal groups their animals would belong to. [#oak](#) [#ourzoo](#)

#### Year 2!

Budding artists in Year 2 painting our self portraits. If Da Vinci, Matisse and Klimt could do it - so can we!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 used the new IT Suite for the first time today! We were so excited!

#### Year 4!

We have budding artists in Year 4. [#year4](#) [#buddingartists](#)

#### Year 5!

[#year5falcons](#) all have Anglo Saxon names and have designed Anglo Saxon style villages...

#### Year 6!

Year 6 enjoyed playing tag rugby on the field this week- let's hope it stays dry next week for some House matches.

### Medicine Form Reminder

Please can we remind you all that any medicines your children need to take during the day must be handed in at the office and a medicine consent form completed. Please don't send your child into school with medicines on them or in their bags as this can be potentially dangerous to other children.

### Aldi

We are doing brilliantly with our Aldi sticker collection and are nearly half way to completing it. Please pass on the message to any friends, neighbours or family members that we are collecting the stickers.

It would be great to finish the whole sheet!

### Ellenbrook Twitter Feed



Just a reminder that from the end of September the Ellenbrook Twitter feed will become private. This means anything tweeted will only be shared with our current followers and not the rest of the internet.

Anyone wishing to follow us still can but they will need to be approved to follow us.

It's not too late to sign up so if you want to start following us we can be found at [@EllenbrookComm1](#)

### Parking

Please be respectful when dropping off and picking up and not double parking or parking half on the curb and half on the road blocking the walkways.

Let's keep the roads around the school safe for everyone who uses them and the paths too.

### Ellenbrook Village Association

Ellenbrook Village Association Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 22 September 2019 @ 2 pm Please meet on the green at the side of the Co-op, everything you need will be provided. Please join us if you can!

### Car Park Reminder

Can we give all parents a polite reminder that the school car park is in constant use in the mornings and after school. Please do not use it as an entrance or exit when dropping off or picking up from school.



### Bikes & Scooters

This term we are really encouraging you to walk, cycle or scoot to school but can we remind you that children need to dismount when they reach the school gates.

Please can we ask that your child does not use their vehicle in school in order to ensure everyone's safety.



### I'll Be Back.....!

Massive congratulations to Riley in Year 4 who has landed a part in a major Netflix production based on the life of Strongman Eddie Hall (pictured with Riley).

This is an amazing opportunity for Riley who filmed recently for the movie which includes a couple of Hollywood a list stars. Well done Riley!



### Well Done Cole!

Huge congratulations to Cole in Year 5 who has been selected by Man Utd as an academy player for the 2019-2020 season.

This is an amazing achievement and is testament to Cole's hard work and dedication. Well done Cole!



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## How it works

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Draws are conducted every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online. Winners will be notified via email and the winnings will be paid straight into an account of their choosing.

The easiest and quickest way to join our lottery is online where you can set up your payment either by direct debit or one off payment card. Alternatively, set up can be done over the phone using the contact details below.

**It's so easy to join and you could make a real difference to your school.**

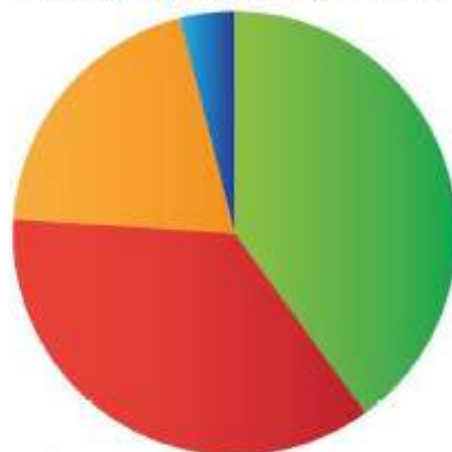


### The maths...

100 tickets sold means  
= **£30** a week cash prize  
= **£2,080** a year for your school

## Where does your money go?

Tickets cost just £1 per week



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