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# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
414	390	346	427

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week. It's so close.....all to play for!

### Thoughtful Time

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

#### 1. Do you ask questions?

Yes, I do ask questions...maybe too many even. I ask unnecessary and annoying questions and sometimes necessary and smart questions!

#### 2. What questions will never be answered?

How do I end up dying? What happens after I die? If I punch myself in the arm and it hurts does it mean I am strong or weak?

#### 3. What questions would you ask God?

What happens when you die? Why are there such things as bombs and guns?

Peel, Year 6

#### 1. Do you ask questions?

I ask questions because when I was in the van with my family and I asked my dad why do we need water and food to survive.

#### 2. What questions will never be answered?

How were we made? How was God made? How was the Earth made?

#### 3. What questions would you ask God?

Why are you invisible? Are we your toys? Can you change time?

Peel, Year 3



## All for a Good Cause....!

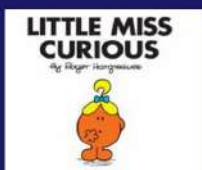


What a fantastic way to start Friday. A huge thank you to all of you for supporting our Macmillan 'Coffee Cakeaway' this morning. It was great to see so many of you there and we managed to raise over £175 which is superb! I have to thank my excellent staff who provided all of those amazing cakes. I have said many times I am very fortunate to have such an amazing staff and the school is as strong as it is because of them.

There are a number of different messages on the back of the newsletter and these are being updated regularly. Please read them if you get a minute as they have use useful info on them. The one I wanted to highlight today was the school car park. We will now lock the gate at 8.15am and if you are dropping to club after that point, please can we ask you to park on the road and walk in through the gate.

Lastly, we have almost completed our Aldi poster and just need those final few stickers. If you have any lying around, please can we ask you to drop them in next week. Have a great weekend.....Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Wisdom of the Week



Intelligent people want to learn ... but stupid people are satisfied with ignorance..

(Proverb 15, 4)

What are the BIG questions in life?

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

- \* Forest Schools (Reception) - Monday 30th September & Wednesday 2nd October 2019
- \* Harvest Assembly - Friday 4th October 2019

## ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30/9/2019 &amp; 2/10/2019 - Reception visit to Forest Schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/10/2019 - 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 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...

- PTA Family Night
- Lledr Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> letter
- RSE
- Reception – Dam House reminder letter
- Head Lice – Nurse & Reception
- Nasal flu cancellation



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

#### **Nursery!**

Today Nursery have been exploring our mud kitchen, creating all sorts of wonderful recipes! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### **Reception!**

Reception have been sent the task of designing a new boat for Moana. Great team work, problem solving and exploring floating and sinking this morning! [#reception](#)

#### **Year 1!**

Year 1 have been busy choosing how to show they know the difference between herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

[#ellenbrookscientists](#) [#ellenbrookyear1](#) [#elm](#) [#oak](#)

#### **Year 2!**

Year 2 have been working on addition and subtraction this week. They are now adding and subtracting larger numbers. Great work Year 2!

#### **Year 3!**

Year 3 are busy sorting and describing rocks this afternoon in science.

#### **Year 4!**

Year 4 have enjoyed watching a documentary about 'The Battle of Actium' to help them with their descriptive writing. I have been impressed with their vocabulary choices.

#### **Year 5!**

[#year5rockets](#) are consolidating all their knowledge using a board game with some problem solving style question cards!

#### **Year 6!**

Year 6 really enjoyed their Captain Confidence sessions this week.

### **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**

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We are so close to finishing the poster...as of this morning, we only have to collect 42 more vouchers! Please ask your friends if they shop in Aldi as it would be great to be in with a chance to win the £20,000 top prize.



### **Calendar of Dates**

Hopefully you are all using the Calendar of Dates we sent out earlier in the term. As I have previously mentioned, this is going to be updated regularly and we have already noticed a couple of dates that didn't make it on and also some changes. When the calendar is re-issued, we will highlight any additional dates by marking them in red so it's easy to see where changes have been made.

### **Car Park**

You will have seen me mention in the newsletter over the last few weeks issues we have had with parents using the car park. With this in mind, we will be closing and locking the car park at 8.15am every morning. If you need to drop a child at before school club after that time please can we ask you to park on the road and walk your child into club.

The gate will stay locked until 5pm as usual.

### **Football Trials**

A huge congratulations to everyone who attended football trials this week. It was such a difficult choice as we had so many excellent players to choose from. Just a reminder there will be another trial in 3 weeks time.

### **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.



**Open Evening**  
**Co-op Academy Walkden**  
10th October 6 - 8:30pm

### **Ellenbrook Phone System**

As part of our major IT upgrade, we have just changed our phone system at school which has given us a much better system than we had before. As part of this change, the school phone number will now appear when we call you as opposed to private number.



We are currently setting up the options for recording messages and reporting absences so please bear with us. Any issues, please contact the school office.

### **Talents to Show?**

Over the last two weeks we have showcased some of the children's out of school achievements in the newsletter. We would love to really develop this during the year so if you have something that can be included please e-mail the office with details and a picture and we'll include it.

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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.**

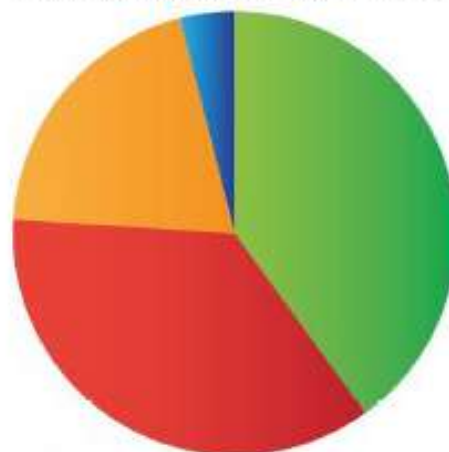


### The maths...

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

## Where does your money go?

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