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# The Ellenbrook News

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## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1728	1849	1752	1822

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 our light.....!

#### 1. What makes you feel bright all over?

Doing things that make me happy like going swimming, hugging my mum, gaming, playing Fortnite or Minecraft and seeing my friends.

#### 2. Do you brighten up the lives of others?

Yes so that they can have a good life and so can I.

#### 3. How do you let your light shine?

By being positive and always trying to see the Brightside because there is always a silver lining to every cloud. There is always something good in bad.

Peel, Year 6

#### 1. What makes you feel bright all over?

Watching Strictly Come Dancing and having hot chocolate and popcorn.

#### 2. Do you brighten up the lives of others?

Yes because I share, care and tidy and help others less fortunate than myself.

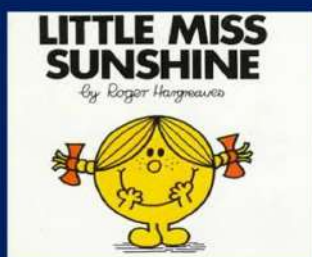
#### 3. How do you let your light shine?

By smiling, being good and helping Mrs Matthew out if she needs help.

Bridgewater, Year 4



## Wisdom of the Week



Light a candle, don't curse the darkness  
(Proverb 15, 30)

Jesus is the light of the world

## What a Performance!

The holidays are coming...it's official...productions are being polished, decorations are being dusted off and we are all systems go for another fantastic Ellenbrook Christmas! The children are so excited and I can't wait to see the final productions...they look spectacular from the little snippets I have seen. Nursery, Early Years and Key Stage 1 will all have had a letter this week about how you can get tickets for the shows. We have had to slightly limit numbers this year but hope everyone who wants to come is able to.

We had our PTA meeting this week and it was so nice to see so many new faces there. You will see from the last page of the newsletter, the PTA have some great fundraising initiatives you can use as you shop for Christmas. Please take some time to check them out as they require very little effort but will benefit your children immensely! And a long range date for your diary is the second PTA quiz which will be on Saturday 8th February 2020. As letter will come out in the next week for you to sign up. It was a great success last year and we are looking forward to a great evening in 2020!

We are just finalising our new parental communication tool which we will be launching after Christmas. It is a much more intuitive system which has an app for your phone and we think it will build on the current system of communication we have through ParentPay. Again, more about that in the coming weeks as we approach launch.

Just a reminder it's parents evening next week on Tuesday and Thursday. As in previous years, the teachers in Early years and Key stage 1 will be in the main hall and Key stage 2 teachers will be in the new hall. There will be an opportunity for you to look at the children's work in their classes and for the first time we will also have some Governors on hand who will be able to direct you around the school and run our new parental feedback station.

I hope you all have a very festive weekend! Until next week Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

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

- \* 3 & 5th December Parent's Evening
- \* 4th December—Nursery & Reception tour (prospective parents)

## ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 &amp; 5/12/2019 - Parents' Evening</li> <li>• 4/12/2019 - Nursery &amp; Reception new intake meeting</li> <li>• 10 &amp; 12/12/2019—Early Year Christmas Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6/1/2020 - INSET Day School Closed</li> <li>• 7/1/2020 - Start of the Spring Term</li> <li>• 8/1/2020 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/2/2020 - PTA Meeting @7pm</li> <li>• 8/2/2020 - PTA Quiz Night</li> <li>• 14/2/2020 - Year 4 Assembly – Parents invited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/3/2020—6/3/20 - Book Week- all year groups</li> <li>• 2/3/2020—English workshop for parents</li> <li>• 2/3/2020—3/3/2020—Year 2 Bring yer wellies</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...

- 1 Assessment workshop re-arranged
- 2 Absence due to illness
- 3 Nursery - 30 hours childcare letter
- 4 EBASC Disco night
- 5 Yr6 Maritime Museum



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

#### Nursery!

The Nursery children made mince pies today with Mrs Ogden following on from our robin story. We ate them at the end of the day with a drink of milk. They were super yummy! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#waitrosecominghome](#)

#### Reception!

Oh no! We arrived at school this morning to discover the Gingerbread Men have escaped from Reception Maple! We have been busy making posters and traps to catch them. If you see them let us know! [#reception](#) [#writingforapurpose](#)

#### Year 1!

Year One have been thinking about measuring length today - how tall are they? Who is the tallest? The shortest? [#ellenbrookyear1](#) [#elm](#) [#ellenbrookmathematicians](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 have been writing as a bossy King Charles II today using apostrophes for contraction - don't, mustn't, can't.

#### Year 3!

Year 3 are enjoying completing lots of challenges on time.

#### Year 4!

Year 4 have had a full evacuee experience at Tatton Farm. It was a fabulous day, enjoyed by all. [#year4sharks](#) [#WWII](#)

#### Year 5!

[#year5rockets](#) are doing an AMAZING job creating sprites with dance moves and changing backgrounds WITH music to match! All using programming !

#### Year 6!

Year 6 were in the ICT this afternoon researching bridges around the world for Design Technology. They produced these amazing booklets [#year6falcons](#)

### Crowdfunding Update!

Just a reminder our crowdfunding campaign is still running.

So far we have raised £830 and have 14 supporters. Thank you for your support so far. The link to the crowdfunding page <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/shine-a-light-1>

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

We are very sorry for the issues this week affecting the nasal flu vaccinations. As explained in my ParentPay message, we took the decision to go ahead with the vaccinations despite the last minute notice.

We are aware that many children were not given the vaccination as the e-consent form was not completed. We hope to pick those children up at the next visit.

### Girls Football

Huge congratulations to our girls football team who entered a competition last week.

They did a super job, winning three games and losing two. We are so proud of them, really well done!



### Parking

Please can we try a little harder when dropping off and collecting from school. As the weather has drawn in, more and more parents are dropping off and picking up and sadly many are not respecting the neighbours. We have had cars parked across drives, on curbs so pedestrians can't get passed and in some cases double parked.

Please help us to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours and respect them when you park around the school.



### PTA

The PTA are looking for volunteers to help for our inaugural Ellenbrook Christmas Disco. If you are able to help on the 19th December please can you contact the PTA via social media. We ideally need about 10 or so adults to help on the night.



### CLUBS

Year Group	DAY	ACTIVITY
Yr 3-6	MONDAY	Gymnastics
Yr 1&2	WEDNESDAY	Gymnastics
Yr 3-6	WEDNESDAY	Cross Country
Yr 5 & Yr 6	WEDNESDAY	High 5 Netball
Yr 5 & Yr 6	THURSDAY	Football
Yr 3-6	THURSDAY	Choir
Yr 3-6	FRIDAY	Chess
Yr 6	THURSDAY (8.00 am)	Boosters



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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.

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