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The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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Important Diary Dates

December

- * 3rd - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park—**CANCELLED**
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- * 11th—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- * 18th - End of Autumn term

January

- * 4th - INSET day school closed
- * 5th— Children return to school

February

- * 10th - Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park
- * 5th— Children return to school

March

- * 12th - INSET day school closed
- * 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

April

- * 12th - INSET day school closed
- * 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

The Holidays Are Coming...

It has been a very Christmassy week this week at Ellenbrook with our decorations going up and the Christmas production in full swing. I love this time of year and I can't wait for us to get in the Christmas spirit next week when we have our Christmas jumper day. That's also the day we will be watching the Gruffalo so it's going to be an action packed end to the week. This term is really flying by and it's hard to imagine we have been back at school as long have we have. The children have been superb this term considering everything has been ever so slightly different they have simply knuckled down and got on with their work which is a credit to them and the staff who have done an amazing job in supporting them.

We are reviewing the progress the children have made this term and the early indications are the vast majority of children have made very solid and consistent progress this term. The children who have had the catch up interventions are doing very well and some of them will not need this to continue after Christmas which is fantastic news as they will have effectively 'caught up' with their peers. You will no doubt have seen the news this week regarding next years' SATs tests. In Key Stage 2 the Grammar paper will now not be taken but the rest of the SATs will be and there are no papers in Key Stage 1. We may still chose to get the children to complete some testing in Key Stage 1 but we will review this regularly and see where we stand in the Spring term.

Lastly, I want to put on record my huge thanks to Ms Higgins who has been teaching Year 5 Sharks for the Autumn term. She has done an amazing job in less than normal circumstances and the children have loved having her. We wish her all the very best for the future and hopefully we will see her teaching again at Ellenbrook some day.



I hear we are in for a cold snap next week so please make sure the children wrap up warm. Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * REMINDER – All Medicines, including creams must come to the office not via the classroom and a medical form must be completed.
- * REMEMBER - It's Save the Child Christmas Jumper day on Friday next week (11th December 2020)

Updates from the Office....

- ⇒ When a child comes into school through the office if they are either late or have been to an appointment you **MUST** sign them in with a reason.
- ⇒ **Parents please can we remind you that you MUST inform the office if your child is unwell and not attending school. This can be done either via Weduc Absence reporting or the Telephone Absence Line**
- ⇒ Please make sure that if your child has any medicines/inhalers which are kept in school that they are up to date and you have completed a medical permission form for this academic year.

Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about disappointment and failure.....

1. Are you good at coping with disappointment?

I believe I am good at coping with disappointment because I always know I have tried my best and pushed myself to my limits. Also, I think it's not about the end results, it's about the journey and trying your best.

2. When have you been disappointed?

For example, when I'm at a competition and I don't win. However, I know there's always a next time and there's always room for improvement!

3. When have you ever felt a failure?

When I look at my sister's practice papers when she was trying out for high school and I saw how smart she is and that makes me feel like a failure however it also motivated me to be the best I can possibly be.

Year 6, Peel

1. Are you good at coping with disappointment?

Yes I am because I don't just walk away and do something else.

2. When have you been disappointed?

I was disappointed when I tried to make cupcakes and it came out like a soggy banana.

3. When have you ever felt a failure?

I felt a failure when I tried my baking!

Year 4, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
3988	3940	4278	4030

House points have begun for this week and what a start!

The winner of this weeks' assembly challenge was.....

ELLESMERE

Things to Remember

- Please can you let the office know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up. Can we also ask you to make sure they are aware of the school's collection arrangements.
- 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. Reminder for authorisation of filming
2. Nursery – Reminder for Nursery parents to apply for a Reception place
3. Yr5 Sharks – Teacher update
4. Pupil Premium Plus
5. Christmas Card Post Box
6. Twitter reminder



Christmas Jumper Day!

Please can we ask you to ensure your child wears their full school uniform minus their school jumper on Friday next week. We are hoping to get as many Christmas jumpers in as possible (and donations!).

More information on how to donate will be coming next week.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We've been learning all about a little robin going on a very special journey to get home. Look at our amazing observational drawings of the robin [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Reception Cedar have made gingerbread men biscuits today but didn't have time to eat them so they suggested putting them in a box until tomorrow....they've made sure the box is tightly wrapped with tape so they don't run away like in the story [#receptioncedar](#).

Year 1!

Year 1 have been excited to discover they have Christmas Elves in their classrooms. Yesterday they left us some advent calendars to count down to Christmas and this morning we discovered our classrooms full of decorations [#christmasis-coming #year1](#)

Year 2!

A busy morning bread making in Year 2 Elm. Mr Marks couldn't resist helping out! A fantastic morning of bread baking in Thomas Farriner's bakery. [#year2Oak](#)

Year 3!

Year 3 have all worked together today to create a stained glass window for our classroom. It looks amazing and they worked really hard drawing their designs and cutting them out carefully. After looking at stained glass windows in RE, Year 3 Discoverers are creating their own by placing complementary colours next to each other in different shapes and sizes! [#year3discoverers](#).

Year 4!

Today, Year 4 Amazons travelled all the way to the North Pole during their yoga lesson. What great festive fun we had. [#year4amazons #yoga #festivefun](#)

Year 5!

Check out [#year5sharks](#) Anglo Saxon shields! We are ready for battle.

Year 6!

Year 6 have been experimenting this week. We are trying to learn about how water and nutrients move within our bodies. [#year6rockets #science](#)

VERY HIGH

HM Government NHS

LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL
VERY HIGH

Social Contact
If households/bubbles in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.

Weddings and Funerals
Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.

Overnight Stays
Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.

Working from home guidance
Work from home where possible.

Shopping and Retail
Open.

Leisure and gyms
Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.

Hospitality
Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.

Entertainment and tourist attractions
Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.

Education
Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.

Healthcare Services
Open.

Residential Care
Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.

Travel and Transport
May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel/venues possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.

Sporting Activity
Organised sport/fitness physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (fewer than youth or disabled sport).

Worship
Open, subject to social contact rules.

Childcare
Registered and unregistered childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Children's bubbles for under 14s.

Youth Clubs and Activities
Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

- Wash hands** keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dance
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball
Year 5 & 6	THURSDAY	High Five Netball
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS1	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

Cancelled until further notice