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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**
- \* 4th - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park—**CANCELLED**
- \* 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...

Now it feels Christmassy at Ellenbrook and we have had the most amazing afternoon snuggled up in class watching the Gruffalo in our Christmas jumpers. It's been a great day and the children have loved it. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Save the Children fund for Christmas Jumper day and we managed to raise over £350 at the time of writing this. That's a great effort for a charity which does a lot of very important work both in the UK and abroad.

The other main talking point this week was parents' evening. There were a few parents who experienced technical issues but the feedback I have had so far has been fantastic and I am so pleased, and relieved following the Tempest debacle!, the tech managed to work. A number of parents have asked me if we will keep this way of doing things and I certainly feel there is a place for this type of parents' evening alongside an open evening for you to look at the work. We will consider that when we review everything next week, but thank you all for your patience and support.

It's the last week next week and as you will have seen from my WEDUC post we will not be closing the school for an INSET day on the 18th December. To be honest I would hate to have to change our plans for next week so we will be keeping everything as it is unless the Local Authority (LA) asks us to change which I don't think they will. Talking of the LA, there was an important letter posted to WEDUC today from the LA and I am asking you all to take a few minutes to read it through as it does contain some important information.



Just a reminder that next week we have Ellenbrook's Got Talent on Tuesday afternoon and the children parties on Thursday afternoon followed by the school Christmas dinner and DVD on Friday! Phew what a week!  
Have a great weekend!  
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

**You at Work**

**KEEPING PROMISES**

Are you good at keeping promises?

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\*\*

- \* REMINDER – Please login to your ParentPay account and bring all outstanding items up to date.
- \* Reminder – School Lunches - Please remember meals must be paid for in advance of being taken, meals are charged at £2.10 per day.
- \* Tempest have said that the photographs should be with us early next week.

### 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 keeping our promises.....

#### 1. Do you keep your promises?

Sometimes because some are hard.

#### 2. When have you ever broken a promise?

When it was last Christmas and I promised I would not tell my dad his present and I did...

#### 3. How did you feel?

I felt guilty!

Year 2, Ellesmere

#### 1. Do you keep your promises?

Only if they're not life threatening. Normally I keep promises but if they're life threatening. Normally I keep promises but if they are dangerous I have to tell an adult.

#### 2. When have you ever broken a promise?

Well I can remember one very clearly. When I was in Year 3 I was going to give some sweets to my friend after school but my parents were there and stopped me.

#### 3. How did you feel?

I felt very ashamed and I always brought sweets after school but then I stopped and forgot for 3 months and I still feel really bad.

Year 5, Peel



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
4403	4349	4744	4485

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. Inset day – Last day of term
3. Christmas Jumper Day Donation to Save the Children



### Christmas Jumper Day!

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this amazing cause!  
As of right now, we have managed to raise over

**£367!**

Thank you all so much, it is very much appreciated!



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

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

#### Nursery!

We are really enjoying the live stream of our favourite story, The Gruffalo! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Reception Cedar are loving Miss Jancy's PE...it looks like Mr Marks enjoyed it just as much! [#receptioncedar](#).  
A busy day today as we did our Christmas play filming, we have managed to have lots of learning and fun in the classroom as well. We have looked at 2D shapes and retold a Christmas story. Take a look at some of the provision activities below... [#receptionpine](#)



#### Year 1!

Time for PE and developing our bounce pass skills in Year 1 [#PE](#) [#year1maple](#).

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Oak have been learning all about multiplication and have been making equal groups in arrays. Year 2 Elm are working on multiplication this week, today we started using arrays to help us. [#year2elm](#)

#### Year 3!

Discoverers have created a master plan to catch Santa so that we can ask him our questions! Next week we'll be writing instructions on how to do so, so if you also have questions for the big maybe sure to talk to Discoverers! (Getting into the Xmas spirit with a song too!)

#### Year 4!

I'm super impressed with the art work from Year 4 Amazons and how they have completed half of a picture from WWII using charcoal. I can't wait to see their originals tomorrow! [#year4amazons](#) [#art](#) [#WWII](#)

#### Year 5!

Not only is it Christmas Jumper Day but Year 5 Jets are also designing Santa a new, modernised sleigh!

#### Year 6!

I am so proud of Year 6 for this amazing writing! They have worked so hard to plan, write, edit and produce these tricky World War 1 flashback narratives and it has really paid off.

**LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL**  
**VERY HIGH**

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**