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Important Diary Dates

November

- * 2nd - First day back after half term
- * 23rd - Intrahealth flu vaccination catch up

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

Nifty Fifty...!

This week's newsletter is the 50th newsletter I have written as Head Teacher of Ellenbrook!

Congratulations and Celebrations ...

It's the week for celebrating this week and I am going to start with some fantastic news. Mrs Podmore and her husband Lewis will be adding to the Podmore numbers this year as they are due a baby in March; huge congratulations to them both. In line with Covid regulations, Mrs Podmore will be working from home after Christmas and she will be covered by Miss Jarvis who has taught at Ellenbrook for most of the year as a regular supply teacher.

Can you believe this is my 50th newsletter as Head Teacher at Ellenbrook! The time has flown by and I have loved every minute (yes you read that correctly, every minute) of my time in the Ellenbrook community. I was thinking about legacy this week and about what the school will look like in 5 years and 10 years and when it's under someone else's leadership. The school site has changed so much in the 3 years I have been here and I wonder how much it will change in the future.

This week we have been thinking about being brave and how we develop the courage to do the things we need to do. The children's Thoughtful Times were superb and it was great to see so many of them realise that bravery comes in many forms and means many things to many different people. It's really important for the children to understand the relationship between bravery and strength and how they coexist. Are we brave because we are strong or are we strong because we are brave? Or is it both?



Lastly, I couldn't have a newsletter without an apology about the state of play with Tempest. You will have seen my post this week and I don't want to go over old ground but again we apologise for the mess we have found ourselves in through no fault of our own.

Just a reminder our virtual tour is on the school website if you are a prospective Nursery or Reception parent. Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

You at Work

MAKING US



What battles are you facing?

Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about bravery.....

1. Are you a brave person?

Yes I am!

2. Does anyone ever win a battle?

No I think good people win battles

3. What battles are you facing in life?

My times tables, I can do 2, 3, 5, 10 but I am finding 4 a battle **Year 1, Peel**

1. Are you a brave person?

I am a brave person because I have fears to face and overcome but if someone doesn't have a fear they won't show bravery

2. Does anyone ever win a battle?

Nobody will ever win a battle because inside you, you feel hurt and injured even if you win a battle.

3. What battles are you facing in life?

The fear that I am currently facing is that lockdown is preventing me from seeing my family. It's like an invisible wall keeping us apart. **Year 6, Ellesmere**

1. Are you a brave person?

Yes I am a brave person because I had a covid test and it was not nice.

2. Does anyone ever win a battle?

Yes they do win a battle but the loser does as well because they put effort in with what they did.

3. What battles are you facing in life?

The battle I am facing is to stay at home in lockdown. **Year 4, Ellesmere**



*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * Please email via Weduc if your child is not attending school
- * Could we please ask that if your child is going for an appointment that if possible you can give us notice by either a telephone call or email.

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.

HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2757	2714	2866	2697

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

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

PEEL

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. Tempest
2. Reception & Yr1 PE Kit reminder
3. Virtual Tour
4. Charity & Christmas Update
5. Backpacks



Smile @ Amazon

As shopping season kicks in I wanted to give a reminder about the Amazon charity gifting site which can be accessed via smile.amazon.co.uk. It really does raise money for the school and with only a few parents registered, we have already raised over £20.00. Imagine how much we could raise if all the parents joined the scheme...and family...and friends...and people you know. If you haven't signed up yet please do.

Crime in Our Area

This week a number of parents have reported the amount of crime on the Ellenbrook estate over the last week or so.

As a key part of the community, we wanted to remind you all to keep safe and to report any crimes directly to the Police. If we can help as a school in any way, please let us know.



Masks

This week I have noticed quite a few parents not wearing face masks when dropping off and picking up. Please can I ask you to make sure you always wear a mask when you are on the school site collecting and dropping off. Many thanks.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have been thinking about why we wear poppies and thinking of ways we can say thank you to the soldiers for keeping us safe. We made thank you cards, poppies and poppy wreaths. [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#RemembranceDay2020](#)

Reception!

A lovely morning so far learning about and celebrating Diwali. We have been very creative and made Rangoli Patterns and Diva lamps. Well done Reception!

We will remember the....Reception Cedar's remembrance garden [#RemembranceDay#receptioncedar](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 are looking at World War One this week. This is Jet's representation of soldiers fighting. He used charcoal to represent the black and white picture. [#year1beech](#) [#worldwar1](#) [#RemembranceDay2020](#)

Year 2!

Lest we forget 2020. Year 2 Oak [#year2elm](#)

Year 3!

Voyagers are exploring forces today in class. We are looking at which forces need direct contact to work and which do not. Beautiful artwork from Year 3 Discoverers this afternoon, using complimentary colours!

Year 4!

Oh no! The Sound Collector's evil wife has come to Year 4 Amazons to steal all the sounds from outside. The children have been tasked with finding the sounds first and keeping them safe. [#year4amazons](#) [#english](#) [#poetry](#)

Year 5!

[#year5sharks](#) have been investigating the link between mass and weight in Science this week. [#investigation](#) [#mathsincontext](#)



Year 6!

Year 6 have been busy making blood (yes blood!) this afternoon. They had to think very carefully about the different components and what they were using to represent it. [#year6rockets](#)

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