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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

October

- * 23rd - Break up for half term

November

- * 2nd - First day back after half term
- * 10th - Yr 2 Oak Staircase House Trip
- * 13th - Yr 2 Elm Staircase House Trip

December

- * 3rd - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park
- * 4th - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park
- * 18th - End of Autumn term

January

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

If I Could Turn Back Time...

The music headlines keep coming and this weeks' seems to be more fitting than most! I want to start with an apology for the issues caused by us using the online system from Tempest. The issue was a technical one, but one we should have caught and it did lead to some parents getting sent images of other children in the school. I just want you to know we take this very seriously and I reported the school to our Data Protection Officer as soon as we were aware of what had happened. We followed our incident management process and have recorded the incident in our internal records system. Luckily, we had not broken GDPR as no pictures or information were sent to anyone outside of the school to our knowledge. That doesn't make me feel any better and I have to admit to having two very sleepless nights due to the issues we had. We have taken the photographs down temporarily and will be re-issuing the links to you either today or on Monday when Tempest have had the time to re-do the links. Again, I can only apologise....we tried our best to make sure we had a paperless system to comply with our Covid risk assessment and in trying to do the right thing we ended up doing the wrong one. We have completely reviewed our procedures in school and will now put in extra fail safes if we do this or anything like it in the future.

We have now completed our review of all of the children for the catch up funding provision we are going to implement. I will write a separate letter to you all next week explaining what we are doing as a school and how we have selected the children. I can say we have all been very pleasantly surprised by how quickly the vast majority of children have caught up since they have been back in school. It's a credit to the staff and to you at home as it's clear the vast majority of the children accessed the work set for them when they were at home.



Just a reminder to read the reverse of the newsletter and just another plug for the smile Amazon website. Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

You at Work
OVERCOMING
FEAR
How do you overcome your fears?

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * Please email via Weduc if your child is not attending school
- * Friday next week is the end of the first half term.
- * **YEAR 6 PARENTS PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

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 being challenged.....

1. When is it best to give way to others?

When it is going to cause an argument!

2. When have you had to give way in your life?

One Christmas me and my little sister got a box of sweets and we were down to the last sweet and because I was feeling kind I gave way to her.

3. Who do people worship instead of God?

My mum and my sister.....

Year 4, Bridgewater

1. When is it best to give way to others?

The best time to give way to people is when they are sad or alone.

2. When have you had to give way in your life?

I gave away my free time when my mum broke her wrist so I did her jobs for her.

3. Who do people worship instead of God?

Personally, I respect my mum although I may not listen to her, I do respect her!

Year 6, Bridgewater

1. When is it best to give way to others?

The best time to give way to others is at the stairs

2. When have you had to give way in your life?

I have given way when I was in Greece and I was at the road waiting to cross.

3. Who do people worship instead of God?

I think people should worship Mrs Chapman!

Year 2, Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1775	1697	1853	1728

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

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

ELLESMERE & BRIDGEWATER

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. Harvest donations
2. Yr1 Baby pictures
3. Reading books not coming home over half term
4. Yr5 & Yr6 Bridgewater Open Day



We REALLY do Still Need You...or Your Old Games!

We are still looking for second hand board games to use in our wet play and after school club. If you have any games which are complete but not used anymore, please can we ask you to donate them to the school so they can have a new lease of life :)



Masks

Just a reminder that we did ask all parents to wear a mask during drop off and pick up and thank you to everyone who has. This week I have noticed a lot of parents not wearing a mask so can I just remind you to please wear one when on the school site unless you have a medical reason not to do so.



Reporting Absence

Just a reminder.....when you leave a message to report absence can we ask for basic details of the reason why. It saves us having to call...for example if a child is unwell can you specify why rather than just saying unwell. Many thanks

No Nuts Please!

Just a reminder...please can we ask you not to send in any snacks to school that contain nuts. I know it's not possible to stop snacks that 'may contain a trace of nuts' but please do not send in any snacks with nuts listed as an ingredient.



Pick Up & Drop Off

I am aware I constantly moan about parking around the school but the situation is now becoming very dangerous. Hardly a day goes by without someone mentioning to me that they had seen a near miss, or incident of road rage or irresponsible parking.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery had a competition to see which group could remember all the different parts of the Gruffalo. We impressed our teachers by remembering them all! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Reception Cedar have been busy making windmills today for the Little Red Hen.... [#receptioncedar](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 Maple have enjoyed exploring how part whole models work with their natural materials. They took their own photographs of their work [#maths](#) [#computing](#) [#year1maple](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 have made timelines so we can plot important historical dates. We started with dates from our local history. We're excited to see what it looks like at the end of the year!

Year 3!

Year 3 are continuing to investigate which materials make the best shadows today. They are thinking of ways to record their findings clearly.

Year 4!

The theme today for Year 4, was 'control' as they dribbled and balanced the ball whilst moving through a slalom. There were some interesting styles but everybody finished the challenge! Great to see how they encouraged each other too! Fabulous Sportsmanship. [#Year4swallows](#) [#year4amazons](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 have been drawing some tricky line graphs today. Here are two that are very accurately and carefully presented. We just need to make sure we label the axis correctly! [#maths](#) [#statistics](#) [#Year5sharks](#) [#Year5Jets](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 did a science experiment this afternoon based on Darwin's finches. What size seeds were their beak shapes adapted to eat? We wondered how this had happened. [#year6rockets](#) [#ellenbrookscientists](#)



CLUBS

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

Cancelled until further notice