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The Ellenbrook News

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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

March

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

In a brand-new fashion in a dance hall style we rule...

It's been friendship week this week and we have had a very clear focus on relationships with our friends in a very different school environment. The staff have been very focused on checking in with the children to ensure they have no worries or anxieties and these regular sessions happen every Wednesday when we would ordinarily be singing. Your children's mental health is paramount to us and I am happy to report that the vast majority of children seem to have come through the lockdown in amazing spirits. Those that do struggle from time to time are getting a lot of support from the excellent staff at Ellenbrook. I hope you get some time this weekend to talk to your children about the things they have done this week as the children have done some fantastic activities.

Last week I mentioned parents' evening and the letter explaining our plans will be out either today or Monday at the latest. We are going for an online system this year so your appointment will take place via the parents' evening app you use to book your appointment. We are currently creating a guide to explain how to access the system and as soon as that's done, we will send the letter out to all of you.

We launched an IT survey via WEDUC this week. It's very important we get as many parents to complete it as possible so please can you take 2 mins to fill it in for us. It will really help us to target home learning if a class has to isolate or if we go into another lockdown.



Lastly, on a lighter note, we have been contacted by the company that makes the bake off to advertise applications for the next series. It's on the reverse of the newsletter and having had weeks of baking with Mr B I am sure you are all keen to take part. I am still trying to get over the loss of Hermine from last week's episode.

Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

You at Work

GIVING US RULES

What rules work best and why?

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * Return Data Collection sheet if there are any changes VIA the teacher
- * Intrahealth Catch up on Monday 23rd November 2020
- * Parents' evening letter due today or Monday

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 rules.....

1. Are you good at obeying rules?

I am good at obeying rules but I'm sure that we all break small rules sometimes and we will make up for it.

2. Which rules are good for you?

I think the rules are good and most importantly to me, the ones that keep me safe, healthy & happy.

3. Why do we need rules in life?

If we didn't have rules in the world it wouldn't be what it has become and I think if we listen more we can get more done with a little help from the rules.

Year 3, Ellesmere

1. Are you good at obeying rules?

I've got to be honest, at school I follow rules because if I don't I wouldn't learn and it would take longer to do it again but at home I can't be bothered because there is no punishment.

2. Which rules are good for you?

Wearing a face mask, because Donald Trump didn't wear one and he got Covid so this rule is good as it keeps you safe.

3. Why do we need rules in life?

We need rules otherwise we would all be in hospital with Covid and the world would be chaos

Year 6, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
3162	3125	3272	3114

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

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

LOWRY

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. Nursery toys
2. Yr5 & Yr6 Mobile phone reminder
3. Christmas Production Permission
4. EBASC changes and balances to be cleared
5. Christmas Production Costumes (Rec Pine, Yr1 Beech, Yr1 Maple, Yr4 Amazons & Yr6 Rockets)



Toys

Following on from our fairly successful drive to collect games, we are still looking for good items that can be used in school. This includes board games, books or toys in very good or nearly new condition.

We are especially looking for boards games or small partner games like connect 4, etc. If you can help please donate via the office.



Pokémon

Just a reminder that Pokémon cards are still allowed in school but are limited to 20 per child. Please help us to enforce this by making sure they don't leave the house with more than 20.



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.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have been thinking of ways to be kind to our friends and have been making everyone smile by giving them friendship bracelets we have made. We used our fine motor skills to thread the beads and talked about the colours we used and how many beads we have. [#ellenbrooknursery](#)



Reception!

Reception have been to the Dough Disco today and loved it...their fingers and hands are ready for a day of fun and writing now! [#receptioncedar](#) [#spreadthehappiness](#) [#dough-disco](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 Beech are having a lovely afternoon with their friends creating Rangoli patterns to mark Diwali. [#year1beech](#) [#Diwali2020](#) [#Rangoli](#)

Year 1 Maple are working hard exploring methods of subtraction this morning [#year1maple](#) [#maths](#)

Year 2!

A lovely afternoon of friendship in Year 2 Oak. The children painted portraits of their friend and then described what is unique about them with superb adjectives.

Year 3!

Voyagers are having a fantastic afternoon of games this afternoon as part of friendship week.

Experimenting with different forces in Year 3 Discoverers! We thought about what force was moving the object and whether these forces were contact or non-contact [#year3discoverers](#)

Year 4!

Great job working out perimeter Year 4 Amazons [#maths](#) [#perimeter](#)

Year 5!

[#y5sharks](#) working hard on their multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000 today

Year 6!

Year 6 are creating comic strips about being friends online [#year6rockets](#)

CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dodgeball
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