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The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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Important Diary Dates

November

- * 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

You're All I Need to Get By...

The holidays are definitely coming and this weeks' wintery weather is a reminder that yes it is winter, yes it is nearly Christmas and yes things will be different this year. For us, we are going to try everything we can to ensure that we keep everything as normal as we can for the children including performances, etc. You should have had a big update letter today which gives you all the information you need about what's coming up and if you have any queries please contact my truly amazing office staff who are intergalactically knowledgeable and always very keen to help you. We do need your help with returning the permission for your child to be included on the filming of our 'extravaganza' performance. If you haven't done so, please can we ask you to do it via WEDUC and again contact the office if you do have any problems

You will hopefully have booked your parents' evening slot yesterday via our online system. I have heard a rumour there was a problem for some parents so we re-started the evening and it seems cleared now. Apologies for the issue that some of you may have had.

There are a couple of moans on the back of the newsletter which are quite important so please can you take a minute or two to read them. The one about the snacks is very important as we have had a few occasions this week where children have brought snacks into school that contain nuts or worse hazelnut chocolate spread. This is very dangerous for some of our children so can we please ask you to vet the snacks you buy very carefully to ensure they do not contain any nuts.



Lastly, I don't often remember to say a massive thank you to all of you for supporting the school so amazingly well during this term. You have made our lives so much easier and we all appreciate it very much!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

You at Work

HELPING US RELAX

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How do you like to relax?

*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * Due to staff shortages the Flu Vaccination that should have taken place on Monday has been re-arranged to Thursday 3rd December (this has been posted on Weduc)
- * Masks do not need to be worn when you are in the office vestibule as the window will be kept closed for protection.

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 stress.....

1. Do you ever feel stress?

Yes sometimes like on a Monday night and an early morning I have to go on zoom and do my cheerleading since we can't go to the studio because of lock down.

2. Do you have ways to overcome it?

Yes I relax, read, listen to music and go on the phone to family and friends.

3. Who helps you with stress in your life?

My mum and my friends

Year 5, Ellesmere

1. Do you ever feel stress?

Sometimes because when I want alone time in my room my brother comes in and get stressed because I am trying to sleep and he wakes me up.

2. Do you have ways to overcome it?

Yes because I just cuddle up with my favourite soft toy.

3. Who helps you with stress in your life?

My teddy and my youngest cat who loves me the most :)

Year 3, Peel

1. Do you ever feel stress?

Yes because Ellenbrook's Got Talent is coming up and I've been stressing a lot because I want to go through and win.

2. Do you have ways to overcome it?

No and yes, no because I learn from stress, it teaches me how to be brave and I know it sounds weird but it's true. Yes I meditate to calm me down.

3. Who helps you with stress in your life?

Myself, my mum and my best friend.

Year 5, Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
3596	3537	3779	3606

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

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

BRIDGEWATER, ELLESMERE, LOWRY & 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. Salford Update
2. Intrahealth re-arranged catch up date
3. Yr5 Sharks Christmas Production costumes
4. Yr5 Jets Christmas Production costumes
5. Yr5 Cardboard
6. Parents Evening letter
7. Parents Evening Bookings Separate households
8. Christmas Update



End of Day Collection

Please can we ask you to ensure your children do not go up onto the bank by the Reception classrooms when they are being picked up and dropped off. This area is only in use during school hours and is not an area the children should be using as they leave school. We don't want to stop anyone's fun but we also don't want anyone to be unsafe or put at danger if they are unsupervised. Also, just a little reminder I posted a message on WEDUC this week about ensuring children stay with you at all times during collection and drop off. Please can we ask you to keep your children close when collecting.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Today Nursery have been making their own price tags for their toys to sell in our toy shop! We've made marks to represent number and written numerals. Well done!

Reception!

Busy bees in Reception Cedar today...the children have been mapping the story of The Gingerbread Man, adding their own labels by applying their phonics. Mrs Podmore and Mrs Clarke are super impressed! [#receptioncedar](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 Beech had a great afternoon practising their netball skills P.E. They practised the chest pass and the over arm pass and ended with a game of Piggy in the Middle! [#year1beech](#) [#netballskills](#) Year 1 have become weather watchers this week with their very own weather station. We will be exploring the wind direction, temperature and rainfall each day. [#science](#) [#weather](#) [#year1maple](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 Oak have been learning about Tudor houses and why they burned so easily in the Great Fire of London. They have enjoyed mixing colours, and using collage to create their own Tudor house.

Year 3!

Year 3 Discoverers were busy in the design phase of our Viking longboat project this afternoon! We have tested how to make a structure strong and sturdy, and are now designing what we would like our longboats to look like and the materials we will use! [#year3discoverers](#)

Year 4!

In Science this week, Year 4 Amazons have explored the relationship between distance and volume. They even linked their investigation to our learning in maths.

Year 5!

Y5 Jets have been learning about the Anglo-Saxon treasure trove at Sutton Hoo. Some lovely work on view here.

Year 6!

Year 6 have been the busiest red blood cells this afternoon. They had to travel to between the lungs and the body carrying oxygen, ensuring they always travelled through the heart each time. [#year6rockets](#) [#science](#)

Snacks

This is the second time I have had to mention snacks in the weekly newsletter but I am becoming very concerned with some of the things the children are bringing into school to eat.



This week I have seen whole chocolate bars, sweets, lollipops and large bags of crisps. None of these things are really appropriate snacks for the children to have in school. Please can we also ask that no snack has chocolate hazelnut filling.

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