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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

September

- * 2nd - Start of term for all pupils
- * More dates to follow
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October

- * 8th - Reception Pine Forest Schools Trip
- * 9th - Reception Cedar Forest Schools Trip
- * 9th - Young Minds Mental Health Day
- * 16th - Intrahealth flu vaccinations
- * 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

I Wish I Was A Messenger and All the News Was Good ...

It's been a week of two halves for us this week. The weather has certainly changed and this has meant the children have been more limited in their options at play and lunch time and as a result we have seen more fall outs and friendship disputes than normal. Our weekly assembly theme this week has been about speaking clearly and communicating and it's clear we need to remind the children of the correct way to express themselves and to communicate with each other. We have to bear in mind the long time the children were off school during the shut down and I think they have done amazingly well to have bounced back as well as they have. The children have clearly built a lot of resilience which is a life long skill they will need in the future.

This week has also seen more understandable complaints from residents about parking. I have updated the message on the rear of this newsletter and I would appreciate you all taking a couple of minutes to read what I have written as it is very important as is the message about snacks. I have been quite surprised about some of the things I have seen in packed lunch boxes this week including a number of chocolate bars and snacks which contain nuts. I know it's hard with child pressure but we do try our best to be a healthy school and some of the things I have seen this week could not be described as healthy on their best day.

Sorry I know it sounds like I am moaning but Mr Marks and I have noticed a lot of children playing in the outdoor gym and climbing frame when you have collected them at the end of the day. Please can we ask that the children do not do this whilst they are waiting to leave as they are unsupervised and at risk of getting hurt. We have told the children this in assembly too so they should be able to remember at the end of the day.



Lastly, we hope you all have a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * Young Minds World Mental Health Day - wear yellow next Friday 9th October
- * Tempest Photography in school for individual and sibling photos – Monday 12th October

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 anger.....

1. Have you ever tried to get noticed?

I have once because my mum was talking to my Nanny for so long so I jumped up and down on the bed but I think the neighbours heard me more than my mum!

2. Have you ever felt ignored?

All the time with my grandad who acts like he doesn't have any ears!

3. How did it make you feel?

A bit angry but he is old!

Year 4, Ellesmere

1. Have you ever tried to get noticed?

Yes I have tried to get noticed when my brother was talking to my dad so I screamed and there was something I wanted to tell him but I forgot what it was.

2. Have you ever felt ignored?

Yes when I was outside and the door was locked and my brother forgot I was there.

3. How did it make you feel?

I felt very annoyed

Year 3, Ellesmere

1. Have you ever tried to get noticed?

When I was playing on the playground trying to talk to my brother.

2. Have you ever felt ignored?

I was trying to talk to my dad but he was talking to his friend.

3. How did it make you feel?

It made me feel sad and miserable

Year 3, Lowry



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1243	1155	1316	1150

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.



Parking

This week I had a further complaint from residents about parking on Reedley Drive. The resident has informed me they will now be reporting illegal parking to the local council and the police.



Can I just remind you all that parking across people's drives or double parking is illegal and all parents should respect our neighbours. Please help us to keep good relations with our neighbours.

Packed Lunches

This week I have been on duty in the Key Stage 2 hall during dinner time. I have been very surprised about the contents of some of the children's packed lunches. I have seen chocolate bars, crisps, biscuits and a lot of products which contain nuts.



The School Council is about to embark on campaign to encourage children to eat more healthily over the next few weeks. Please can we ask you not to send in any products that contain nuts. Some of our children have very serious allergies and they are at very significant risk if they are exposed to any form of nuts.

We Need You...or Your Old Games at Least!

We are currently 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 :)



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

1. Yr1 - Toys from the past



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have listened to the story about the cheeky elephant, Elmer who loved to make people laugh. We've made masks and thought how we can make each other laugh [#ellenbrook-nursery](#)

Reception!

Reception have learnt that Moana's family made Tapas - these are printed patterns on cloth that tell a story. So today the children are creating patterns all over the place! Maths patterns, independent pattern collages and tapa pattern printing... [#receptioncedar](#) [#receptionpine](#)

Year 1!

Following on from using the Bee-Bots some Year 1 boys decided to draw a map of their local area which included their own houses. They then used the Bee-Bot to direct it to each other's house. [#year1beech](#) [#year1maple](#) [#ICT](#) [#applyingskills](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 Happy national poetry day from Year 2 ! We've had a lovely morning listening to poems, we especially liked the nonsense poems . We are now writing our own poetry book in the style of Ketchup on your Cornflakes by Nick Sherratt.

Year 3!

Year 3 have been learning all about life along the river Nile in Ancient Egypt. Well done Discoverers & Voyagers, you have shown your understanding clearly in your pictures



Year 4!

Year 4 have had great fun performing a variety of rolls during our gymnastics lesson. A fantastic effort by all [#year4amazons](#) [#gymnastics](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 have been doing some cooking this week and we even managed to get them to eat some vegetables!

Year 6!

Year 6 have had a great morning exploring the human and physical features of Worsley. We thought about how the land use had changed over time. [#year6rockets](#) [#ellenbrookgeographers](#)

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