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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### November

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

#### December

- \* 3rd - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park—**CANCELLED**
- \* 4th - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park—**CANCELLED**
- \* 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

## We Need to Concentrate on More than Meets the Eye...

I hope you all managed to have a very restful and relaxing half term despite the monsoon conditions we had for most of the week. It has been so nice to see the sun this week even though it is definitely colder. Halloween and Bonfire Night came and went but it was great to be able to have the Early Years firework display on Thursday. The children loved it even though it was during the day and it was the culmination of a whole days learning for early years which was fantastic to see.

We have had to isolate our second class bubble since September this week with Year 1 Maple having to learn from home. We are now much more prepared for home learning and the children can access their work through Seesaw, our home learning app, which has not only streamlined the procedure for making work available but also allows us to monitor the work the children have completed and allows the teachers to interact with the child in real time. You will all have had a letter about this this week, if you haven't had the letter you won't have your children's log in details, so please contact the school office to get them.

We will start our catch up sessions next week and you will receive a letter from us if your child has been identified as needing some extra support. The support will take many forms and maybe delivered in class, in a dedicated 1 to 1 or a small group either with a teacher, TA or Mr Marks. The letter won't specify what the intervention will be as they will vary from day to day but will tell you which of the core subjects they are in either Reading, Writing or Maths.



We will also be writing to you next week about parents' evening and what our plans are but just to give you a heads up it will be very close to the end of term and will be done virtually probably by phone or Microsoft Teams. Keep an eye out for that letter as it will also have instructions on how to book your appointment. Have a great weekend!  
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### \*\*\* 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.

### Thoughtful Time

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

#### 1. Are you a greedy person?

In my opinion, I think I am a greedy person because as I have grown up and developed as a person I have realised that other children don't have the same experiences in life as I do and aren't as lucky as I am.

#### 2. Do you like simple things?

During lockdown I started to think I can be at home more and be in any environment. Before lockdown I thought I had to be out and not stuck at home.

#### 3. What would you need to feel satisfied?

I need to feel loved and I need to have faith in myself Year 6, Peel

#### 1. Are you a greedy person?

No I am not greedy...

#### 2. Do you like simple things?

Yes I do like simple things like plain ice cream.

#### 3. What would you need to feel satisfied?

I need friends and family to feel satisfied Year 4, Lowry

#### 1. Are you a greedy person?

I am a bit greedy because when my mum bought me something I said 'What is this?'

#### 2. Do you like simple things?

Sometimes but not always because when the maths is too easy I want something challenging.

#### 3. What would you need to feel satisfied?

I would like a Nintendo or a big book to make me satisfied. Year 4, Peel



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2402	2374	2519	2338

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.



### Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

1. Tempest update
2. Yr 2 Staircase House – cancellation of trip
3. Yr 4 Tatton Park – cancellation of trip
4. Reminder re current restriction with households mixing



### Backpacks & Bottles

This week I have seen a number of children coming into school with hard plastic water bottles which have been dropped and consequently smashed. I am not sure these are the best bottles for the children to use so can we ask you to ensure their water bottle is appropriate. It has also been pointed out that some children have backpacks. These are still not allowed in school at present. Plastic bags are the only bag allowed. Many thanks

### In the classroom this week.....

#### Nursery!

Some boys were inspired by bonfire night and used our 'loose parts' area outside to create a "firework show". They had a bonfire and a stage but most importantly a wall to tell everyone to stay back! [#besafe](#) [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#imaginative-play](#)

#### Reception!

After learning about Bonfire Night this morning, there are chocolate sparklers being made for our Fireworks display later in Reception [#receptioncedar](#) Looking at fireworks today, making pictures and rockets, along with dancing and writing firework words. Well done Reception Pine [#grossmotor](#) [#havingfunandlearning](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 are having fun getting arty this afternoon creating different types of firework pictures. They are thinking about the different colours and patterns we see in fireworks [#art](#) [#fireworks](#) [#year1maple](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 have enjoyed finding out about the Gunpowder plot and have created fact files of what they have found out.

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Voyagers are learning yoga in P.E this half term. A super first lesson today everyone. Yoga practice this afternoon in PE for Year 3 Discoverers! We have practiced elephant, chair, rainbow and tree pose [#year3discoverers](#)

#### Year 4!

Can Year 4 Amazons beat the Riddler? They must create a riddle good enough! Who will win? Only Mr Blackburn can decide! [#year4amazons](#) [#english](#) [#riddles](#)

#### Year 5!

Thoughtful, descriptive cinquain poetry today in [#year5sharks](#) Year 5 Jets have been working in pairs creating some fabulous descriptive [#cinquains](#).

#### Year 6!

Year 6 are beginning to learn about the heart and circulatory system in Science. We began by revising the organs and considering where the heart belonged in the body. Next, we drew some detailed drawings of the heart. [#year6rockets](#) [#science](#)

## CORONAVIRUS NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 November to 2 December  
National restrictions apply to England:

<b>Meeting Indoors</b> You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.	<b>Meeting Outdoors</b> You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public spaces, following social distancing. Children under 5 need an adult dependent on circumstances and do not count towards the 2 person limit.	<b>Weddings and Funerals</b> Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is severely ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.	<b>Working from home</b> You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable.
<b>Essential Shops</b> Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-19 guidance.	<b>Non-essential Retail</b> Closed. Can only open for click and collect and delivery services.	<b>Exercise</b> You can exercise outside on your own or with your household, your support bubble, or one person from another household.	<b>Leisure and Gyms</b> Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.
<b>Hospitality</b> Closed except for takeaway, click and collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 22:00.	<b>Education</b> Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.	<b>Healthcare Services</b> You can leave home for any medical reasons.	<b>Residential Care</b> Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits safe.
<b>Travel</b> You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.	<b>Public Transport</b> You may still use public transport but should only travel for permitted reasons and should look to reduce the number of journeys you make, avoid travelling at peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.	<b>Overnight Stays</b> Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.	<b>Entertainment and tourism</b> Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at visitor attractions are open.
<b>Vulnerable People</b> If you are 65+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise contact with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.	<b>Worship</b> Closed. Except for funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.	<b>Childcare</b> Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to work or for respite care. Parents can form a childcare bubble with another household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.	<b>Youth Clubs and Activities</b> Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1:1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

HANDS FACE SPACE

### 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**