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# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

<b>BRIDGEWATER</b> .....	<b>226</b>
<b>ELLESMERE</b> .....	<b>246</b>
<b>LOWRY</b> .....	<b>212</b>
<b>PEEL</b> .....	<b>227</b>

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week. Keep up the good work!

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### JANUARY

22/01/2019	MUFC Football Tournament
28/01/2019	SATs Assessment Meeting (Year 6 only)

### FEBRUARY

08/02/2019	PTA Quiz 7.30pm—10.30pm
13/02/2019	Year 6 trip to Fusilier Museum - Bury
13/02/2019	PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm
15/02/2019	School closes for half term
25/02/2019	Back to school!

### MARCH

26/03/2019	Worsley Swimming Gala
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## Ellenbrook Newsletter

Just a reminder that this term the Ellenbrook Newsletter will only be sent via Parent Pay.

If you'd still like a paper copy, they will be available from the letters rack outside the office on Friday at pick up time.



## Happy New Year.....!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and on behalf of everyone at Ellenbrook I want to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

It feels like we have never been away and we are back in full swing already. The children look well rested and they have a great term ahead of them with new topics and new opportunities to learn.

We have a new assembly theme this term called Face 2 Face. It's based on the Star wars movies and is focused more on us looking at ourselves and the type of people we hope and aspire to be. We really hope the children will enjoy this topic and if Monday is anything to go by they certainly will! Please take some time to talk to your children about assembly to get an understanding of how they feel about them and what they mean to them. Hopefully they will be able to explain the Promise of the Week which changes every Monday morning.

I was very fortunate to have celebrated a birthday last week and like many of you I am sure it makes you think a lot about your life and what you have achieved. This weeks' Thoughtful Times reflected that inner reflection very well and there were some amazing answers from the children. Thoughtful Time is a key period of reflection for the children and we are now beginning to see the children really grow into the weekly questions.

The reverse of the newsletter contains what looks like similar items to last term but they have been updated so please take a moment to read them. The Parental Survey closes on Monday and we are still appealing for toys and games for wet play boxes before the deadline of Monday 21st January. If you can help with either, we'd appreciate that. Lastly, I wish you all a very relaxing weekend...until next week!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our life goals.....

### 1. Have you set any goals for your life?

I have many goals for life and the future. My first goal is to always enjoy what I do for a living and to travel the world. I would also like to be well known for what I do.

### 2. Do you know who you want to be when you are older?

When I am older I would enjoy a job that involves many things like investment banking.

### 3. What's the best thing in your life?

The best thing in my life is when I went on a trip to Dobroyd and overcame my fears. Ellesmere, Year 5

### 1. Have you set any goals for your life?

My goal in life is to be positive when people are feeling grey.

### 2. Do you know who you want to be when you are older?

When I grow up I want to be a positive person, happy and clever.

### 3. What's the best thing in your life?

The best thing in my life is my family because they are very loving!. Peel, Year 3



## PROMISE OF THE WEEK



**LOOK FOR  
WHAT YOU  
WANT IN LIFE  
AND FIND IT  
YOU WILL.**

**WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?**

### Things to Remember from the Office....

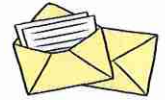
- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by calling or emailing the school office. If your child is off for more than a day, we still need you to call in with a detailed message explaining their absence.
- Please can you let the office or your child's class teacher know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- Can we remind you all to check your Parent Pay account for messages and communications from the school. Please can we also ask you to read the e-mails sent from the office. We currently have 13 Parents Pay accounts that need to be updated!
- Any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox inside the entrance to the school office.
- 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.
- Answerphone messages are picked up throughout the day, we may not always respond immediately if the office is very busy. We would ask you to be patient if you haven't heard from us, your query will be answered the same day.



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

This week we have sent letters for...

- PTA Quiz letter
- SATs Assessment Evening (Year 6 only)
- Intrahealth – Nasal Flu Vaccine survey



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

#### Nursery!

Winter has arrived—we've been busy making our snow cave to get snug in, read stories and shelter from the cold weather!

[#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#itscoldoutside](#)

#### Reception!

Reception are thinking about winter at the moment. We have been talking about how we know it is winter and the types of weather we might get. The children really want it to snow so have made snow flakes for their classroom whilst they are waiting. [#letitsnow](#) [#winter](#) [#oak](#) [#Elm](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 Discoverers have been busy using tools to get clues out of blocks of ice! I wonder who the clues are about?! [#explorers](#)

Year one have spent their first morning back using a map to locate the lost pages of Russell's wilderness explorer notebook! Great work Voyagers [#Journeys](#) [#Topic](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Manchester airport earlier in the week. Year 2 have also been busy finding halves, quarters and thirds! Faced a few dilemmas too - is it better to have 1/2 a pizza or 2/4?

#### Year 3!

This week, Sharks and Jets are enjoying figure drawing today as part of our learning about the body.

#### Year 4!

Un, deux, trios... [#counting](#) [#french](#) [#year4rockets](#)

#### Year 5!

Latitude plus Longitude gives us the earth's grid [#year5falcons](#)

Year 5 Falcons are working incredibly hard on word problems with addition and subtraction this morning. There are some very challenging questions and all are worded so differently but after 40 minutes of solid working we want to do MORE!!

#### Year 6!

Year 6 Bells & Whistles are writing letters about getting our Titanic boarding passes and have been using sources and iPads to discover information about the class system in the Edwardian era.

### Ellenbrook Quiz Night!

The PTA will be running their first ever quiz evening on Friday 8th February 2019. It's £5 per person (adults only) and teams can be as large as 6. If you don't have a team in mind, don't worry just come along on the night and join in with others!



The doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start and we expect to be finished at about 10.30pm. If you're interested, please fill in the form sent out today.



### Attendance Letter Apology

Again, I just wanted to apologise for the issue with the attendance letters that went out at the end of term. We did not appreciate a mistake had been made on them and as soon as we did we re-issued them.

### Parental Survey....Last Call!

This is your last opportunity to complete a parental feedback questionnaire as the deadline is Monday.

We have now had 134 responses with Amazons still slightly ahead of Swallows!

Please fill one in if you have the time over the weekend!



### Parking

I have had a number concerns raised with me since we have been back around parking issues this week. In particular, there seems to be a number of parents double parking or parking half on the curb and half on the road blocking the walkways. Please can we ask you not to do this when you are dropping off and picking up your children from school.



### Ellenbrook Wet Play Games—Final Appeal!

This is our last call for wet play game donations. Thank you all so much for the very generous donations we have had so far, I have a number of black sacks full in my office.

We are still looking for more so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or unwanted games lying around the house, please feel free to drop them in to school please ...we'd be very grateful!

We are setting a deadline for donations as a week on **Monday 21st January**. Thank you very much in advance!

