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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER.....	0000
ELLESMERE.....	0000
LOWRY.....	0000
PEEL.....	0000

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week. It's so close.....all to play for!

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

APRIL

19/04/2019	School closed—Bank Holiday
22/04/2019	School closed—Bank Holiday
23 & 25/04/2019	Parents' Evening
24/04/2019	PTA Meeting at 7pm
29 /04/2019	Year 4 Residential to Dobroyd Castle
1/5/2019	
30/04/2019	Yr1 Clitheroe Castle

MAY

13-17 May SATS week

JUNE

3 & 4th June INSET Days, School is closed

Important reminder... Important reminder...

Save the date for the PTA Summer Fayre which will be on **Sunday 9th June from 1pm—4pm.**



THERE IS ALSO A PTA MEETING

ON **WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK AT 7PM** (WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2019) AT SCHOOL. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE SOME NEW FACES. PLEASE POP ALONG IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!

Let the Good Times Roll.....!

Summer is here at last or so they say! I hope you all had an amazing break although I have to admit it does feel weird returning to school then having the long Easter weekend. I don't recall that ever happening before especially just as you get into the stride of the new term. But I am sure the children are very much looking forward to the chocolate fest that is Easter these days.

A new term brings a new assembly theme and this term we are looking at love through the eyes of Paul and his letter from Corinthians. I am sure many of you have heard the letters about love and it's a focal point of our assemblies this term. We will, of course, have our usual weekly visitor and this term it is a retired elderly couple called Dorothy and Douglas! As usual I encourage you to talk to your children about our assembly themes and what they are doing in Thoughtful Time in particular. We cover a lot of very sensitive topics in Thoughtful Time and the children's responses are well thought out and quite deep. There are a lot of interesting topics in assembly this term and I am sure the children will enjoy them as they have with our previous two assembly themes.

A huge thank you to Mrs Chapman & Miss Wilks for organising this weeks swimming gala. The team did an amazing job and I am so proud of them. Thank you to you as parents for supporting us on the evening too!

There is a message on the back of the newsletter about the attendance letter which again contained errors for some children. My apologies for this issue, I can assure you every letter that goes out will be triple checked in future.

Have a great weekend...we are apparently going to have a baking hot day Easter weekend!.....Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about the future.....!

1. How do you feel about the future?

I feel a bit daunted because I don't know what my future holds but I also feel excited because I know what I want to be when I am older but I am not sure if that will change.

2. Do you use your time wisely?

To be honest I don't because I always spend my time watching TV when I could be spending time with my family.

3. Does anything last forever?

Not everything lasts forever but some things do like time because even if there is day after day it never stops. **Peel, Year 4**

1. How do you feel about the future?

I am not sure how I feel about the future because I don't know what will happen in my life but I think it will be a happy one. Also, I am scared to become older because you have bigger responsibilities and life will become much harder.

2. Do you use your time wisely?

I don't always spend my time too wisely because whenever I have a chance to spend time with my family or friends I don't always use it, I waste it. Usually I just watch TV when I get home from school.

3. Does anything last forever?

Yes, love and friendship can last forever but it can change. One thing that makes me sad is that people can't last forever which is a real shame. **Peel, Year 4**



LEARN 2 LOVE

LOVE IS... ETERNAL!



WHO WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER?

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 Summer Fayre



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

The Easter Bunny left us a lovely book 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt', we've been guessing what is hiding behind the giant egg at the end - we can't wait to find out if we were right tomorrow! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#whoisit](#)

Reception!

A lovely spring day in Reception! We are busy counting seeds, making symmetrical eggs and doing observational drawings of daffodils (buds at the moment) We also found a ladybird!

[#reception](#) [#spring](#) [#minibeasthunting](#)

Year 1!

What a scene in Year 1 this morning...upturned tables, some muddy footprints and a mystery egg! Year One have asked lots of questions and think they have an idea of what may be inside [#Yearone](#) [#Topic](#) [#WOW](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 have been busy this morning using atlases, globes and maps to locate Blackpool and Africa. They discovered that while Africa is a continent, Blackpool is a town and there is a big difference in size between the two! [#year2](#) [#ellenbrookgeographers](#)

Year 3!

Year 3 have been organising information into sections and generating appropriate subheadings - non-chronological reports

Year 4!

This term, Year 4 Rockets are sequencing historical periods of Ancient Greece. [#year4rockets](#) [#history](#)

Year 5!

[#year5falcons](#) have been given their diary briefs and are exploring the thoughts and feelings of their characters that witness the gruesome ceremonies! Some are writing as if they have their own tongue sliced

Year 6!

This week, Year 6 have been working on our problem solving and team work skills [#year6whistles](#)

Attendance Letter

As you will have seen from Parent Pay this week, we have had yet another issue with the end of term attendance letters. I can only apologise again for this mistake and I promise you these letters will not go out again until everyone is checked manually. I did check a number of them and they were all correct but in the mail merge it appears some percentages got changed. We think this mainly affected Year 6 children in particular. My apologies to those of you who were given incorrect information.

PTA Meeting

Just a reminder that there is a PTA meeting next week (**Wednesday 24th April 2019**) at the school. It would be great to see as many of you as possible at the meeting. The meeting will begin at 7pm and last about an hour.



Swimming Gala

Huge congratulations to our swimming team that attended the worsley swimming gala on Wednesday. They did us proud and behaved impeccably. We are so pleased with how they competed! Huge thanks to Miss Wilks & Mrs Chapman for organising it!



Water Bottles & PE Kits

As the weather is getting hotter, can we please remind you all to ensure your child has a water bottle in school to keep properly hydrated.



Parking

Please be respectful when dropping off and picking up and not double parking or parking half on the curb and half on the road blocking the walkways.



Medicine Form Reminder

Please can we remind you all that any medicines your children need to take during the day must be handed in at the office and a medicine consent form completed. Please don't send your child into school with medicines on them or in their bags as this can be potentially dangerous to other children.

PTA Lottery

One of the many fundraising activities the PTA have is a school lottery. We have included an extra page the newsletter to show you how it works.

If you are interested, you can follow the links to sign up and play. It is a great cause and raises vital money for the school.



Support
your
school
today!

Just £1 per week

40% to your school

£25,000 jackpot!

Cash prizes every week

your
school
lottery

How it works

It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes with a **jackpot prize of up to £25,000!** One of our supporters will win a cash prize every week. Tickets cost just £1 per ticket per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to your school.

Draws are conducted every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online. Winners will be notified via email and the winnings will be paid straight into an account of their choosing.

The easiest and quickest way to join our lottery is online where you can set up your payment either by direct debit or one off payment card. Alternatively, set up can be done over the phone using the contact details below.

It's so easy to join and you could make a real difference to your school.

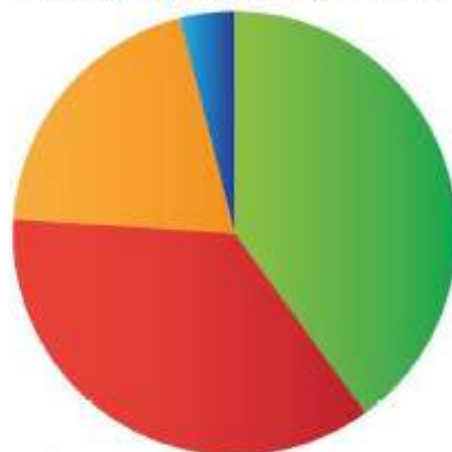


The maths...

100 tickets sold means
= **£30** a week cash prize
= **£2,080** a year for your school

Where does your money go?

Tickets cost just £1 per week



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