



Ellenbrook

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.....	1260
ELLESMERE.....	1362
LOWRY.....	1340
PEEL.....	1262

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

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### FEBRUARY

25/02/2019 Back to school!

### MARCH

04/03/2019 Book Week (All week)  
 07/03/2019 World Book Day  
 07/03/2019 Dress as a book character day  
 08/03/2019 Slumber Day—Wear your pjs to school!  
 23/03/2019 PTA Bingo Evening  
 26/03/2019 Worsley Swimming Gala

### APRIL

23/04/2019 Year 2 Africa Day

## I Get By With A Little Help.....

Welcome back, I hope you all had a fantastic half term break! It's such a short term this one and we only have 5 weeks until Easter! I have been lucky enough to be in classes this week watching the children work and enjoying their learning alongside them. I watched a great lesson in Nursery and Reception this week and was just as shocked as the children in the behaviour of the Naughty Bus! Learning in the early years is fantastic and I have loved getting to know the curriculum for Early Years...it's so different from Key Stage 2.

Over the course of the half term, we managed to change the IT suite at school. It is something I have wanted to do since my first day at Ellenbrook as our previous suite was just not fit for the job. The feedback from the children so far has been great and they are clearly enjoying being able to log on...use software and log out which wasn't always possible before. It has made me realise though that the children are so used to using screen that a keyboard and mouse seem alien. There were a lot of children who touched the screen of the monitors expecting them to do something. Some work needed on mouse skills too!

I would also like to thank the PTA. Although they didn't pay for the IT suite upgrade, we could never have afforded it had they not contributed to the KS 1 playground. Talking of the PTA, tickets are now on sale for our first family bingo night. This promises to be an excellent evening so please come along and enjoy the bingo fun.

There are a number of things we are looking at in terms of the school site at the moment. We will be getting your opinions over the course of this term on a range of them as we seek to best use the space we have at school. The area at the front of school is going to be developed over the next few weeks and as part of that we are going to be expanding the early years provision.

Lastly, have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Important reminder... Important reminder...

The PTA are holding their first Family Bingo Night Saturday 23rd March from 6pm until approximately 8.30pm.

Entry is £3 person which includes two bingo cards. The deadline for tickets is the end of the day on Wednesday 20th March 2019.



## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about what friendship....

### 1. What makes a good friend?

A good friend is a person who cares about you and will always be there for you when you are down. That sentence describes my friends amazingly well.

### 2. Are you a good friend for others?

I do try and be a good friend because I always want to make my friends smile and be happy. When one of my friends smiles or laughs it makes me so happy because they are happy. That makes me smile!

### 3. Are you good at forgiving your friends?

I find it quite hard because if I was upset then they cause it, although I don't like falling out with others and I always forgive them and make friends with them again



Ellesmere, Year 6

## PROMISE OF THE WEEK



**BE A GOOD FRIEND YOU MUST...REWARDED YOU WILL BE**

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### 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...



- Comic Relief = whole school (Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March)
- KS2 Author Visit (Tue 5<sup>th</sup> March)
- Internet Safety Update – Whole school

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

#### Nursery!

We've been working hard all day building and setting traps to catch the Evil Pea! Let's hope they work and he's trapped by the morning! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#evilpea](#)

#### Reception!

The naughty bus caused more chaos in Reception last night! He has been jumping in flour and knocking toys off shelves! We have been busy designing road maps and junk modelling him some transport friends in the hope he will come back! [#receptionlm](#) [#naughtybus](#) [#junkmodelling](#)

#### Year 1!

Today we came into the classroom and someone with a large footprint had destroyed our houses!! We have been writing WANTED posters to catch the criminal! [#year1](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 having fun estimating and measuring alien footprints. Can we compare them using < and >?

#### Year 3!

Jets looking at the work of illustrator Quentin Blake to start our art work this term.

#### Year 4!

Fantastic work Year 4; you look amazing. [#year4rockets](#) [#gettingcreativewithscience](#) [#digestivesystem](#)

#### Year 5!

Tasting really SPACE FOOD in [#year5falcons](#), an ice cream sandwich to be precise ! YUM! Thank you so much to Freya and her family for bringing it from NASA

#### Year 6!

Today we are honing our journalistic skills to interrogate officials over the outbreak of WW1. [#year6](#)

### Lost Property

We have a large amount of collected lost property, some of which does not have the best aroma in the world! Please can we ask that you collect any items that are missing by Friday 8th March 2019.

What's left over after that date will be donated to charity.



### Car Park

Please can we respectfully ask that you do not walk across the car park when dropping off and collecting your children.

We had a near miss earlier this week with a delivery and the car park is open to traffic which makes it unsafe for pedestrians.



### 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. There is one winner a week and the last Ellenbrook winner won £10.20! It is a great cause and raises vital money for the school.

### 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.

Let's keep the roads around the school safe for everyone who uses them and the paths too.



### House Quiz

A massive congratulations to Lowry who won the first ever Ellenbrook House Quiz on the last day before we broke up for half term. It was extremely close and the actual quiz was settled by a tie breaker!

A massive thank you to everyone who took part and to the House Captains for helping on the day.





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.**

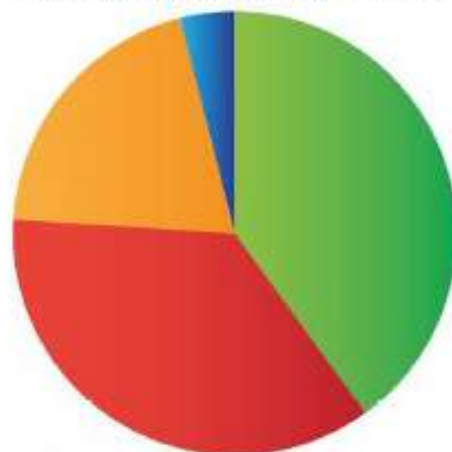


### The maths...

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



- 40p** goes directly to your school
- 36p** goes towards lottery winner's cash prizes
- 20p** goes towards lottery administrative costs
- 4p** for VAT

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