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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Spring Term

### House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER.....	1941
ELLESMERE.....	2118
LOWRY.....	2064
PEEL.....	1963

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

### Ellenbrook Diary Dates

#### MARCH

23/03/2019	PTA Bingo Evening
26/03/2019	Worsley Swimming Gala

#### APRIL

15/04/2019	Year 2 Africa Day
29 /04//2019	Year 4 Residential to Dobroyd Castle
1/5/2019	
30/04/2019	Yr1 Clitheroe Castle

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

Save the date for the PTA Summer Fayre which will be on Sunday 9th June. We will confirm times closer to the event.



It promises to be another excellent event this year with lots of the usual stalls and a few added extras. Please join us if you can!

## **PROMISE OF THE WEEK**



**WHAT YOU HAVE IS ALL THAT YOU NEED... POSSESSION ENVY IS A TRAIT OF THE DARK SIDE**

**BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE... DONT ALWAYS WANT MORE**

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### **Doesn't Time Fly By When You're Having Fun !**

Isn't this term flying by...one more week and it's the end of term. It's been a great one for us and the children have worked incredibly hard I have to say. I think they are ready for a rest as we have an very busier and action packed Summer term!

As I mentioned last week, I was away on the Salford's Headteacher residential and we enjoyed a great day focusing on courageous leadership. It seems to chime very well with the educational landscape at the moment with the issue around funding in schools. It's clear money is incredibly tight and as such we have to be very prudent in spending the money we have. We are always conscious of this and are also very lucky to have a very supportive PTA who can help provide the children with experiences they may not otherwise have the opportunity to have. It looks like it could be a difficult road ahead and we will, as always, keep you updated on what we are planning as a school.

I am not sure if any of you saw the news item this week about school holiday fines. The number of fines issued to parents in England for taking children on term time holidays has almost doubled in a year. It now stands at 223,000 in 2017-18 which was a 93% increase on the year before. This is the time of year when schools generally get the most requests so it's also an opportunity to remind you of our pupil attendance policy.

Talking of the PTA, we had a meeting this week to talk through the Summer Fayre which will be on **Sunday 9th June 2019**. It would be great to have some volunteers to help as there are a lot of things we'd like to do this year to make it an even more special event than it was last year.

I have also had more complaints from local residents about the situation at drop off and pick up. I know I moan every week but can we please be respectful of the local residents. Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about reading.....!

#### **1. What would be the hardest thing in the world for you to give up?**

I don't want to give away my family or my teddy because my family means a lot to me and I can't sleep without my teddy.

#### **2. Could you lead a simpler life?**

It would be hard to lead a simpler life because I would want to use my iPad.

#### **3. What brings you joy that nothing else can bring?**

My family and my friends because I love my family and friends who play with me **Lowry, Year 2**

#### **1. What would be the hardest thing in the world for you to give up?**

My Harry Potter books as they make me feel comfortable

#### **2. Could you lead a simpler life?**

No as I want to be an entertainer!

#### **3. What brings you joy that nothing else can bring?**

My family and my friends as they bring me joy!

**Bridgewater, Year 2**



### 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...

- Changes to the cost of school meals
- Yr2 African Day
- Yr6 feedback closure date
- Yr3 Jets – swimming pool closure (28<sup>th</sup> March 2019)
- Yr4 – Salford's Big Sing



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

#### Nursery!

The children are enjoying painting with watercolours this morning and experimenting with mixing the colours to make new ones [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#childledlearning](#)

#### Reception!

A very messy space afternoon in Reception Elm! We are busy using the tweezers to catch the googly eyes in the alien slime, building rockets with the bricks and creating solar system pictures using paint and chalk. [#finemotor](#) [#learningthrough-play](#) [#reception](#)

#### Year 1!

Year 1 are having so much fun representing multiplication in different ways! [#YearOne](#) [#Maths](#) We're testing the flexibility of our bodies in Year 1 by doing yoga!

#### Year 2!

Very proud of Year 2's stories [#stamina](#). Year 2 have been working together to write instructions how to trap a giant.

#### Year 3!

The joys of the job...getting to read 60 fantastic descriptive pieces of writing and being super proud of your class'. House points all round for Year 3!

#### Year 4!

Editing stations at the ready Year 4 .

[#year4rockets](#) [#writingrocks](#). Year 4 are now comparing teeth and have enjoyed examining sheep's teeth! [#year4rockets](#) [#science](#)

#### Year 5!

Developing our own fluency, reasoning and problem solving questions in [#year5falcons](#). Which do you think is the worst and best for flight? [#year5falcons](#) are developing a design criteria ready to make their own wings!

#### Year 6!

We have done so much maths in [#year6](#). We are now estimating and measuring angles using protractors!



### Sporting Events this Week

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 gymnast finalists represented Salford at the Greater Manchester Games. The event kicked off at Sport City with the opening ceremony with music, stunt shows and dancers. The children competed against children from all over Greater Manchester. The children competed brilliantly against other talented gymnasts and enjoyed the fantastic experience- they even had their photo taken with Olympian Beth Tweddle!



Wednesday afternoon was the annual cross country relay in Worsley Woods. As always they committed all their effort and energy, the sun was shining and both the boys and girls team had a fantastic afternoon. They enjoyed running as part of a team and cheered each other on with great enthusiasm! Thank you to Miss Gardner for her help and support!

### PTA Summer Fayre

We are now looking for any stall holders or potential sponsors of this year PTA Fayre. If you have a stall you'd like to run on the day or know of anyone who does, please contact the school office.



We are also looking for prizes for our silent auction so if you have a business or know someone who has that could donate a prize we would much appreciate it!

### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



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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.**

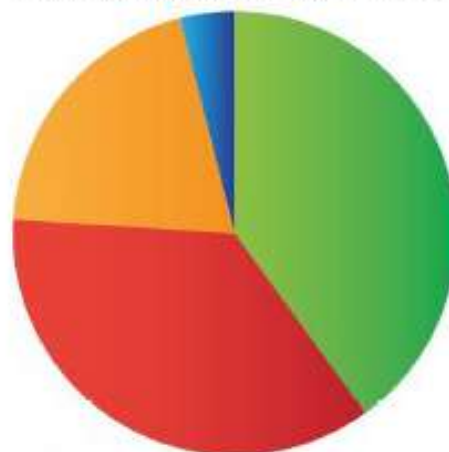


### The maths...

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

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE TODAY**

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