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HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
178	168	183	171

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

Thoughtful Time

No Thoughtful Time this week....Here's one from last term.

1. When do you feel wrong?

The worst thing I have ever done is hiding my brother's precious things and telling him I had hidden it and watching him go mad trying to find it.

2. What do you do about it?

I eventually would give it back to him and then I stopped feeling guilty.

3. How can you feel right in yourself?

I feel right giving it back to him so he doesn't have to be angry anymore and is happy. **Ellesmere, Year 5**

1. When do you feel wrong?

I felt wrong when I said something wrong to my mum and dad and I stomped upstairs.

2. What do you do about it?

I do admit if I do something wrong, and I say sorry to my mum and dad

3. How can you feel right in yourself?

I feel right when I know I have done something wrong and I saw sorry to my mum and dad. **Lowry, Year 4**



Happy New Year to You All!

I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and New Year and that it doesn't feel like it was a million years ago as it does for me. I always hate that post Christmas period, despite it being my birthday, when you have to count down the days until twelfth night and the last reminders of the festive period are removed for another year. The term has started at full pace and the children are getting back into the routines they were in before the holiday.

Early next week, an update letter will be coming out with some important information for you. The one I wanted to highlight in advance of the letter was the change to our internal timetable. The play and lunch times at school have shifted to enable better quality teaching time with play time now being at 10.30am for KS1 & 2 and lunch running from 12.15pm—1.15pm. The start of the day time hasn't changed and won't so please don't worry about that.

Just a reminder too about uniform. I have seen a number of children this week in heel or ankle boots, trainers and wearing non Ellenbrook jumpers. Please can we make sure the children are dressed in a manner that complies with our current school uniform policy which is on the school website.

We have been reviewing our budget this week and I have to say I was really shocked to see the amount of money owed to the school from the Before and After School club. With late payments totted up, there is currently £14,000 owed to the school by parents and this is for club alone. There is also a large outstanding balance for both residential trips and lunch money. There is no way we can continue to shoulder this burden as a school and we will be looking at ways of addressing this over the coming weeks.

Lastly, can I just encourage you all to take some time and read the whole of the newsletter. The back page does change, and there are some events we have signposted you to which may be of value to some of you.

Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Important reminder... Important reminder...

- * Year 6 SATs Assessment Evening @ 7pm
- * Reception Height & Weight Measurement
- * PTA Meeting—14th January 2020@ 7pm



Man Utd Football Tournament Team 2020

ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/1/2020—Year 6 SATs Assessment Evening • 13 & 14/1/2020—Reception Height & Weight Measurement • 14/1/2020 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm • 27/1/2020—Assessment Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/2/2020 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm • 8/2/2020 - PTA Quiz Night • 14/2/2020 - Year 4 Assembly – Parents invited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3/2020—6/3/20 - Book Week- all year groups • 2/3/2020—English workshop for parents • 2/3/2020—3/3/2020—Year 2 Bring yer wellies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/4/20 - PTA Meeting @ 7pm • 3/4/2020 - Last day of Spring term • 20/4/2020 - Start of Summer term

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 know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- 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. Yr 6 SATS Assessment
2. Yr6 Booster Sessions commencing next week
3. EYFS – Chinese New Year, Dragon Dance Workshop
4. Yr1-Yr5 Reading Survey
5. Yr4 Sharks Assembly
6. Yr4 Residential to Robinwood
7. PTA 2nd Quiz Night
8. Payment for Residential Trips



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have been learning all about winter this week. Mrs Coggins took the children for a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of winter. They found the sun was lower in the sky, the trees had no leaves and the wind was freezing cold. [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#jackfrost](#)

Reception!

In Reception we have enjoyed reading the story 'Squirrels New Year Resolution' and then thought about the promises we could make for 2020! Here are some of our own New Year Resolutions... [#superamazingwriting](#)

Year 1!

This week Year 1 have been exploring different types of trees and what happens to them in the winter. They learnt the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees and then went on a hunt to find them [#ellenbrookyear1](#) [#oak](#) [#elm](#) [#science](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 are busy finding equivalent fractions for 1/2.

Year 3!

Year 3 have started their new topic on Healthy Eating this week.

Year 4!

Year 4 are evaluating and discussing narrative descriptions about our new text 'The Arrival' written by Shaun Tan.

[#year4sharks](#) [#English](#) [#descriptivewriting](#)

Year 5!

[#year5rockets](#) are doing a fab job describing Dr Frankentinker from our new book Mungo and the Spiders from Space!

Year 6!

We're really getting into our new science topic of circuits

[#year6falcons](#)

Parking

Now we are back in full swing, please can I ask you to be civil to our neighbours and to park respectfully when picking up and dropping off at school. It's very important we maintain excellent relationships with our neighbours!

Man Utd Football Tournament

A massive well done to the Year 5 and 6 football team who attended the Man Utd Premier League tournament this week. It was a very full on day with the children playing 8 games back to back. We are so proud of them all :) They finished with a record of 2 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.

PTA Quiz & Meeting

You will have had a letter about the second Ellenbrook PTA Quiz which will be taking place on Saturday 8th February 2020 at 7pm.



The last quiz was fabulous and we are hoping for an even bigger turnout this year. A reminder too it's the PTA meeting on Tuesday at 7pm.

Couch to 5K
A 9-week programme

Parr Fold Park,
Walkden Road,
Salford, M28 7EA

Starting on 13th January 2020
Every Monday at 9.30am
Meet at the cenotaph by the main gates of the park

Couch to 5k is a 9-week running plan for beginners. Down load the free app and come and join us on a Monday morning.

- Kick start your new year
- Lose weight
- Meet new friends
- No running experience needed
- Suitable for parents with buggies

Please remember to wear suitable clothing/footwear and bring a bottle of water.

For more information please contact:
The Health Improvement Service on
Phone: 0161 783 3379
Email: sandra.kotanski@salford.gov.uk

Wellness Walk

Peel Park,
Manchester Road West,
Little Hulton, M38 0BU
Starts 16 January till 19 March

Every Thursday
1.30pm till 2.30pm
Meet at the Pavilion on Ram Street

Come along and meet new people. All welcome.

Improve your fitness
Lose weight
Lower blood pressure
Improve mental wellbeing

For more information please contact:
Sandra Kotanski (Health Improvement/Workshop)
Tel: 0202 052 1000
Email: sandra.kotanski@salford.gov.uk

Absence & Attendance

As a school we are required to remind you at the beginning of each term about the school's policy on pupil absence. You will receive an update letter over the next couple of days which reminds you of your responsibility in terms of absence from school during term time. Please read the statement in the update letter and let us know if you have any queries or concerns. Many thanks.

CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Circuits
KS1	MONDAY	Karate
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Circuits
KS2	WEDNESDAY	Cross Country (Until the end of January)
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS2	THURSDAY	Choir
KS2	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (8.00 am)	Boosters



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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

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- 36p goes towards lottery winner's cash prizes
- 20p goes towards lottery administrative costs
- 4p for VAT

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