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The Ellenbrook News

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER	803
ELLESMERE	778
LOWRY	810
PEEL	863

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

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

MAY

13-17/5/2019 SATS week

JUNE

3&4/6/2019 INSET Days, School is closed
 6/6/2019 EYFS Sports Day
 7/6/2019 Key Stage 1 & 2 Sports Day
 9/6/2019 PTA Summer Fayre
 11/6/2019 Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee
 18/6/2019 Year 6 Salford Championship Athletics

JULY

24/7/2019 End of Summer Term

Important reminder... Important reminder...

- ★ Booking for the May half term holiday club is open
- ★ Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle
- ★ Sports day—EYFS Thursday 6th June—afternoon
- ★ Sports day—Key Stage 1 & 2 - All day (Friday 7th June)
- ★ Year 6 Salford Championship Athletics (18th June)



LEARN 2 LOVE

**LOVE IS NOT...
JEALOUS!**

**ARE YOU CONTENT
TO BE YOURSELF?**

Are you the jealous type.....?

It's been another fab week at Ellenbrook with learning in full swing. We were fortunate to have a visit from the author Anna Lucas who came and visited Early Years' & KS1 yesterday and the children loved hearing about Sir Undercracker!

This week in assembly we have been thinking about love not being jealous. I have to say it was a great assembly and this weeks' Thoughtful Times were superb with the children really understanding that jealousy wasn't just about boyfriends and girlfriends and that jealousy could be about a number of things. Their answers were well thought out so well done to all of the children.

I was fortunate enough to go to the National Association of Head teachers Conference at Telford over the bank holiday weekend. It was a very interesting event where all of the main parties sent their education spokespeople including the current Secretary of State. I was very interested to hear about the experiences of Sarah Hewitt-Clarkson at Anderton Park Primary in Birmingham who has daily protests outside her school due to their Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) teaching on LGBT. I was shocked to hear the threats that had been made towards her and her staff by a minority of parents for simply teaching the children about equality. All school have a new SRE curriculum from September and over the course of the term we will be sharing it with you so you can have a clear understanding of what we will teach and how.

Lastly, it's SATs next week and I want to wish all of the Year 6 children the very best in the tests. For me, it's a snap shot in time and I appreciate the importance of having a test, it does not reflect how much the children have improved their social skills, confidence, desire, respect and commitment. If only it did test those things! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about jealousy.....

1. What makes you feel jealous?

Mostly food because when me and other people order food at a restaurant I am always jealous of what they order.

2. How do you deal with it?

I take some of the food off them

3. How can you help someone love themselves more?

Tell them that they need to be grateful for what they have. **Peel, Year 6**

1. What makes you feel jealous?

I think jealousy is or can be quite an overpowering emotion because sometimes you can't control it and it can make you do and say things you don't want to do.

2. How do you deal with it?

I'm not a jealous person but I remember one time I was jealous. I have a younger sister and she is taller than me but I know that I will be taller in the future.

3. How can you help someone love themselves more?

I deal with by moving on and being positive and by being patient, Youc an give them compliments and encourage them and sometimes that's all they need. **Bridgewater, Year 5**



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 outside the entrance to the school building.
- 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...

- May half term Holiday Club
- Year 6 End of term arrangements KS1 and KS2 After school activity for Summer term 2 – Tennis
- Yr6 clearance of outstanding debts before leaving Ellenbrook
- Nursery letter re Smithills Farm



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

This week we have started our topic on the farm! We've loved singing Old MacDonald and other farm songs. We've used our phonics to listen to the first sound in the animal names, segmenting and blending them and some of us have even written them! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

The mini-beasts hid from us today we had to read the clues they'd left to find them all. Reception Oak are super bug hunters. [#oak](#) [#readin](#) [#bughunting](#)

Year 1!

Voyagers have been so excited by the arrival of the royal baby, we have been writing congratulations cards to Prince Harry and Meghan! [#Whatishisname?](#) [#YearOne](#) [#Topic](#)

Year 2!

[#year2](#) have some questions for [@LucasTraining](#) [@SUndercracker](#) Eryn and Lilya want to know: "Is it easy or hard to be an author?" Nataniel and Leo ask: "Why did you decide to be an author?" and Sophie wonders: "Where did you get the idea to add the mice?"

Year 2 have also been working really hard to learn all the continents and oceans.

Year 3!

Timetables fun in Year 3 this morning. We are becoming much more fluent recalling our 3, 4 and 8 x tables!

Year 4!

Moving on to classifying living things. Great job working out each other's classification keys [#year4rockets](#) [#Science](#)

Year 5!

Planning our Kissin Kate Barlow obituaries in [#year5falcons](#) "you and your children and your children's children will dig for the next one hundred years and you will never find it" - Kissin Kate.

Year 6!

[#Year 6](#) have been designing their own maths revision games and are playing them this morning!

Uniform

Please can I ask you again to monitor your child's uniform as we have a number of children at Ellenbrook not currently wearing the correct uniform. There are a lot of children wearing trainers as opposed to black school shoes and also brightly coloured hair band\scrunchies, etc. We appreciate we are in the summer term, but every child wearing the correct school uniform is very important as it is a sign of respect as well as pride in the school. Please can we ask you to monitor this more closely.



PTA

Just a reminder we are currently looking for sponsors for the marquee for the Summer Fayre. If you own a business or would like to contribute please contact the school office. A newsletter about the fayre will be going out next week.

Leave in Exceptional Circumstances Requests

Just a reminder that requests for leave in exceptional circumstances will not be agreed if the request is for a holiday in term time. The school expects all children to attend as regularly as possible and a holiday, for whatever reason, is not counted as exceptional circumstances.

Ellenbrook Village Association

Ellenbrook Village Association are holding a Treasure Hunt around the pathways in the surrounding Ellenbrook area. We are aiming for a family run day out. Meet at Ellenbrook Primary School main entrance gates (Bellpit side). There are prizes to be won and every child will receive a chocolate treat. Date: Sunday 30 June 2019. Every child must be accompanied by an adult. Enrol from 1.30 pm.

Polling Day

We have now been informed that the school will be in use for the upcoming European Elections on Thursday 23rd May 2019. We will have exactly the same system in place as we did for the recent Council elections which means Before and After School club will use the Nursery on that day only.

Lost Property

Just a final reminder to collect or have a look before the last Friday (24th May 2019) when we break up as it will be going to charity otherwise.

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.



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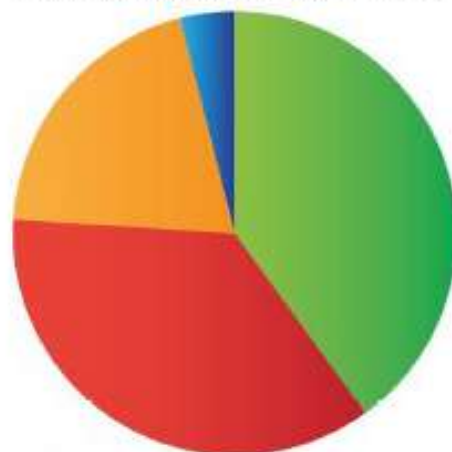


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