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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
181	196	148	188

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

### Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being clever.....!

#### 1. What does it mean to be clever?

I strongly believe, that being clever means when you pick a good choice or action. You can also be clever by having common sense.

#### 2. Who is the cleverest person you know?

In my opinion my sister is the most cleverest person I've met because she passed her GCSE exams and is now at college.

#### 3. Are you clever?

I think I am clever because I am very kind and good at English.

Ellesmere, Year 6

#### 1. What does it mean to be clever?

Clever is when you have been listening to your teacher.

#### 2. Who is the cleverest person you know?

A parent because they are older.

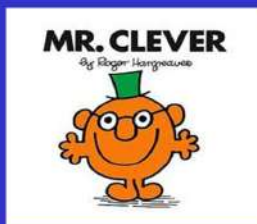
#### 3. Are you clever?

Yes because I now know my timetables.

Ellesmere, Year 2



## Wisdom of the Week



What questions can never be answered no matter how wise you are?

Is being clever and wise important

## The Final Frontier.....!

It's been a great first full week back and to be honest it feels like we have never been away which in some ways is a good thing as the children seem very settled from their holiday. I hope routines at home have settled down for you all and you are now beginning to hear about things that are going on at school like our Mr Men assemblies which we have just begun. Ask your children and hopefully they will be able to explain what they are all about.

This time of year is always very heavy in terms of messages and letters from school and I hope you have all managed to catch up with the influx of things coming out from us. The end of year parental survey raised a number of issues about school communication which we have very much taken on board and have already worked on. One of those being better access to Early Years and the other the diary dates letter which was sent out on paper to every parent today. As I mentioned last term we are also moving to a new communication platform to run alongside Parent Pay which will be app based and should really help with communication. As always, contacting us directly is the best port of call.

The PTA had their AGM on Wednesday this week and I was encouraged by the turnout and in particular the number of new Nursery and Reception parents who were there. We had a committee change too with Nicola Hargreaves standing down as Treasurer. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to her (and her mum!) for all of her hard work and dedication to the committee over the last couple of years.

Lastly, I hope you have a very enjoyable weekend, until next week.  
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

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

- \* INSET Day, School closed on Friday 20th September
- \* Bring yer wellies (year 3) - Monday 23rd September & Friday 27th September
- \* Macmillan Coffee Take away - Friday 27th September

## ELLENBROOK DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20/9/2019 - INSET Day, school closed</li> <li>23/9/2019 &amp; 27/9/2019 - Year 3 Bring Yer Wellies (classes TBC)</li> <li>27/9/2019 - Macmillan Take Away coffee morning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/10/2019 - Nasal flu vaccinations for years 1 to 6</li> <li>3/10/2019 - National Poetry Day</li> <li>4/10/2019 - Harvest Assemblies</li> <li>7/10/2019 - EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents @7pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/11/2019 - PTA Family Night</li> <li>2/11/2019 - Cross Country</li> <li>8/11/2019 - Year 3 sleepover</li> <li>11-15/11/2019 - Year 6 Bikeability</li> <li>11-15/11/2019 - Friendship Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 &amp; 5/12/2019 - Parents' Evening</li> <li>4/12/2019 - Nursery @ Reception new intake meeting</li> </ul>

### 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.
- 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...

- MacMillian Coffee Morning (whole school)
- Welcome Update
- EYFS/KS1 Phonics Workshop
- Diary dates



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

#### Nursery!

Presents from our nursery fairies! We are so excited to share our books with our families at home [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Reception made pizza for the sea creature which we heard was trying to eat Borris' treasure chest.

#### Year 1!

Year 1 has been given a challenge by Blackpool Zoo - can they sort the animals for them?

#### Year 2!

What a busy time Year 2 have been having! We are loving our book about Wiffy Wilson the Wolf who wouldn't wash.

#### Year 3!

This week in Year 3 we have been solving problems involving Place Value in Maths.

#### Year 4!

Year 4 have been learning about different electrical components and investigating complete and incomplete circuits.

#### Year 5!

[#year5rockets](#) are learning how to make a stew....in the woods ! They will be able to make it for you on a cold Sunday afternoon

#### Year 6!

Year 6 had great fun role playing characters from Oliver Twist this week.

### 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.

### Aldi

Just a reminder that we are collecting the Aldi 'Get Set to Eat Fresh' stickers in school. We are doing very well so far, but would love more so please pick one up if you shop in Aldi.

### Attendance Policy

As a school we are required to remind you at the beginning of each term about the school's policy on pupil absence.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment)

Regulations 2013, which became law on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of Salford City Council, to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

### PTA

Huge thank you to those who attended our AGM this week. It's not too late to still get involved, you can contact the PTA via social media at the addresses on the bottom of the newsletter.



One of the many fundraising activities the PTA have is a school lottery. We have included an extra page in 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.

### Bikes & Scooters

This term we are really encouraging you to walk, cycle or scoot to school but can we remind you that children need to dismount when they reach the school gates.

Please can we ask that your child does not use their vehicle in school in order to ensure everyone's safety.



### Chess Supremo!

Huge congratulations to Nathan in Year 5 who exercised his chess skills over the holidays in Spain. Nathan came up against older children and did very well in coming second.

Just shows you what you can achieve if you put your mind to it....Well done Nathan!





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.**

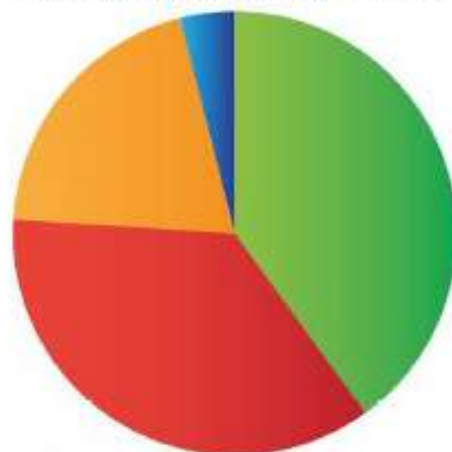


### The maths...

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

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE TODAY**

[www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)

✉ [support@yourschoollottery.co.uk](mailto:support@yourschoollottery.co.uk)

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