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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.....	803
ELLESMERE.....	778
LOWRY.....	810
PEEL.....	863

We have held house point over until next week due to the Key Stage 1 7 2 SATs

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### 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

15 & 17/7/2019	Year 3 - 5 Production
18/7/2019	Year 6 Summer Production of Buggy
22/7/2019	Year 6 Leavers BBQ
23/7/2019	Year 6 Leavers' Meal
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)

## **You May Say I'm A Dreamer.....!**

It's been an incredible week at Ellenbrook with the children in Year 2 and Year 6 undertaking their SATs tests. This is always a very stressful time of the year and the children have done a great job at managing the tests and doing their best. As a school we are so incredibly proud of all of them and I think they've done a great job. I am really looking forward to seeing them in action in their production of Buggy Malone later in the term.

There is a flurry of information coming your way over the next week about Sports Day and the Summer Fayre. Please try and take some time to read everything as we would hate for anyone to miss out on anything. Today was our first non uniform day and there is another one on the Wednesday we come back after half term.

Can you believe half term is nearly here already? It is simply flying by and I am now beginning to reflect on the work we have done as a school over the last year. I am the type of person who likes to think about the future (hence the newsletter title) and I am always making plans for what to do next. We hope making plans for the future is something we foster in the children as I think it's a great balance to the stresses of everyday life.

Just a little reminder that we currently have a parental questionnaire on the schools' vision for the future. We have had a number of responses already but it would be great to get a lot more. We will be having another survey before the end of term which will reflect the changes that have been made since September so please keep your eyes out for that after half term.

Have a great weekend and I will catch up with you all next week. 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, You can 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...

- Yr6 Leavers Meal - reminder for meal choice
- EYFS – Suncream
- Reception – Dam House reminder
- Reminder for Non Uniform day
- Vision Survey
- Yr6 Production Auditions
- PTA Letter for bottles & toiletries



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

#### Nursery!

The children have been tweeting to the eggs to encourage the chicks to hatch and it's worked! We have a chick! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

What a magical day we have had today at Natures Den with the amazing children from Reception [@EllenbrookComm1](#) (except for the cheeky troll breaking our fairy village! Ah ha! We had a plan to catch him and save the day!) We are looking forward to meeting new friends tomorrow!

#### Year 1!

Year 1 had an enjoyable PE session with Miss Jancy this afternoon outdoors in the sunshine! [#YearOne](#)

#### Year 2!

In Year 2 today the children have been making books to answer the question - Is Blackpool Like Africa? They've put all their geography learning from the half term into these books and they worked so hard all day to write them. Look at these proud faces! [#year2](#)

#### Year 3!

This week, Year 3 have been making as part of our topic on Ancient Egypt!

In Year 3 we have also been undertaking Mummification! Everyone lived don't worry!

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Rockets have been discussing environmental changes and the damage human activity can cause. [#year4rockets](#) [#science](#) [#environmentalchanges](#)

#### Year 5!

Learning in the moment in [#year5falcons](#)! Based on Milly, Ivy and Sofia's power point about how the Maya made jewellery we then had a quick go at making our own! Thank you Reception Elm for your class room it was super helpful - hope you are enjoying your trip

#### Year 6!

As a nice break from SATs...Year 6 spent the afternoon with Mr Marks & Mr Blackburn playing Capture the flag! [#year6](#)

### 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.



### Sports Day Lunch

We have now opened the online booking system (the one used for parents' evening) which lets you book a lunch for your child on Sports Day.

Please can we ask that you pay via Parent Pay and then sign on and select your child's name so we know they will be having a school lunch on the day.



### Lost Property

Just a final, final, 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.



### Leave in Exceptional Circumstances Requests

We have had an influx of requests for approval of holidays in term time. Please can I remind you 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.

### Polling Day

Please remember it's another Polling Day next Thursday (23rd May 2019) for the European Elections.

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.



### 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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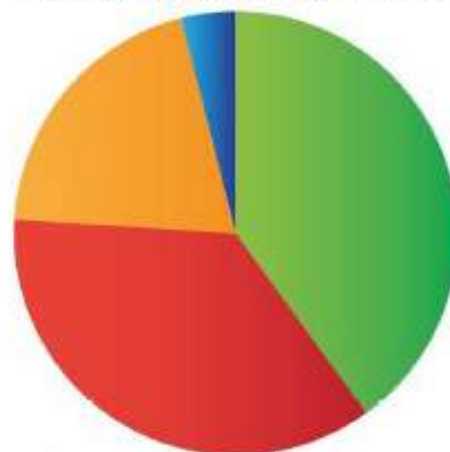


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