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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	2,350
ELLESMERE	2,384
LOWRY	2,401
PEEL	2,645

We have frozen the House Point tally until next week when they will be published in our final newsletter!

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

2/9/2019	INSET Day—School Closed
3/9/2019	Beginning of the Autumn term
11/9/2019	PTA AGM @ 7pm
20/9/2019	INSET Day—School Closed

OCTOBER

21-25/10/2019	Half term
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Important reminder... Important reminder...

- ★ INSET Day—the school is closed on the 3rd September
- ★ Beginning of the Autumn term on the 4th September
- ★ INSET Day—the school is closed on the 20th September
- ★ Break up for half term on the 18th October

In the bag.....!

Can you believe it's been a whole year already! I have had an amazing first year as Head Teacher of Ellenbrook from my perspective and I really hope you have enjoyed some of the changes we have made this year. I know not everything we have done will be popular with everyone but on the whole I would like to think we have made the school a more parent friendly environment and at least begun to make you feel much more part of the school community. That was my mission when we started the year and the whole staff has embraced a new way of working which has allowed us to make a lot of progress in terms of systems and procedures.

There have been many successes this year including the changes to parents' evening, Citizenship Week and Friendship Week as well as the stand alone Year 6 production of Bugsy Malone. We have made significant changes to the physical fabric of the building both on the playground and inside the school and will we have even more changes for you to see when you return in September.

We have been reviewing the feedback from the end of year parental survey this term. One of the recurring themes is around social media use by the school. With this in mind we have decided to make the school's Twitter account a private one. An explanation of this is on the other side of the newsletter. There are a number of other initiatives that we are working on for next year and we will be letting you know about those as and when they arise.

Lastly, a massive thank you to the staff who have worked so tirelessly this year to give your children the best possible opportunities they could. They are an amazing bunch and your children have been very lucky to have had such awesome support! Believe me when I say...not all schools are like Ellenbrook!

Have an amazing holiday and we will see you all in September!
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have a poem written by Oscar in Year 3

Love can make you dance
Love can make you sing
Love can make you feel
Like you can do anything

Love can make you happy
Even when you're sad

Hugs from someone that you love
Are the best you've ever had.



**Congratulations and
Goodbye to our
wonderful Year 6!**

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. 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.....

- No letters out this week.
- Please remember all of our letters are on the school website.
- A huge thank you for all of your support to the office this year. We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in September!



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Following the children's interest today there were many requests to play hairdressers. So we created a pop up salon, specialising in hair, nails and even massage! [#pamperday](#) [#childledlearning](#) [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Following the children's interests has resulted in the creation of lots of "Forkys" in Reception today. We also have "Spoonys" and "knifey's" [#elm](#) [#oak](#) [#childled](#) [#imagination](#)

Year 1!

A huge well done to the violinists in Year One! Your performance was wonderful [#Youngtalent](#) [#YearOne](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 are Making a safe habitat for a Jelly Baby [#problem-solving](#) [#ellenbrookswallows](#) The Jelly Babies are so cosy and safe!

Year 3!

Jets and Sharks enjoyed a Year 3 inter-house rounders match yesterday. All played well and scores were very close, but Ellesmere were our final winners. Well done Ellesmere. All points have gone to contribute to our end of term totals

Year 4!

Jub has been arrested for killing the evil witch! Is she guilty or not guilty? Year 4 Rockets are using their debating skills to express their opinion using evidence for support. [#year4rockets](#) [#debate](#) [#losthappyendings](#)

Year 5!

[#year5falcons](#) are creating year book pages and it is lovely to hear some of their amazing year 5 memories They are adding their own personal twist to the tone and layout !

Year 6!

A fab week for Year 6! Great Leavers BBQ!

Lost Property

Reminder that today is your last day to collect lost property. It will be going with the 'Recycle with Michael' clothing if it isn't collected today.

PTA

A massive public thank you to the PTA for all of their help and support this year. We have had some great events and they have worked tirelessly to raise money for the school which has gone on vital resources including the playground, reading scheme, IT equipment to name a few. **Remember the AGM is on the 11th September 2019 @7pm!**

Car Park Reminder

Can we give all parents a polite reminder that the school car park is in constant use in the mornings and after school. Please do not use it as an entrance or exit when dropping off or picking up from school.



Recycle Clothes Bags

A huge thank you to everyone who donated bags for our 'Recycle with Michael' campaign. We will let you know how much we have raised when we come back in September.



Ellenbrook Twitter Feed



Just to let you all know that from September the Ellenbrook Twitter feed will become private. This means anything tweeted will only be shared with our current followers and not the rest of the internet. Anyone wishing to follow us still can but they will need to be approved to follow us. It's not too late to sign up so if you want to start following us we can be found at [@EllenbrookComm1](#)

Salford Assist

If your child or children receive free school meals, you may get help with the extra cost of food during the six week summer holidays.

Salford City Council

Salford City Council is offering £30 in shopping vouchers through its healthy holidays scheme. Parents/carers of children in reception class and primary school Years One and Two will need to be claiming certain benefits to qualify but all others whose children are receiving free school meals will be eligible.

The offer is being run through [Salford Assist](#) which can help people facing a crisis or emergency – and there is other help and advice available if needed.

Please see www.salford.gov.uk/healthyholidays for details and how to apply.

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.

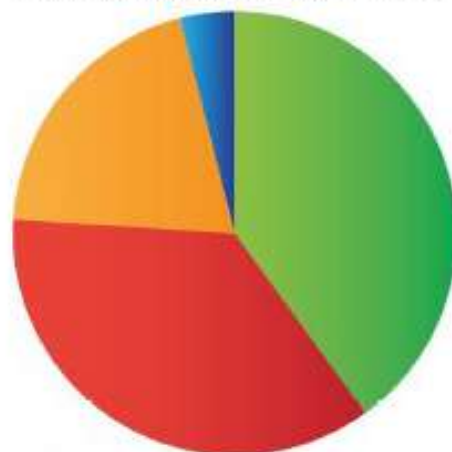


The maths...

100 tickets sold means
= **£30** a week cash prize
= **£2,080** a year for your school

Where does your money go?

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