



**Lunch Menu  
Week 3**

**Upcoming Events February**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<h2>Half Term</h2>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Other upcoming events in February/March</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Purshouse Poet Visit in School
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day

**Forest School**

During March and April all Year 3 will be participating in Forest School on a Friday.

Please ensure all children have warm clothes and waterproof trousers and a coat.

A huge thank you to the PTA and all the parents who support events in school. The PTA have funded £400 worth of new Forest School equipment that all of our children will benefit from.

Mrs Griffiths



**A Message from the Headteacher**

It was fantastic to see so many children at the Good to be Green celebration today; we hope the children that did not take part will be able to join us next half term by ensuring they follow our school rules.

We have enjoyed some fantastic enrichment activities this week. On Monday, Key Stings provided musical entertainment and the children took part in a variety of Dance Workshops. These focused on the countries being studied in class. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed them.

We hope you all have a brilliant half term and come back refreshed and ready for the second part of Spring Term.

**Dance workshops**



## Meet the PTA Team

### PTA Chair

Hi, I'm Gemma Whitley I have two daughters Lydia year 5 and Alyssa year 1 who attend Ellesmere primary school. I joined the PTA 18 months ago. As chair person I oversee all of our fund raising events and organise our half termly meetings. I became part of the school's PTA as I enjoy organising events for the children and wanted to help raise funds for the extra-curricular activities that the children participate in eg forest school and pantomimes as well as many more.



### PTA Vice Chair

Hi, I'm Tammy Griffiths and I have two children, Alfie and Charlie. I have been involved with the PTA for many years and I enjoy coming up with lots of new and fun fundraising ideas for the children of Ellesmere Primary School. My role of vice chair involves supporting the chair and other members and organizing the events. I enjoy meeting other parents, many of which are now friends and organising the events for the children to enjoy.



### PTA Vice Chair

My names Nicola Lapacinskas, I joined the PTA to help the school that my children go to. When I was first asked to join the PTA I was worried that I wouldn't fit in but I was so wrong, we all have different skills that we bring to the team to help and get what the children need for the school.



### Secretary

Hi I'm Lesley Else and have a daughter, Olivia in year 4. I have been involved in the PTA for the past two years and before that was on the Ducklings pre-school committee. As secretary, I take the minutes at our half termly meetings and help plan and organize the various fund raisers we have. I became involved because I enjoy organizing events and wanted to help raise money for all the children at Ellesmere Primary School so they can have extra activities and items, such as pantomimes, forest school resources and playtime equipment.



### Secretary

My names Katie, I have recently joined the PTA Team. The main reason for joining the PTA is because I believe it is very rewarding, whilst fundraising and helping to make money for the school, nothing makes it more worthwhile than seeing the children of Ellesmere Primary school having fun and enjoying themselves. I love being creative and coming up with new fundraising ideas – even though not everyone agrees with them.



### PTA Member

My names Toni Humphreys, I have 3 children, two of which attend Ellesmere Primary School. I have been a member of the PTA for 2 years. I like helping with all the events we organize and generate ideas for, including making tons of fudge, which I hope you all enjoy! It's a brilliant feeling to be part of a team that helps to raise money for the benefit of the children at Ellesmere Primary School.



### PTA Member

Hi, I'm Nelly Bailey, I have a daughter, Jaz, who attends Ellesmere Primary; she is currently in year 3. I have been on the PTA for 3 years now and still enjoy what I'm doing, as well as organising events I also socialising with people that I now call friends. It is a great to help the children with resources for school and raising money in a fun way.



My names Tanya Garvin I really enjoy being part of the PTA, it's social and rewarding. With the funds raised all the children at Ellesmere primary benefit.

### More Members of the PTA are:

Nicola Davis

Vicky Martin

Leisa Coburn

Kelly Curley

Amanda Jarvis

Peter Brayne



## What is the PTA?

Well actually the PTA is all of you...everyone who has a child in Ellesmere primary is an automatic member. There are 156 families who attend our school and out of these we really struggle to get volunteers to help us raise much needed money. There is very little commitment needed, just a willingness to want to help out in any way you can about once a term. We are not a 'clique' (small group of people who do not readily allow others to join them) quite the opposite we would love more of you to join in or just come and meet us and make your own mind up. Our next informal meeting is on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm in nursery. We have a crèche so bring the children with you, in fact bring another parent with you...the more the merrier. There will be tea/coffee and juice and biscuits for the children. Meetings last no longer than half an hour and there will be no commitment to come to the next one...you decide 😊

At the moment the active PTA is currently a group of around fifteen parents (see their mugshots and details) who try their best to organise and run, fun events and activities for children so that we can raise money. These funds go directly back into buying things for the children of Ellesmere primary school. We have four main events. The Bonfire evening, Christmas fayre, Easter disco and the biggest fund raiser the Summer fayre. This year money raised paid for much needed resources in nursery, forest school equipment, the Christmas pantomime, key stage two 'First News' newspapers, and sheds for the Early Years. Our next purchases will be new playground equipment for all the children.



KS1 attended participated in the Gym Festival this week at the Marches School. A great day was had by all children and their behaviour was a credit to our school.



## SHINING STARS



Tom - Wales

Dylan - Brisbane

Bradley - Scotland

Los Angeles

Rhys - Madrid

Washington

Casey - Paris

Lydia - Istanbul

Phoebe- Athens

Billy - Moscow

Robbie - Lisbon

Rosie - Tokyo

Evelyn - Sydney

Kane - Vancouver

