



Spring Term

Important Dates

May

Friday 4th – The Book Share 8.30-8.45am

Tuesday 7th – Friday 18th – Year 2 SATs

Monday 14th – Friday 18th – Year 6 SATs

Monday 21st – KS1 Sports Day (details to follow)

Wednesday 23rd May – Nursery Sports Day (details to follow)

Thursday 24th – Lower KS2 Sports Day (details to follow)

Friday 25th – Upper KS2 Sports Day (details to follow)

Friday 25th – Good to be Green

Headlice

We have had some cases of Head Lice reported in school. This is a fairly common occurrence in schools but there is a need to catch all cases in the early stages to prevent lice from spreading.

We encourage you to remind your child not to share hairbrushes, combs, hats etc. I would also encourage you to check your child's hair regularly and should any lice be found then please treat accordingly.

If you would like more information on headlice and how to treat them please visit the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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Lunch Menu Week 1

Please explore our website and twitter for news and events at Ellesmere Primary School
<http://ellesmereprimaryschool.org.uk/>
<https://twitter.com/EllesmerePS>



A message from our Headteacher

Welcome back! It has been an extremely summery start to our Summer term this week and the children have loved being able play on the field for the first time this year. Firstly, I should get the bad news out of the way. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with our school 'conditions improvement bid', and therefore work to improve the school buildings and grounds will have to be considerably more limited for the coming year. However, we will be re-applying for funding next year, and we will again be hoping for a positive outcome.

On a much more exciting note, it is my great pleasure to announce that Miss Vicki Massey has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher. Many of you will already know Miss Massey and the qualities and skills that she will undoubtedly bring to the leadership of our school. She is an outstanding teacher and will be a great asset to the leadership team. Miss Massey will begin her new role at the end of May.

There are an increasing number of unsupervised older children arriving at school well before the 8.30 start of school and playing tag and other games on the playground. The school is not open until 8.30, and it is parents' responsibility to ensure the safety of their children until that time. While it is fantastic that children are so keen to get to school, please ensure that they are not arriving too early, particularly unsupervised.

Please remember to let your child's class teacher know if you are planning to attend the Maths workshops next Tuesday. The feedback from the English workshops was overwhelmingly positive, and these events help you to support your child's success in school.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Roberts

Author Visit

On Wednesday afternoon, we were delighted to have a visit from author, Jess Butterworth. Year 4, 5 and 6 learned about Jess' writing process: how she came up with an original idea; how she travelled to India and the Himalayas to research her ideas and what she did when she came across a problem. Jess told us of her treks with goats and meetings with yaks! Key Stage 2 were inspired by her stories and we were surprised by how long she had persevered for to write and edit her first novel. Many children purchased a copy of 'Running on the Roof of the World' and 'When the Mountains Roared'. I can't wait to hear the children's thoughts about the story and the characters. A huge thank you to both Jess Butterworth and to Booka Bookshop for visiting us.



Medicine through the ages

Yesterday Year 5 welcomed Kevin Goodman from Bows and Blades. Kevin brought with him an array of artefacts to show how medical procedures have evolved through the ages. The children learnt about the ancient art of trepanning and the use of amputation. The children discovered techniques that were used to remove arrows during the battle of Shrewsbury. Kevin even brought with him, a real life leech! We received a lovely email from Kevin later that evening:

Many, many thanks for inviting me to Ellesmere primary. To say I had a wonderful time is an understatement. Your colleagues and students made me most welcome. And although there were many standout students in both classes, in your class Bella and Hannah, and Zach and Daniel in the other were exceptional. I am still chuckling over the fact Hannah and Daniel managed to demonstrate removing a bodkin correctly, a feat adults have failed.



Oliver in Year 6 has created a comic which he has published in order to raise money for Cancer Research. He has a close family member who has recently been diagnosed with the disease again. He hopes to raise £60 for the cause. He is already over half way! If you would like to support Oliver and Cancer Research, he will be on the playground on Monday selling his comic and taking donations. Please give generously for this worthy cause!



During the Easter Holidays Millie (Washington) had bravely accomplished her wish to donate her beautiful locks to the Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss. Well done Millie what an admirable thing to do.



Achievements



Well done to Maddy and Miley (Tokyo and Brisbane), who recently took part in the 2018 Colemere Bunny Run, raising money for Asthma UK.



Isabelle (Athens) recently achieved Stage 3 in swimming. Well done!



Well done to Summer (Athens), member of 2nd Ellesmere Brownies, who achieved 100% attendance to weekly meetings and Brownie events.

Abbie (Athens) recently achieved the British Gymnastic Proficiency Award advanced level Bronze in Hand Held



Shining Stars

Scotland – Rosie

Wales – Tilly

Madrid – Grace

Paris – Zak

Athens – Abbie

Lisbon - Fraser

Brisbane – Daniel



Sydney – Pippa

Los Angeles – Harrison

Washington – Lucy

Istanbul - Amy

Moscow - Lily

Vancouver – Alasdair

Tokyo - Billy