

Ellesmere Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 28.04.2017



Lunch Menu
Week 1

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A Message from the Headteacher

It has been great to see the children back after Easter so motivated and ready to learn. This is a busy term with SATs and end of year assessments just around the corner – as well as all of the other exciting educational activities we have planned. Sports Days, Educational Visits and Residentials, Enterprise week, just to name a few.

A number of parents have already asked when you will be told about teachers and classes for next year – although this is obviously already being considered no definite answer can be given until after half term – we will let you know as soon as we can.

Upcoming Events May

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 2 Kingswood residential
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 2 Kingswood residential
Thursday 4 th	
Friday 5 th	
<i>Other upcoming events in May</i>	
Monday 8 th	SATs Week
Tuesday 9 th	
Wednesday 10 th	
Thursday 11 th	
Friday 12 th	Year 6 Mere Visit

After School Clubs

Just a quick reminder - all after school clubs commence next week. Please ensure children have the correct kit (if needed) and are collected from the sure start green gates at 4.30pm.

Sports Day

Tuesday 16th May – Reception – 9.15am

Wednesday 17th May – Nursery – 9.15am

Thursday 18th May – KS1 – 9.15pm

Friday 19th May – KS2 – 9.15am

All parents are invited to come and watch their children participate in their sporting events.

Forest School

Tuesday AM – Nursery

Thursday PM – Nursery

Friday AM – Athens

Friday PM – Lisbon



Please ensure children have waterproof clothing, and wellies .

Staff Development

At the end of last term the Maths Team and English Teams carried out a book look. It was a brilliant opportunity to look at consistency across the school and the progression the children have made this year.

Both teams were really pleased with the evidence they saw in the children’s books and gave feedback to staff this week.

Miss Stone also spoke to staff about an extremely exciting opportunity the children are going to have this term, when we have a visit from Google Expeditions.



School Council – Healthy Snacks

In assembly this week, the School Council led an assembly all about healthy snacks. As a school, we are a healthy school and want to ensure children are eating healthy options. They gave the children suggestions of snacks they could bring into school and why it is important to fuel our bodies appropriately. The School Council also met with the kitchen team to look at how the lunches we provide in school are healthy and to discuss ideas for the new menu.

Please support your children in bringing healthy snacks to school



Today we say a fond farewell to Chrissy Lightfoot our long serving Lunchtime Supervisor and Cleaner for over 8 years. She will be extremely missed but we wish her every happiness for the future and the exciting times ahead.



Lost Property

We have several bin bags full of lost property including coats and wellie. These will be available to look through on Wednesday 3rd May from 3.15pm in the school hall. Items not collected will be disposed of.

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 5 Medicine

This week year 5 began their journey through time looking at how the use of medicine and medical procedures has developed.



First stop was Ancient Egypt! We excavated tombs, which had miraculously appeared in the classroom, looking at all of the wonderful pictures and objects that were inside. We studied mummification and even mummified our own Pharaoh (apple) we can't wait to see what it is like in a few weeks! Our second stop of the day was to Ancient Greece, we looked at the work of Aristotle and Hippokrates.



Tadpoles

Year 2 have tadpoles in class as part of their English and Science work, explaining life cycles.



Year 1 are Taking Flight

On Monday Year 1 went on an exciting adventure! We took our teddy bears and jumped in our wagons and went through the jungle, rain forests, space and to the moon. On our journey we saw lots of different animals and even went down a waterfall. Our adventure was linked to our new unit in English, adventure stories. The hook was based on a short film called 'Taking Flight' where a boy called Tony goes on an adventure with his Grandpa. Over the next 2 weeks children will be writing their own stories linked to 'Taking Flight'.



Mrs S's Running Record – Week 9 – half way there!

Just two days to go until the first half marathon! It seems appropriate that this week we reached the halfway point of my target of £500. Thank you to all those that have sponsored me so far. Here is the link for those that still wish to -

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MrsSEllesmerePrimarySchool>. Every penny will push me around on Sunday.

The nerves are starting to kick in a bit now! I have been trying to prepare myself this week, eating all the right things, a few gentle runs, but I think it is going to be more of a mental challenge for me. What made me think I could run 13.1 miles when a year ago I couldn't run 5k? I think sharing my story with the children, and you, will help me to get round. I am also really lucky that my parents are travelling up from Suffolk to support me so on the day I will have my family there.

If anyone wants to come and along it will be a lovely day at the Ironworks. They are putting on lots of events for the children. Here is a map of the route in case any of you live along it.



It has been fantastic being back at school this week and seeing all the exciting learning going on. Watching the children engaged and enthusiastic reminds daily why I love this job so much. I just hope I can make the children proud, they deserve it.

See you on the other side!

Mrs S



Ellesmere Primary School calls out for votes to bag a share of bag charge fund

Ellesmere Primary School is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Ellesmere Primary School is one of the groups on the shortlist with their project “ Wild about School”.

The school recently set up an Eco-Committee with a view to developing the school grounds as a place for habitats to live and develop an allotment area where they can grow their own produce. They have developed a pond on site and recently purchased an old container with a view to developing it into a mini natural sciences laboratory. The school is passionate about allowing their children to get close to nature and discover lots about their local habitats. However in order to develop the project they require much needed resources and which their current budget does not allow them to do.

Creating an allotment will increase children's knowledge and understanding of where fruit and veg comes from and it is hoped that it will encourage team work and boost children's self-esteem, especially when they see the fruit and veg being served in the school canteen!

The school recently started work tidying up a memorial garden where parents and grandparents came to help and they would love to expand and nurture their links further with the wider community by developing other similar areas on the school grounds.

Andrew Everett, Headteacher said:

“This project will allow us to deliver our PSHE and science curriculum in a more engaging way for the children, using the outdoor environment to enhance and support their learning. Creating habitats, constructing bird boxes, bug hotels and engaging in pond dipping will all encourage an appreciation and passion for the natural environment .“

Voting will be open in our local Ellesmere store throughout May and June starting week ending the 7th May. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. Please vote for your local school to allow us to purchase these much needed resources. Your support is very much appreciated.

SHINING STARS



Niall – Wales

Jake - Brisbane

Lennon - Scotland

Daniella - Los Angeles

Alyssa - Madrid

Leah - Washington

Isabelle - Paris

Tegan - Istanbul

Alfie - Athens

Aiden - Moscow

Jim - Lisbon

Lucy - Tokyo

Darcie - Sydney

Charlotte - Vancouver



Understanding YOUR Child

A new course for parents and carers will be starting on

Friday May 5th



At

Ellesmere Primary School

9.15am – 11.15am

For 10 weeks

FREE !!



Refreshments provided.

During this time we hope to promote:

- ***An understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues.***
- ***The development of parent/child relationship.***
- ***Increase the confidence and self-esteem in both parent and children.***
- ***Giving parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong.***
- ***Reflective, sensitive parenting.***

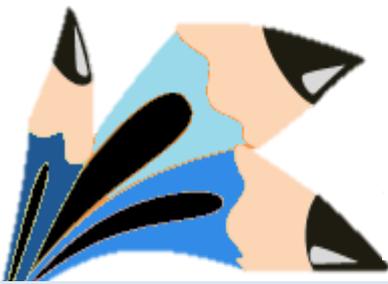
If you would like to join us and meet other parents / carers to explore these ideas, please contact Ellesmere Primary School, as soon as possible, to book your place by:

Email : powell.s@ellesmere-pri.shropshire.sch.uk

If unable to email, please call me on:

Telephone: 01691 622288





Friends of Ellesmere Library

Art Competition

To celebrate the opening of the new Ellesmere Library by Virginia McKenna, film staff, author and wildlife campaigner

The subject in any medium:-
Protecting Wildlife
Three age categories:

4-7

8-11

12+



1st prize in each category: a kindle fire

2^{ns} prize in each category: £10.00 book token

3rd prize in each category: £5.00 book token

Closing date: 17th June 2017

All entries to be delivered to the library with **securely attached** details of:-

Name, age, address, contact phone number, school/college (if applicable)

An evening with



Virginia McKenna O.B.E

Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7.00pm at The Boathouse, Ellesmere

Tickets to include supper £20

Available from Sue Ardrill 01691 624331

susan.ardill@talk21.com or committee members

Year 6 Readers



Volunteers from Year 6 have been paired up with children from Year 2 to listen to them read. They met together for their first session this week and will be working together twice a week. Reading aloud is a skill we are developing with our Year 2's and it was brilliant watching the children working together; the Year 6's encouraged the younger children with their fluency and understanding.

Coffee Morning

The Plantation Wood, Ellesmere is used by lots of us with our children. It is in the process of being generously gifted to the town by the Grosvenor Estate. We are aiming to make it fully accessible and hope that eventually Ellesmere Primary School will use it as an educational resource. To do this however, we need help and funds. Please come along to our first coffee morning on Saturday 29th April 10 am -12 in the new Wardens Bungalow by the play area at the Mere to find out more. It is also a good opportunity to have a look at the Bungalow which is now available to hire for children's parties!

The Plantation Wood Ellesmere

Our First Fund Raising Event!

A Coffee Morning with Home Baked Cakes

Saturday 29th April 2017

10.00—12.00 am

The Warden's Bungalow
Cremorne Gardens

Woodland Crafts for the Children

Some Car Parking Available

Entry free but there will be a collection and a raffle.



This land will be gifted to us, the people of Ellesmere, please help us run it. Do come along and meet the Committee and find out our progress to date and how you can help. If you have good memories of the Plantation we would love to hear them.

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