



Ellesmere Primary School

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**Lunch
Menu
Week 3**

A Message from the Headteacher

This week we have enjoyed what I hope won't be the last rays of summer sun. Staff and children have made the most of it with lessons being held outside whenever possible. Our forest school is once again being put to excellent use, and I the children have been keen to tell me about all of the frogs and beetles and other wildlife they have found.

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend our New Class Welcome Sessions on Wednesday. I was able to speak to a number of parents who said that it was nice that the school felt more open and they were being included in their children's learning. As we continue to improve things here at Ellesmere Primary School, this type of event, where we can share some of what we do in school, becomes even more important. If you have any questions, or were not able to attend and would like to see the information that was shared, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help.

A small group of children from KS2 went to the Primary Maths Challenge on Tuesday, at Oswestry School, and represented our school really well. We also had a group of children who took part in New Age Curling on Wednesday afternoon, at Whittington school. Well done to all of them.

Tomorrow, I will be cycling to Bala Lake, swimming the length and cycling back to Chester, for a charity that is very close to my heart. Thank you for all of the donations and messages of support. Fingers crossed I am not too sore on Monday morning!

Next week is the end of our first Mini-mission and I know that at least one year-group has something very exciting planned for mark the occasion. I look forward to hearing what the children have learnt over the last 4 weeks and celebrating all of their achievements.

Have a great weekend!

Important Dates

September	
Wednesday 18 th	New Class Welcome 3.30pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 25 th	Lakelands Open Day
October	
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 3 visit Blue Planet Aquarium
Friday 4 th	Year 6 Lakelands Taster Day
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th	Year 6 Arthog Residential
Monday 14 th	Year 3 Fire Safety Talk
Thursday 24 th	PTA Disco
Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st	Half Term
November	
Tuesday 5 th	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 6 th	EYFS - The Owl Man
Friday 8 th	Individual School Photo's
Wednesday 13 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th	Parents Evening
Thursday 21 st	Year 5 Visit to Erddig Hall
December	
Wednesday 18 th	Year 3 and 4 Trust Swimming Gala
Friday 20 th	Last Day of School – Christmas Holidays



Ofsted praise underlines progress at Ellesmere Primary School

Headteacher Stuart Roberts says Ellesmere Primary School's glowing Ofsted report has underlined the vast progress they are making in lifting standards across the board.

The Elson Road School became part of the North West Academies Trust (NWAT) in 2016 and immediately embarked on an ambitious plan of improvement.

Planning permission for a major regeneration, which includes an extension, a new sports pitch and a car park, has been granted and work is under way.

Now Ellesmere are celebrating after Ofsted inspectors declared they are 'making strong progress in reading, writing and mathematics' and 'pupils feel entirely safe in school' as they retained their 'good' rating.

Mr Roberts said: "The improvements we've made since we became part of NWAT are made very clear in the report.

"As a school we know we have made huge strides over recent years, but it makes us very proud to see it in writing.

"One of our most successful changes has been a major focus on our sport and wellbeing, which has seen us achieve Gold Schools Games Mark."

Mr Roberts said: "We have very exciting plans ahead. Already, we are well into major building work to improve facilities and this is just the very start of the transformation planned for the school."

Since joining NWAT, Ellesmere Primary School has started to outperform most other schools in the county and pupil numbers are on the rise.

The school's governing body has been working hard on plans to make significant improvements which will have benefits for the whole community.

Residents will have the opportunity to use the area's first synthetic sports surface as well as the expansive hall, while the better parking provision is expected to make the surrounding roads safer.

In the classroom, Ofsted inspectors could see big strides too.

The report noted: "Children enjoy being in the classroom, and appreciate the variety in their curriculum.

"Behaviour is good, both at social times and during lessons. Their constructive attitudes to learning are well developed.

"Inspection evidence shows that current pupils are making strong progress in reading, writing and mathematics. They feel entirely safe in school."

NWAT oversees a number of schools in Cheshire and Shropshire, and all pride themselves on finding new and innovative ways for pupils to learn, often away from the classroom.

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