



Ellesmere Primary School

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**Lunch
Menu
Week 2**

A Message from the Headteacher

What a soggy end to another wonderful week of learning at Ellesmere Primary School! Today marks the end of our first 'mini missions', where the vast majority of children's learning has been linked to a quality story book that their teachers have chosen. Year 4 finished their first Mini-mission, based on a book called Leon and the Place Between that is set in a circus, by having a circus workshop where they learnt loads of crazy new circus skills. Including juggling, diablo, flower sticks and much more. Check out our school twitter page and class dojo for updates from these and other classes.

E-Safety - We are always looking at ways to raise awareness of online safety and how we can support families to keep children safe while using the vast range of technology that they have access to nowadays. Games and apps change very regularly and almost all popular apps have communication with other people as a major part of the fun. Please ensure that you know who your children are communicating with, and what they are saying/sending to them. With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to an app called Qustodio that is being used by some parents to track, monitor and restrict children's online activities. I have not tested the app myself, but it seems to be highly rated and may help some families.

Finally, please can I remind all parents and carers that Class Dojo is not to be used to message teachers about incidents or concerns. Please contact the school office and request a meeting or a phone call if you would like to discuss anything with teachers or senior leaders. We are always very happy to discuss anything with parents during office hours, but dojo messages, particularly 'out of hours', cause a great deal of unnecessary anxiety at times when staff need to be recharging, ready for their very busy working days. Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter.

Next Thursday we will be holding a short Harvest Concert outside on the playground at 9am, weather permitting. If you can spare a tin of beans or other canned/dried product, please bring it in and we will be donating them to the local food bank.

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

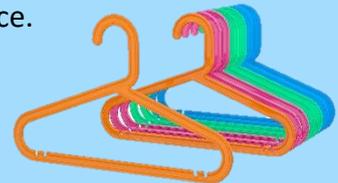
PTA Notice

The PTA are kindly asking for Donations of coat hangers for their pop up uniform shop.

Any donations will be gratefully received. Please leave them at the school office.

Many thanks,

The PTA



FREE Lantern-Making Workshop

Put Friday 29th November in your diaries, the date of the popular Ellesmere Winter Festival! An exciting part of the Festival is the Lantern Procession from the Wharf where Father Christmas is transported in Fizztactual fashion through the streets, a procession of which your child/children can be a part. Father Christmas arrives by boat at the Wharf at 6.30 and the parade itself starts at 6.45.

To be part of the parade your child/children each need to have made a lantern. Fizzgigs, Ellesmere's Community Arts Group is running two FREE lantern-making workshops, both at the Town Hall. So two more dates for your diaries:

Saturday 23rd November 10a.m. - 5p.m.

and Thursday 28th November 5-8p.m.

Come along to whichever workshop date is best for you. Your child/children will be able to make a funky bird lantern - maybe an owl or a robin - for use in the procession. All good fun. And it's free. What's not to like?

It would be great if we can have an idea of the numbers likely to attend. Could you drop an email to lanterns@fizzgigs.co.uk and we can ensure we have enough materials for everyone!

