



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Headline News

RESPECT

'Loving, living and learning in the light of Christ'

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Welcome to the very first edition of our newsletter for this academic year. I hope you all had a lovely, restful summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather that we were so blessed with. It has been really wonderful to welcome the children back into school and their new classes this week; they have all settled in brilliantly, are working really hard and having lots of fun. The school timetable is already getting busy. Forest School began this week for Oak Class and we also had some Life Education sessions with more to follow later in the term.

As the nation comes to terms with the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the whole Ellel family prays for the Royal Family, our communities, our government, our nation and the commonwealth. We will continue to support the children during the coming weeks.

It will be lovely to welcome lots of you into school next Thursday for our Meet and Greet session. Please remember, you can email your child's class teacher to arrange to see them at any point.

We are all really looking forward to another very happy and successful year! Mrs FitzGerald

Celebration Assembly Dates

We have Celebration Assemblies throughout the year with certificates and awards presented at the end. The main content of each of these assemblies is delivered by one of our classes and parents of children in that class are invited to attend. The dates of these are as follows:

Friday 21st October – Sycamore Class

Friday 27th January – Oak Class

Friday 24th February – Holly Class

Friday 31st March – Willow Class

Friday 28th April – Beech Class

Friday 26th May – Hazel Class

Friday 30th June – Acorn Class

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets will be sent out by the school office next week. Please complete and return these sheets to school as soon as possible.



Unsafe Tree

You will have noticed that one of the trees at the front of school has been felled over the summer.

As part of our Health and Safety Policy, LCC carry out regular tree surveys to ensure that the trees within our grounds are safe. Unfortunately, that tree was dead and therefore unsafe and for this reason, had to be cut down.



We are thrilled to be welcoming back Rachel, our Jujitsu instructor, into school to deliver the activ8 Self Defence Club. The children will watch an assembly led by Rachel next Wednesday which will introduce Jujitsu and will also focus on our Worship value – Respect. The club will run each Friday, 3.15 – 4.15. If you would like your child to join, you can pop into the school hall after school on a Friday or call the office for more details.

Meet and Greet

We are pleased to invite you to drop into your child's new class, meet their teacher and find out how they are settling in. This Meet and Greet session will take place next Thursday 15th September between 3 and 3.45 pm. If you are unable to attend at this time and need to see your child's teacher, please contact them by email to make an appointment.

Reminder: The deadline for Secondary School Applications is **31st October**. Applications must be made online on:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

If you require any support with this, please contact school. There are some upcoming open evenings that you may wish to attend as follows: Central – Thursday 16th September; Garstang – Thursday 22nd September.

Clubs

We are pleased to be offering a wide range of extra-curricular clubs this term. An overview letter was sent out on Parent App earlier this week and sign up letters are being sent home from the staff in charge of each club. Please look out for these and return them to secure your child's place.

Friends of Ellel

Our school PTA, the Friends of Ellel, is in need of new members in order to be able to plan and run a whole range of fundraising events this year. Please look out for information about how you can get involved and when the first meeting will be.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Sept	
Mon 12 th	Acorns start full time Drum lessons and music lessons with Penny Holt start
Wed 14 th	JuJitsu Assembly
Thurs 15 th	Meet and Greet: 3 – 3.45
Fri 16 th	Guitar lessons start
Sun 18 th	Messy Church in school: 4 – 5.30
Sat 24 th	Grammar School Entrance Exam
October	
Tues 4 th	Kids Club Meeting: 4.30
Tues 11 th	Governor Committee Meetings: 4-6
Fri 14 th	Mental Health Day
Tues 18 th	Open Afternoon: 1.15-3
Fri 21 st	Sycamore Celebration Assembly Close for half term
Mon 31 st	INSET Day