



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

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

RESPECT

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16

Issue No 4 - Friday 21st October 2022

Dear parents. We've finally made it to the end of a hugely busy half term in school and pupils and staff are most certainly ready for a break! It was wonderful to celebrate our Harvest Festival in Church today and to welcome so many parents and family members to this service. Many thanks for your support and generous contributions to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. As always, we often ask for support of school events or charitable causes (currently Harvest, Boxes of Hope and Christmas fundraising next half term). While it is great that we are able to support these things and benefit either our children or those in the wider community, if your circumstances are such that giving to any of them would cause you a problem please do not feel under any obligation to give on these days. Please remember that Monday 31st October is an Inset day and term starts on Tuesday 1st November. Have a lovely, restful week next week. Mrs FitzGerald

Filming of Celebration Assemblies – Just to let you know that we have made the decision, going forwards, not to film these assemblies. We did this during COVID restrictions when numbers attending had to be limited to one person per child. There are a number of children in school who, for a variety of reasons, can't be filmed. When we were filming assemblies, these children had to have minimal parts and sit separate from the rest of the class so that they weren't caught on camera, something we want to avoid that from this point on. A reminder too that any photos/videos taken at these events should not be shared on social media for this reason. Many thanks.

Attendance

As a school, we are working hard to improve overall attendance and punctuality to ensure that every child's attendance at school is as good as it possibly can be.

National Attendance Target = 96%

Ellel Attendance:

W/B 3rd Oct – 96.5%; W/B 10th Oct – 97.1%

Class Attendance:

| W/B 3 rd Oct | W/B 10 th Oct |
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| Acorn 96% | Acorn 96.92% |
| Beech 95.8% | Beech 97.92% |
| Holly 97.9% | Holly 98.62% |
| Hazel 96.5% | Hazel 97.57% |
| Willow 97.7% | Willow 97.42% |
| Sycamore 97.1% | Sycamore 95.72% |
| Oak 94.1% | Oak 96.21% |

The class with the best overall attendance this half term has been **Holly Class**. They will receive a Fun Friday Treat in the first week after half term.

Individual School Photographs

These will be taken on Thursday 3rd Nov during the school day. If you would like a family photograph with pre-school siblings, please arrive at school from 8.25 so that these photos can be taken before the start of the school day. Sibling photos of pupils at school will be taken during the day.

You are invited to

Ellel St. John's

AFTERNOON OF REMEMBRANCE

On Friday 11th November, 1.30—2.30 in the school hall.

Our children will entertain you with war songs and we will be serving refreshments—donations to the Royal British Legion gratefully received.

Lest we forget

Final 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.

Forest School Half Term Events

Lisa, our Forest School teacher and her team at Roots to Branches, are running a number of half term events. For more info and to book go to:

<https://bookwhen.com/rootstobranchesfs>

Parent's Evening - We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding a Parent's Evening on Thursday 10th November. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the progress they are making in their new class. Please look out for the booking letter which has come home this week and make sure you return your slip to secure your time slot. Appointments will last for 5 minutes. While this is generally long enough for an update, if you do require a longer appointment, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this. We look forward to seeing you then.

FORTHCOMING DATES

| October | |
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| Mon 31 st | Deadline for Secondary School Applications INSET Day |
| November | |
| Tues 1 st | Start of autumn term 2 |
| Thurs 3 rd | Individual school photos Full Governor's Meeting |
| Wed 9 th | Sycamore Class – Be The Change |
| Mon 7 th – Thurs 10 th | Oak Class – Bikeability |
| Thurs 10 th | Parent's evening |
| Fri 11 th | Remembrance – see info above |
| Tues 15 th | Flu Vaccinations |
| Fri 18 th | Sycamore Class Trip |