



# ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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## Ellel Newsletter

REMEMBERING

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

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

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Dear parents. What a busy week we've had in school! Oak Class have taken part in their Bikeability training and all did brilliantly! Sycamore Class visited Lancaster University for a Be The Change debating day and received praise from the staff there about how excellent their debating skills were. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to Parent's Evening yesterday. Please remember to contact your child's class teacher if you were unable to attend or require a longer appointment. We gathered at the Cenotaph this morning for a lovely act of Remembrance and are very much looking forward to our afternoon of Remembrance later today where all our children will perform. All are welcome to attend this event. I think it's safe to say we are all ready for a good rest this weekend ready for another busy week next week! I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs FitzGerald

**Ofsted Report** – Earlier this week, we received our Ofsted report from the inspection before half term and we are extremely proud that it was so overwhelmingly positive. Thanks again for all your support. The full report can be found on our website: <https://ellelstjohns.school/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/10256134-Ellel-St-John-the-Evangelist-119527-final.pdf>

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – 94.36%; W/B 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 98.8%**

**Class Attendance:**

W/B 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	W/B 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Acorns 99.2%	Acorns 98.8%
Beech 89.2%	Beech 99.3%
Holly 95%	Holly 100%
Hazel 96.5%	Hazel 100%
Willow 90.1%	Willow 97.9%
Sycamore 94.9%	Sycamore 99.1%
Oak 95.2%	Oak 97.1%

### School Photographs

A message from Tempest Photography... Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



### Children in Need



Oak Class are arranging lots of fundraising activities for this worthwhile cause on **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**:

\*Mufti Day - £1 with the theme of spots or own clothes

\*Games/competitions at lunchtime (50p or £1 each): colouring competition; keepy ups; laps round the track; face painting; hula hoop competition; guess how many sweets in the jar. Small prizes for the winners.

Please send any money for games/competitions in a named envelope. All donations gratefully received!

**Christmas Events:** Earlier this week, I sent a Christmas Calendar with all the details about the upcoming Christmas events in school and a letter about changes to Nativity and Christingle – both were sent on Parent App. Please make sure you've seen both these important documents.

### Recent Fundraising Totals

We raised **£418.15** at our MacMillan Coffee afternoon and **£395.30** for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### Surprise Room

Many thanks to those of you who have donated gifts to the Surprise Room which will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. We are still in need of lots of gifts and particularly things for men. Thanks so much for supporting this event which is such a lovely thing for our children.



### WORLD CUP DAY



On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, we will be having a World Cup Theme day in school with lots of sport taking place, World Cup activities and the opportunity for the children to watch the England match in the afternoon. We would like the children to wear sports clothes for the whole day (there is no charge for this). Football kits are permitted but not necessary. We're sure it'll be a great day!



### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### November

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Shoe Boxes
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 School Council to Pupil Parliament
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sycamore Class Trip
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Trip – Grizedale Forest
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	World Cup Day
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Safety Seymore visit Y2 CO Crew visit Y5
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Football Comp - Mossgate
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day – Christmas Raffle prizes Christmas Film Afternoon – 3.15

#### December

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Decoration Day
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Surprise Room