



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

HOPE

'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 couple of weeks we have had in school! It's now all systems go with all things Christmassy as we look ahead to the Infant Nativity, the Christingle services in Church, Decoration Day and the Christmas parties to name but a few! Please continue to look out for all of the important information about these events which will be communicated with you over the coming weeks. Thank you all again for your support of these events; they all make being part of our Church school community so special for our children, families and staff. I am very aware, particularly at this time of the year, that we ask a great deal in terms of donations to school and/or charities. Please remember that if giving to these things will cause you a problem, there is absolutely no expectation that you do so. We are so grateful for all you do in support of school and the pupils. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs FitzGerald

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 7th Nov - 96%; W/B 14th Nov - 97%

Class Attendance:

W/B 17 th Oct	W/B 31 st Oct
Acorns 98%	Acorns 98%
Beech 100%	Beech 99%
Holly 95%	Holly 97%
Hazel 95%	Hazel 96%
Willow 97%	Willow 97%
Sycamore 97%	Sycamore 97%
Oak 90%	Oak 92%

Children in Need Fundraising

Total

We raised **£426.15** for this fantastic cause! A huge well done and thank you to everyone and especially Oak Class and the School Council for organizing.

Surprise Room - Many thanks to those who have donated gifts to the Surprise Room. We are still in need of lots of gifts, particularly things for men. Thanks so much for supporting this event!

DECORATION DAY!

Thursday 1st December will be Decoration Day in school. All the children wear a Christmassy outfit to school on that day. In the past we have had angels, Santas, reindeer, nativity characters to name but a few! Children who aren't so keen on dressing up can wear a Christmas jumper or just their own clothes. During the day, they will make Christmas decorations and crafts which will be used to decorate the school. They will also decorate gift bags ready for their purchases from the Surprise Room the following day. It's always a lovely, fun and festive day!



Toy collection for local families

We are collecting toys to give to Little Joes Clothes, who are distributing to local families who will struggle to buy toys for their children this Christmas. All donations welcome but please ensure that all toys are in good condition. Collection boxes will be in school and the church porch from Nov 22nd-25th.

Thank you !



Friends of Ellel Christmas Raffle: The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15th December. Tickets are £1 per strip. Please send the correct money if possible, in a named envelope with your child's name and class. Envelopes can be posted in the letter box outside the school entrance. As always, the prizes will be fabulous. Thank you for your kind donations (to be sent in on the mufti day - 30th November).

FORTHCOMING DATES

November

Tues 29th Y5/6 Football Comp - Mossgate

Wed 30th Mufti Day - Christmas Raffle prizes
Christmas Film Afternoon - 3.15

December

Thurs 1st Decoration Day

Fri 2nd Surprise Room

Mon 5th NISCU Puppet Roadshow for whole school

Wed 7th Lancashire Library Service Christmas sessions - Rec, Y1&Y2
Christingle Service at Church - 6pm

Thurs 8th Christingle Service at Church - 6pm

Fri 9th Eucharist Service
Y3/4 Christmas Party
Reports sent home

Sun 11th St. John's Service at school - 10.30

Mon 12th Rec, Y1&Y2 Christmas Party

St. John's Church All Age Christmas Special

On Sunday, 11th December, St. John's Church will hold their Christmas Special Service here in school at 10.30am. All are welcome - it would be wonderful to see you there!

CHRISTMAS FILM AFTERNOON

The Friends of Ellel will be holding a Christmas film event straight after school on Wednesday 30th Nov. Tickets will be priced at the usual £5 for the film and refreshments including a hotdog at the interval. Tickets are now on sale in the office.

