



# 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. We've almost made it to the Christmas holidays; just one more week of this long and tiring but joyous term to go. We are thoroughly enjoying all the things that make this time of the year so special in school. A big well done to the KS2 children and Acorn Class and a huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work in putting together and performing the Christingle services this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members supporting these special services. We raised a fantastic £384 for The Children's Society and Lancaster and District Homeless Action – thank you! We are very much looking forward to the Y1&2 Nativity, Hey Ewe, next week. As always, this will be a real treat and a highlight of the Christmas period. The children and staff enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday – many thanks to the kitchen and Welfare staff for this. This will be the last Newsletter of this year and so I'd like to wish all of you a happy and restful Christmas and new year and hope that you all enjoy a truly magical time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend!

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 97%; W/B 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – 95%**

**Class Attendance:**

W/B 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	W/B 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Acorns 98%	Acorns 88%
Beech 99%	Beech 92%
Holly 97%	Holly 99%
Hazel 96%	Hazel 98%
Willow 97%	Willow 98%
Sycamore 97%	Sycamore 98%
Oak 92%	Oak 88%

### Surprise Room Fundraising

#### Total

The children had a wonderful time visiting the Surprise Room last Friday – we hope you all enjoy your gifts! A huge thank you to the members of the Friends of Ellel who worked so hard all day! We raised a fantastic **£900** which will directly benefit the children. Thanks again for all your kind donations and support. These events could not happen without you!

### Ellel Christmas Tree

As in previous years, we would love to re-gift our beautiful school Christmas tree which we have to take down on the last day of term. We would love to know that our tree isn't going to waste and that it is continuing to bring joy to one of our families over Christmas. The tree is between 7 and 8 ft and would need to be collected on the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like the tree, please let the office know and we will pull names out of a hat.

### Primary School Places

**Reminder:** The deadline for Primary School Applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Applications must be made online on:

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

### Outstanding Payments

Please can you make sure that any outstanding payments to school are made by the end of term. Many thanks for your support with this.

**Friends of Ellel Christmas Raffle:** Thank you all for the wonderful donations for our Christmas Raffle that were sent in last Wednesday. The raffle prizes are fantastic as always! The Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FORTHCOMING DATES

December	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. John's Service at school – 10.30
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rec, Y1&Y2 Christmas Party
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y1&2 Nativity – 2pm
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Oak and Sycamore Christmas Party
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y1&2 Nativity – 2pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Church Service – 9.30 Close for Christmas break
January	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>INSET Day – School Closed</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	School opens for spring term
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Science Assembly
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Service visit Oak Class
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year Day
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Acorns – Go Velo begins

### St. John's Church All Age Christmas Special

This Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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! Bacon butties will be served from 9.45 – don't miss out!

### Group A Strep and Scarlet Fever

As you will be aware, there has been a recent local and national increase in cases of Group A Strep and Scarlet Fever.

As such, we have sent out on Parent App lots of information regarding signs, symptoms and actions to take. Please make sure you have read all of this important information. If you have concerns about your child, please contact your GP or call NHS 111.