



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

FRIENDSHIP

'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. Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with time for rest, relaxation and fun with your loved ones.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week and despite it being a short week, they have all settled back in brilliantly and are already back into the swing of school routines and learning. As always, the school diary is already filling up and this term is set to be another busy one filled with learning and fun. Please keep an eye on the newsletters and Parent App for all the things that are going on. An overview of clubs for this half term was sent out yesterday and staff are sending out individual clubs letters or Parent Apps. Please return these as soon as possible to secure your child's place. Wishing you all a lovely weekend – we'll see everyone on Monday morning for our first full week back. 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 5th Dec – 94%; W/B 12th Dec – 95%

Class Attendance:

W/B 5 th Dec	W/B 12 th Dec
Acorns 96%	Acorns 95%
Beech 97%	Beech 94%
Holly 94%	Holly 93%
Hazel 92%	Hazel 98%
Willow 92%	Willow 97%
Sycamore 96%	Sycamore 94%
Oak 89%	Oak 92%

Enjoy-a-Ball Paul

Children in Y1 and 2 benefitted from PE sessions delivered by Enjoy-a-Ball Paul before Christmas and he will now begin working with Acorn Class. The children love these sessions! Paul also delivers a before school club on a Thursday for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 which builds on the skills he teaches them in class. If you are interested in a place, please return the form sent home before Christmas to school office.

Car Park Reminder

A reminder that if you need to use the car park to drop off or pick up at any time, please reverse into parking spaces following our health and safety guidelines. The car park and driveway should not be used between 8.45 and 9.15 and 2.45 and 3.15 to keep everyone safe.

Illness and sickness absence

While it is important for all children to be in school as much as possible, they should only be in school if they are well enough to be here. As you will be aware, there has been a recent local and national increase in cases of Group A Strep and Scarlet Fever amongst other illnesses. Please be vigilant to signs and symptoms (lots of information was shared on Parent App before Christmas). If you have concerns about your child, please contact your GP or call NHS 111 and please do not send your child to school if they are unwell so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Fundraising

Everyone at school and the Friends of Ellel would like to say a huge thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts last term, all of which either directly benefit our pupils or a range of very worthwhile causes. Times are hard at the moment and your generosity is hugely appreciated! Thank you so much!

Children in Need: £426.15

Bishop's Harvest Appeal: £395.30

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon: £400

Total for charity: £1221.45

(This is not including the money raised for The Royal British Legion at Remembrance – we do not know this total yet).

Film Nights: £805.70

Surprise Room: £900

Christmas Raffle: £368

Total for school: £2073.70



Primary School Places

Reminder: The deadline for Primary School Applications is **15th 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/>

Chinese New Year Lunch



Meals can be ordered on the day.

FORTHCOMING DATES

January	
W/B Mon 9 th	Clubs led by school staff begin
Wed 11 th	Mad Science Assembly
Wed 18 th	Fire Service visit Oak Class
Fri 20 th	Chinese New Year Day and special Chinese New Year lunch
Mon 23 rd	Acorns – Go Velo begins
Wed 25 th	Acorn and Oak heights and weights
Fri 27 th	Fire Service visit Holly Class Oak Celebration Assembly – 2pm
Mon 30 th	Oak to Young Voices in Manchester
February	
Wed 1 st	Acorns – Vision Screening
Fri 3 rd	Eucharist service in school
Fri 10 th	School closes for half term