



# 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. We've reached the end of another busy week in school. As you know, it's been extremely cold and icy this week. Thank you for taking such care in the slippery conditions and apologies that we were unable to make the walkways around the school site any less slippery than they were. Thankfully, temperatures seem to be improving next week.

Please could I encourage any parents/carers who believe they may be eligible for Free School Meals, to contact Mrs Rotheram in the School Office. All enquiries are dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please note that FSM entitlement is not the same as the Universal Free School Meal Scheme which entitles every EYFS/KS1 child to a free school meal. The number of pupils on Free School Meals also affects the school budget – so if any of you are entitled, we all benefit!

Wishing you all a very restful 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – 96%; W/B 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – 97%**

**Class Attendance:**

W/B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	W/B 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Acorns 96%	Acorns 97%
Beech 100%	Beech 98%
Holly 97%	Holly 99%
Hazel 96%	Hazel 97%
Willow 97%	Willow 98%
Sycamore 99%	Sycamore 97%
Oak 93%	Oak 92%

### Oak Class Celebration Assembly

This will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. Parents of Oak Class pupils are invited to watch.

We will also present any awards and certificates that the children have achieved. Please send these into school from next Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> January).

### Chinese New Year Theme Day

Today, the whole school has enjoyed a Chinese New Year Theme Day with a wide range of exciting and fun activities and learning taking place in each class. We welcomed students from the Lancaster University Confucius Institute into school and they led sessions with all the children on Chinese language and culture.

Our wonderful kitchen staff made spring rolls for everyone so that we could enjoy some Chinese food as well as preparing the Chinese New Year lunch menu.



Please see class blogs and our Facebook page for photos of our wonderful day.

### Easter School

Following the success of our annual Summer School and last year's Easter School, Tracey and the Kids Club staff will once again be running Easter School from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Booking forms will go live on ParentApp next week. Please look out for this and contact Tracey in the office if you have any questions. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Storytelling Morning

As part of National Storytelling Week, we will be holding a storytelling morning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Each class will read a story and use a creative way to retell the story. We will share our final work on Facebook and the school blog. We are asking for any parent/family volunteers to read a story to a class or group of children during the morning to please get in touch with Mrs Massey via [deputyhead@ellel-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:deputyhead@ellel-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk)

### St. John's Hospice Fun Run

On the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> February, we will be taking part in a Fun Run to raise money for St. John's Hospice. The children will be able to wear suitable sportswear and trainers for the day and can wear a green T shirt in support of the hospice (this is not compulsory). The run will take place in the afternoon and each class will be cheered on by other classes. If you would like to donate to this great cause, we have set up a Just Giving page which can be found at ... Alternatively, children can bring donations into school on the day in an envelope.

### School of the Week – Free Football Tickets!

Ellel St John's has been nominated to be Lancaster City FC's School of the Week. All parents, staff and children get free tickets for a game. See the flyer below for further details:



### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### January

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Acorns – Go Velo begins
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn and Oak heights and weights
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Service visit Holly Class Oak Celebration Assembly – 2pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Oak to Young Voices in Manchester

#### February

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Acorns – Vision Screening
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eucharist service in school
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Storytelling Day and Fun Run
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for half term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	School opens after half term
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mad Science Club starts
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Class Celebration Assembly