



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

LENTEN JOURNEY

'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 had another very busy week in school! Acorn Class enjoyed a full Forest school day on Tuesday in the glorious sunshine – it was perfect FS weather! On Tuesday, the children enjoyed visiting the Lancashire Library Service Bus and choosing new books for their class reading areas and KS2 took part in some Lancashire Library Service workshops. It was also lovely to welcome so many of you into school earlier this week for our Parent's Evening. As always, these are short 5 minute appointments, which is generally long enough for a progress report. However, if you require a longer appointment at any time, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this. In the final three weeks of this term, we are looking forward to all of the events that are taking place, many of which are detailed below. The Easter holidays will be here before we know it! 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 20th Feb – 96%; W/B 27th Feb – 96%

Class Attendance:

W/B 20 th Feb	W/B 27 th Feb
Acorns 98%	Acorns 98%
Beech 92%	Beech 96%
Holly 98%	Holly 98%
Hazel 96%	Hazel 99%
Willow 96%	Willow 93%
Sycamore 98%	Sycamore 98%
Oak 94%	Oak 90%

Easter Egg Bingo

We are delighted that the Friends of Ellel will be holding their Easter Egg Bingo event in the school hall again this year. This is one of the highlights of the FOE calendar and is a hugely popular event! It will take place on the **evening of Thursday 30th March at 6pm** (doors open from 5.45). We will also have the usual mufti day when we ask for donations of Easter eggs/chocolate on **Monday 27th March**. More information to follow.



Comic Relief – Friday 17th March

The School Council have planned a number of events to raise money for Comic relief. On Friday 17th March, they are inviting the children to wear non-uniform (this could be something red if you have it) and to pay £1. They will be holding a cake sale at morning break and are asking for donations of cakes to sell (please send these into school on the morning of the 17th). Any cakes left will be sold on the playground at hometime. Finally, they are running a 'design a red nose' competition. More detailed information was sent via Parent App earlier this week. Thanks for all your support!

NEU Strike

A reminder that the next days of industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU) are on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March and this will mean that there is some disruption to our normal opening. On Wednesday 15th March, school will be open to all pupils. On Thursday 16th March, school will be closed to all children in Hazel and Sycamore Class. I am sorry for the disruption that this will cause; this decision has not been taken lightly. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and you would like a paper bag packed lunch to be provided, please contact the school office by the end of the day today. This packed lunch will need to be collected from school on Thursday 16th March. Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support and understanding. Mrs FitzGerald

Easter Church Service

On the last day of term, we will visit St. John's Church for our end of term service and this will take place at 9.30am. Parents and family members are invited to join us for this service.

Reading Questionnaire: Please look out for a reading questionnaire that will be sent out on Parent App. We are hoping to find out if you require any support with reading at home and what improvements we can make in terms of reading. It would really help us if as many of you as possible could complete the questionnaire.

Willow Class Celebration Assembly

This Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 24th March at **2.15pm**. Parents of Willow Class pupils are invited to watch. We will also present any awards and certificates that children from across school have achieved. Please send these into school from Monday 20th March.

FORTHCOMING DATES

March	
Mon 13 th	Full Governor's Meeting – 4pm Y4 Residential Meeting for parents – 5.30pm – in Willow Class
Wed 15 th	NEU Strike Day – school open to all
Thurs 16 th	NEU Strike Day – school closed to Hazel and Sycamore Classes
Fri 17 th	Comic Relief Day
Mon 20 th	Y2 Music Festival – 6.30 drop-off for a 7pm start
Wed 22 nd	Y4 Music Festival – 6.30 drop-off for a 7pm start
Fri 24 th	Willow Celebration Assembly – 2.15pm
Tues 28 th	Y2 Residential Meeting for parents – 5pm
Thurs 30 th	Easter Egg Bingo – doors open 5.45
Fri 31 st	Easter Church Service at 9.30 – parents welcome. School closes for Easter