



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. Spring is finally here and we have all enjoyed the warmer, brighter days in the last couple of weeks - interspersed with spring showers! We can't believe there's only one week to go until we break up for the Easter holidays. Please join us in Church next Friday morning if you can for our Easter service (9.30am). It's been another busy week with Y2 and 4 performing at the Music Festivals in the Town Hall. The children sang beautifully and made us very proud! Thank you to the staff who gave up their evenings to enable the children to take part in these lovely events and to the parents for going along to watch and support. As we approach the end of the spring term and our financial year, please can you make sure that all payments on Parent Pay are up-to-date. Many thanks for your help with this. We have set up a survey on ParentApp where you can comment (if necessary) about our slight change to the school start time from September 2023. If you wish to comment, please do so by next Friday (31st March). Have a wonderful 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 6th Mar - 97%; W/B 13th Mar - 98%

Class Attendance:

W/B 6 th Mar	W/B 13 th Mar
Acorns 97%	Acorns 93%
Beech 98%	Beech 98%
Holly 99%	Holly 97%
Hazel 99%	Hazel 95%
Willow 98%	Willow 98%
Sycamore 95%	Sycamore 99%
Oak 91%	Oak 90%

Ellel Values and Expectations

As you know, we have very high expectations of our pupils in terms of behavior, showing respect, manners and appearance. Currently in school, we are having a real push on these things and are reminding and supporting the children in order to make standards in these areas as high as they possibly can be.

How can you help?

Please remind your child, and support them where necessary, to ensure that they are always smartly and appropriately presented for school. Children should be in full school uniform and black school shoes (remember we have our Uniform Swap Shop in the Nest where you can help yourself to anything you need). They should not wear jewelry (except for a watch) or make-up for school. If your child has to wear studs until newly pierced ears have healed, these should be covered with plasters. Staff will be challenging any issues around this and may be in touch with parents if necessary. Reminders from home about manners and behavior would also help to reinforce the messages that the children are getting from school. Many thanks for your help and support with this.

Easter Egg Bingo

A reminder that Easter Egg Bingo will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 30th March at 6pm** (doors open from 5.40). Tickets do not need to be bought in advance; payments taken on the door. Prices: adults - £3; children - £2 (this includes bingo and an egg hunt); younger children who don't want to play bingo but just want to do the egg hunt - £1 (the egg hunt will take place half way through the event). Refreshments will be available with hot dogs priced at £1. Next Monday, 27th March will be a non-uniform day and we are asking for each child to make a donation of an Easter Egg for the Easter Egg Bingo. This is always a fantastic event and one of the highlights of the year! Thanks so much for your support!

Mrs MacKinnon - baby news

We wanted to let you know that Mrs MacKinnon, last year's Beech Class teacher and her husband Sam, welcomed their first baby last week. Olivia was born very early and is being cared for at Burnley Hospital but Mrs MacKinnon says she is doing really well and is amazing them with how strong she is. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with them all.



Easter Prayer Day: On the first day of term after the Easter holidays, we will have an Easter Prayer Day supported by Craig and Ian. At the end of the day, we will hold our annual egg roll down the slope. **Please send your child with a hard boiled egg on that day (Monday 17th April).**

Comic Relief Total

A huge thank you to you all for your support of our fundraising for Comic Relief! We raised a fantastic **£515.25!**

Very well done to the School Council with the support of Mrs Massey for everything they organized.

FORTHCOMING DATES

March

Mon 27 th	Non-Uniform for Easter Egg Bingo
Tues 28 th	Y2 Residential Meeting for parents - 5pm
Thurs 30 th	Easter Egg Bingo - doors open 5.40
Fri 31 st	Easter Church Service at 9.30 - parents welcome. School closes for Easter

April

Mon 17 th	Start of summer term; Easter Prayer Day (bring hard boiled egg please)
Mon 24 th	Willow Class Residential
Tues 25 th	
Wed 26 th	Y3&4 den building
Fri 28 th	Beech Class Celebration Assembly - save the date!

May

Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday - school closed
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