



# ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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## Ellel Newsletter

**JUSTICE**

**'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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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. The busy weeks in school continue to fly by and we now only have one week to go before our half term break. Please remember that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is an Inset day and school will be closed to pupils. The final week of this half term will be another busy one as Holly Class head off on their residential, sporting events take place and we welcome visitors from the Islam Society and the RNLI into school. At this very busy time, please remember to keep checking ParentApp for any information that you need to know. Thank you all for your ongoing support of all that happens in school. This strong home/school partnership is so important and leads to the very best outcomes for the children. When the half term break arrives, I hope that you all enjoy and lovely, restful week and some sunshine. We will see you all back at school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. 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 1<sup>st</sup> May – 97%; W/B 8<sup>th</sup> May – 95%**

### Class Attendance:

W/B 1 <sup>st</sup> May	W/B 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Acorns 94%	Acorns 87%
Beech 97%	Beech 96%
Holly 99%	Holly 97%
Hazel 96%	Hazel 93%
Willow 97%	Willow 97%
Sycamore 97%	Sycamore 97%
Oak 96%	Oak 98%

### Hazel Class Celebration Assembly

This Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at **2.00pm**.

Parents of Hazel 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Outstanding Payments

Before we break for half term, please help us out by ensuring that any outstanding payments for dinners, snack, trips and residentials are made. Thank you.

### Oak Class SATs Week

Last week was SATs week for our Y6 children. It is always a tough week, asking so much of our children, who are still only 10 and 11 years old. We are all very proud of them! While these tests are important for both the children and for school, we should all remember the words of the poem:

*SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.  
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.  
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.  
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.*

A big thanks to Mrs Poole and Mrs Massey and all the staff who have prepared the children and supported them last week.

### Friends of Ellel Summer Fair Planning Meeting

Please come along on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15** for a **short** meeting to help us plan our Summer Fair. We really need volunteers so that this wonderful event can go ahead. If you require free childcare so that you can attend the meeting, please contact the office. Thank you in advance!

### Reasons for absence:

Despite reminders, we still have parents who are not informing us of the reason for their child's absence when leaving an answerphone message. We need this information for our records. Thank you.

### Amendment to school start time from September 2023

You will remember that in March, I consulted with you about slightly amending the school start time from September 2023 and invited you to pose comments/questions about this on a ParentApp survey. Thank you to those of you who did so. We have now put together a document explaining exactly how the start of the day will work from September. Please look out for this letter which will be sent out on ParentApp today.

### Holly Class Residential

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Holly Class – our Y2 – pupils, will be heading off on their very first residential trip to Guy's Farm. They are all extremely excited (as are the staff) and we know they will have a wonderful time! Holly Class parents will receive some final information from Mr Garvey but please remember to check the information PowerPoint that was shared with you at the meeting if there's anything you need to know. This can be found on the Holly Class Blog. Good luck Holly Class!

**Suncream and Hats:** As the weather (hopefully) continues to improve, when necessary, please apply suncream before your child comes to school to avoid them burning. You may also wish to send them with a named sunhat. All children should have a water bottle each day. Thank you.

### FORTHCOMING DATES

May	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Class Residential to Guy's Farm
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Islam Society Assembly
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Celebration Assembly 2pm School Closes for half term
June	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – <b>School closed</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class Slavery Tour trip
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class – Lancaster Uni transition workshop
W/B Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class – Phonics Screen Check week
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day – tombola prizes for Summer Fair
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day am (info to follow)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Fair – 3pm
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day reserve
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Class Celebration Assembly
July	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class Residential to RobinWood