



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

God's Wonderful World

'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. I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful weather over the half term break and found some time for rest, relaxation and fun. We're fully into the swing of the final half term of the year and the weeks just keep flying by. Before we know it, we'll have reached the end of term and will be saying farewell to Oak Class. We really hope they enjoy their final weeks in school and make the most of every minute! Just before half term, Holly Class (our Y2 pupils) went on their very first residential trip to Guy's Farm. This is the first time we have taken such young pupils away overnight and we were so impressed with every single one of them. Their behavior was impeccable! I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Garvey, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Poole and Jamie our LUSU student volunteer for all their planning and organisation for the trip and for giving up their personal time so that the children could have such a wonderful experience. There is much more fun to come this term! 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 15th May – 94%; W/B 22nd May – 95%

Class Attendance:

W/B 15 th May	W/B 22 nd May
Acorns 92%	Acorns 93%
Beech 90%	Beech 93%
Holly 95%	Holly 90%
Hazel 97%	Hazel 98%
Willow 98%	Willow 99%
Sycamore 92%	Sycamore 94%
Oak 92%	Oak 97%

Willow Class were the overall winners for the half term and will receive a 'Fun Friday Treat' today.

Congratulations Miss Walton

I am very proud to inform you that Miss Walton has been offered a secondment opportunity at Grosvenor Park Primary School where she will take up a position as Assistant Headteacher for the next school year. Miss Walton works so hard, makes an enormous school-wide impact here at Ellel and is destined for leadership. She will of course be a huge loss to our school community but I know that Grosvenor Park will benefit hugely from gaining her as a member of their teaching staff and leadership team. Miss Walton will leave us (initially just for a year), at the end of term – Friday 21st July. She goes with our love, prayers and every blessing for this exciting opportunity but will always remain a member of the Ellel family. We are all so proud of you Miss Walton!

Class & Staffing Structure – 2023/24

Following this newsletter, I will be sending out a letter detailing the class and staffing structure for the next school year on ParentApp. Please look out for this important document.

Acorn Class Celebration Assembly

This Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 30th June at **2.15pm**. Parents of Acorn 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 26th June.

FOE Summer Fair

Thank you to those people who came to the planning meeting for this lovely event. The Summer Fair will take place on **Friday 23rd June, 3-5pm**. The FOE will really need parent volunteers to help on various stalls/activities but will only ask for people to do time slots (not the whole event). A sign up sheet will be appearing outside school soon. Please sign up! The FOE really need you! Thank you in advance!

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 16th June

Next Friday, 16th June, will be a non-uniform day. We are asking that in return for wearing their own clothes for the day, children bring in a bottle and/or chocolate which will be used as tombola and raffle prizes for the Summer Fair. We are also asking for donations of teddies for our teddy tombola. Thank you so much to those people who have already begun donating teddies. Your kindness and generosity is so appreciated!

Sports Day

Before half term, a letter went out on ParentApp detailing the arrangements for Sports Day which is scheduled for the morning on Thursday 22nd June. Please check this letter for everything you need to know as there are changes this year and ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Class Trips

As always in the summer term, lots of class trips will be taking place over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out on ParentApp for letters about these lovely events. Thank you to the staff for organising them!

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.

Suncream and Hats: As the weather looks set to remain hot and sunny, 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

June	
W/B Mon 12 th	Beech Class – Phonics Screen Check week
Thurs 15 th	Beech Class – Morecambe Trip
Fri 16 th	Non-uniform day – Summer Fair donations
Thurs 22 nd	Sports Day am
Fri 23 rd	Summer Fair – 3pm
Mon 26 th	Full Governor's Meeting – 4pm
Thurs 29 th	Sports Day reserve
Fri 30 th	Acorn Class Celebration Assembly
July	
Mon 3 rd – Wed 5 th	Oak Class Residential to RobinWood
Fri 7 th	Non-Uniform Day – Willow Class' Charity Fundraiser
Mon 10 th	Oak Class Leaver's Grand Day Out
Wed 12 th	L&M College Careers Workshops
Thurs 13 th	Summer Concert pm (info to follow)
Fri 14 th	Y5&6 Careers Afternoon
Mon 17 th	Class Swap afternoon