



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. We've had another fantastic week in school filled with loving, living and learning! It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our whole-school Sports Day yesterday which ended in a lovely, family picnic on the field. The children, as always, did themselves and us proud, displaying enthusiasm, resilience and sportspersonship! I'd like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers from the Friends of Ellel who worked so hard to prepare and sell refreshments and to the staff for their hard work and organisation. The weather is not looking as good for our Summer Fair this afternoon but we will do our best to adapt and very much hope that lots of you can join us. As the hot weather continues, please ensure your child is protected with sunscreen and a sun hat and has their water bottle with them every day. I am aware that school uniform/shoes often 'give up the ghost' at this time of the year. Please don't buy anything new at this point as you will want to ensure that new things still fit in September. However, if you can try to be as in keeping with the school uniform as possible we would be very grateful and please remember to let your child's class teacher know why they are not in full uniform. Many thanks for your help and understanding with this. 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 5th May – 94%; W/B 12th May – 96%

Class Attendance:

W/B 5 th May	W/B 12 th May
Acorns 99%	Acorns 97%
Beech 98%	Beech 99%
Holly 86%	Holly 96%
Hazel 94%	Hazel 97%
Willow 95%	Willow 99%
Sycamore 95%	Sycamore 96%
Oak 95%	Oak 91%

FOE Summer Fair

A reminder that the Summer Fair will take place today - **Friday 23rd June, 3-5pm** and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you there. A big thank you to the FOE for all their organisation and the time given already to selling tickets and preparing for the event. As always, it will be a lovely, community event.

Outstanding Payments

As we approach the end of the year, please make sure that any outstanding payments for trips, residentials, dinners, snack, Breakfast Club/Kids Club etc. are made as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help with this – these payments directly affect our school budget and the provision we are able to make for our pupils.

NEU Strike Days

You may be aware that the NEU have announced further strike action at the start of July. Due to pre-planned events in school, members of the NEU at Ellel have taken the decision not to strike on this occasion. Nevertheless, we still fully support the NEU's Save Our Schools campaign and the reasons behind this. You may have heard in the news that other education unions are uniting in support of this campaign. More information can be found here: <https://neu.org.uk/latest/press-releases/education-unions-joint-action>

School will be open to all children on the 5th and 7th of July.

Summer Concert Information

For the first time this year, we will be celebrating the end of another wonderful year at Ellel by joining together in song – something which our children do so well – at a Summer Concert. The children are working so hard in preparation. You are all invited to join us for this lovely event on **Thursday 13th July at 2pm**. In order to accommodate the whole school and the spectators, we are planning on holding this event outdoors and as such, require the weather to be dry. If the 13th is wet, we have a reserve date of Tuesday 18th July at 2pm. Unfortunately, if we have to postpone again, the event won't go ahead. The children will be positioned on the playground with parents/family members seated on the field (please bring your own chairs/picnic blankets). The side gate will be opened at 1.45 for you to arrive and find a space to sit. The FOE are hoping to provide refreshments (please bring some change for this) but require volunteers to help for a short time slot. If you are able to help, please let us know (many thanks in advance). We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to this lovely, end-of-year event.



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.

FORTHCOMING DATES

June	
Mon 26 th	Full Governor's Meeting – 4pm
Wed 28 th	Garstang, LGGs, Ripley transition day
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 Acorns – Greenlands Farm trip
Wed 12 th	L&M College Careers Workshops – Y5&6
Thurs 13 th	Summer Concert – 2pm (see above)
Fri 14 th	Y5&6 Careers Afternoon Reports emailed out
Mon 17 th	Class Swap afternoon
Tues 18 th	Summer Concert reserve – 2pm
Wed 19 th	Oak Class Leavers Review – 2pm
Fri 21 st	Church Service – 9.30 School closes for summer!

End of year reports

These will be sent out on **Friday 14th July**. We have made the decision (for financial and environmental reasons) that from this point, all school reports will be emailed out to parents, rather than a paper copy being sent home. If you think that we have not got your up-to-date email address, please let us know as a matter of urgency. Please look out for this email on 14th July.