



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. Last Friday, we invited the parents and family of our youngest children – Acorn Class- into school to watch their very first class assembly. The children did a brilliant job; what a wonderful way to finish the week! At the start of this week, Oak Class went off on their residential to RobinWood and returned on Wednesday, tired but very happy. They all did themselves proud, trying new and challenging things and representing our school beautifully. A huge thank you to Mrs Corless, Mrs Massey, Mrs Poole and Mr Walling for spending three days away from their own families to give the children this fabulous experience. Last night, our swimming team took part in the Lancaster Schools Swimming Gala and went on to win, retaining their title as champions! There were so many outstanding performances and all of the children behaved beautifully and were a credit to Ellel. Many thanks to Mrs Quinn, Mr Garvey and Mrs Hay for taking them. A reminder from our last newsletter... 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 19th June – 95%; W/B 26th – 96%

Class Attendance:

W/B 19 th June	W/B 26 th June
Acorns 95%	Acorns 95%
Beech 97%	Beech 98%
Holly 92%	Holly 96%
Hazel 97%	Hazel 95%
Willow 96%	Willow 100%
Sycamore 96%	Sycamore 98%
Oak 90%	Oak 88%

KS2 Dinner and Snack

As you may be aware, the Government's Universal Infant Free School meal scheme applies to children in Reception class to Year 2. For all children moving to Year 3 from September 2023 and all those already in KS2, school meals will be charged at £2.50 per day, which in the current climate, represents good value for money.

Children in KS2 can also order a morning brektime snack each day at a cost of 30p per day, and can choose from: toast, crumpet, tea cake or a fruit bag. Charges for meals and snacks will be added to your Parentpay account each Friday. Meals and snacks should be paid for in advance – please keep your Parentpay account in credit.

If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals please contact the office.

Raring2Go – Summer Activities

Please check out the link below for a whole host of activity ideas for the whole family to enjoy this summer!

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/lancaster/summer2023/10/>

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.

End of year services

The **Oak Class Leaver's Review** will take place in the school hall at 2pm on Wednesday 19th July. This will be performed for the rest of the school and the parents/family of **Oak Class** pupils.

On Friday 21st July – we will hold our **Leaver's Church Service** at 9.30am at St. John's Church. The whole school community will be there and parents are invited to attend, particularly parents and family of the Oak Class pupils.

Don't forget your tissues!

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.

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.

FORTHCOMING DATES

July	
Mon 10 th	Oak Class Leaver's Grand Day Out Acorns – Greenlands Farm trip Hazel Class – Lancaster Uni - am
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 End of year 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!
September	
Fri 1 st	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Mon 4 th	Start of Autumn Term
Thurs/Fri 7 th & 8 th	Acorns in half days
Mon 11 th	Acorns in full time
Tues 12 th	Forest School starts for Oak Class