



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Headline News

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'Loving, living and learning in the light of Christ'

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Welcome back to a new school year and to the first edition of our newsletter for this academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and found time for rest and relaxation. It has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school this week. They have all settled in brilliantly, are working really hard and having lots of fun. Our new Acorns were also superstars on their first days in school! As always, the school calendar and timetable are already filling up. Forest School begins next week for Oak Class; school swimming starts for Sycamore Class and we have some Life Education sessions booked in the week after next amongst other things!

It will be lovely to welcome lots of you into school a week on Tuesday for our Meet and Greet sessions with your child's new class teacher. Please remember, you can arrange to speak to or meet with your child's class teacher at any time. Please contact the school office to arrange this if necessary. Mrs Poole has sent a communication regarding volunteering in school. Please get in touch with her if you are able to help in any way and thank you in advance!

We are all really looking forward to another very happy and successful year! Mrs FitzGerald

Class Assembly Dates

As per the letter sent earlier this week, the Class Assembly dates for this year are as follows.

Hazel Class – Friday 24th November

Oak Class – Friday 26th January

Holly Class – Friday 23rd February

Sycamore Class – Friday 22nd March

Willow Class – Friday 19th April

Beech Class – Friday 24th May

Acorn Class – Friday 28th June

Please do not send awards/certificates etc. in for these assemblies. From this year, we will be holding a Shining Light Assembly for this purpose each half term and will let you know when to send certificates and awards in.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets have been sent out by the school office this week. Please complete and return these sheets to school as soon as possible.

Unique Kids Fundraising Total

At the end of the summer term, last year's Sycamore Class, with the support of Miss Walton and Mrs Darlington-Knight, sold friendship bracelets to raise money for Unique Kids. They raised a massive **£220.30!** A huge well done to the children for organizing this and thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising event!

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: On Friday 29th

September, we will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the school hall. We have chosen to support this fantastic cause once again, as it is close to our hearts. Oak Class would love to welcome you from 1:45pm and we will be serving tea, coffee and cake until 2:45pm. Any remaining cakes will be sold on the playground at 3pm. We would like to ask for cake donations, either home baked or bought, to sell during the afternoon. Please bring these in from Wednesday 27th September. We hope that you are able to come along and support us in this event and fantastic cause.

Meet and Greet

We are pleased to invite you to drop into your child's new class, meet their teacher and find out how they are settling in. This Meet and Greet session will take place on **Tuesday 19th September** between 3 and 3.30pm. If you are unable to attend at this time and need to see your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Reminder: The deadline for Secondary School Applications is **31st**

October. Applications must be made online on:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

If you require any support with this, please contact school. There are some upcoming open evenings that you may wish to attend as follows: Central – 21st September; Garstang – 21st September.

Clubs: We are pleased to be offering a wide range of extra-curricular clubs this term. An overview letter was sent out on Parent App earlier this week and sign up letters are also being sent out. Please look out for these and return them to secure your child's place. We will ensure there is a club for our new Acorns once they are settled in later this term.

Friends of Ellel

Our school PTA, the Friends of Ellel, is in need of new members in order to be able to plan and run a whole range of fundraising events this year. Please look out for information about how you can get involved and when the first meeting will be.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Sept	
Mon 11 th	Acorns start full time Music lessons start this week
Tues 12 th	Borwick Hall Meeting, 5pm
Sat 16 th	St. John's Church Beer Festival
Sun 17 th	Messy Church in Church: 4 – 5.30
Mon 18 th	Acorn Class – Hand Hygiene Sessions
Tues 19 th	Life education Sessions (and Wednesday) Meet and Greet, 3-3.30pm
Fri 29 th	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Sat 30 th	Grammar School Entrance Exam
October	
Tues 3 rd – Fri 6 th	Oak Class – Borwick Hall Residential
Tues 3 rd	Sycamore Class Greek Day
Fri 6 th	Eucharist Service led by Sycamore Class
Tues 10 th	Governors Meetings, 4-6pm
Tues 17 th	Open Afternoon: 1.15-3
Fri 20 th	Harvest Festival in Church Close for half term
Mon 31 st	INSET Day – school closed