



# ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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## Ellel Newsletter

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

**COURAGE**

*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16*

**Issue No 4 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear parents. We've made it to the end of a really busy half term in school full of really exciting learning opportunities and events. The pupils and staff are most certainly ready for a break! It was wonderful to celebrate our Harvest Festival in Church today and to welcome so many parents and family members to this service. Many thanks for your support and generous contributions to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. As always, we often ask for support of school events or charitable causes (currently Harvest, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Christmas fundraising next half term). While it is great that we are able to support these things and benefit either our children or those in the wider community, if your circumstances are such that giving to any of them would cause you a problem please do not feel under any obligation to give on these days. Please remember that Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an Inset day and term starts on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Have a lovely, restful week next week. Mrs FitzGerald

**Parent Governor Vacancies:** We have two vacancies for Parent Governors and a letter containing lots more information about the role was sent home earlier this week. If you feel that you are suitable for this important role and would like to stand for election, the application form and personal statement need to be returned to the school office by **Noon on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. We very much hope you consider standing as a Governor. Thank you!

### Harvest Festival Total

We raised a fantastic **£150.75** for The Bishop's Harvest Appeal and the people of South Sudan. Thank you so much for your help and support!

### Individual School Photographs

These will be taken on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov during the school day. If you would like a family photograph with pre-school siblings, please arrive at school from 8.25 so that these photos can be taken before the start of the school day. Sibling photos of pupils at school will be taken during the day.

### Christingle Services

The dates for these beautiful services, which take place at St. John's Church for children in Reception, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, are:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** from 6-7pm.

Please look out for a more detailed letter about the Christingle services which will be sent out on Parent App soon. Children in Acorn Class are only required to attend one service (Mrs Tyson will communicate with parent about this). We ask that children in Years 3-6 attend both services and really appreciate your support with this

You are invited to

**Ellel St. John's**

**AFTERNOON OF REMEMBRANCE**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30—2.30 in the school hall.

Our children will entertain you with war songs and we will be serving refreshments—donations to the Royal British Legion gratefully received.

*Let us not forget*

**Final Reminder!** The deadline for Secondary School Applications is **31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Hazel Class have chosen this worthwhile cause as their charity for this year. Your child should have brought home a leaflet this week. If you are able, please fill your shoebox over half term and return to school after the holiday. On behalf of Hazel Class - thank you so much for your support!

**Parent's Evening** — As you will be aware, we will be holding a Parent's Evening on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the progress they are making in their new class. You can book your time slot on Parent App under the survey section. Class Teachers will then send home your designated time. Appointments will last for 5 minutes. While this is generally long enough for an update, if you do require a longer appointment, please contact school to arrange this. If you are having any issues booking a time slot, please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you then.

### FORTHCOMING DATES

October	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Start of autumn term 2 Deadline for Secondary School Applications
November	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Individual school photos
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Full Governor's Meeting
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> –	Flu Vaccinations Parent's Evening
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance – see info above
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability – Oak Class
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Acorn Class – vision screening
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Class Assembly