



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

REMEMBERING

'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

Issue No 5 - Friday 10th November 2023

Dear parents. We've had a busy couple of weeks in school since returning from the half term break – I hope that you all had a lovely, restful time. Earlier this week, I shared a Christmas Calendar on Parent App and Facebook with the details about the upcoming Christmas events in school. Please look out for this important document. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to Parent's Evening on Tuesday. Please remember to contact your child's class teacher if you were unable to attend or require a longer appointment. We gathered at the cenotaph this morning for a lovely act of Remembrance and are very much looking forward to our afternoon of Remembrance later today where all our children will perform. All are welcome to attend this event from 1.30-2.30 in the school hall. I think it's safe to say we are all looking forward to a good rest this weekend, ready for another busy week next week! I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs FitzGerald

Children in Need 2023

For their class charity, Sycamore Class are arranging fundraising for Children in Need on **Friday 17th November**. They will be holding a Spot themed Mufti Day where children can wear their own clothes or anything spotty by donating £1. They will also be running some competitions and games during the afternoon that children from all classes can pay a small amount to take part in:

- Colouring competition – Children can pay 50p to enter a colour Pudsey competition.
- Keepy ups – Children can pay 20p to try and do as many keepy ups as they can.
- Positive messages – Children can pay 20p for a positive message written by our class.
- Face painting – Children can pay £1 for some spotty face painting.
- Hula Hoop competition – Children can pay 20p to do as many turns on the hula hoop as they can.
- How many sweets in the jar – Children can pay 20p to guess how many sweets are in the jar. The closest guess will win the sweets.
- Loom bands – Children can pay 50p for a bracelet or loom band gift made by our class.
- Raffle – Children can pay 20p for a raffle ticket to win a reward such as relaxing time in the Sensory Room.
- KS1 only – storytelling – Children can pay 50p to hear one of our class read a short story.

Children can take part in as many games or competitions as they want during the afternoon and there will be a small prize for the winners of the competitions. Please could you send any money for the games and competitions into school with your child in a named envelope. Any donations of money to this brilliant cause that you can make will be very gratefully received.

We are looking forward to running our ideas for this event in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Sycamore Class.



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 6th December** and **Thursday 7th 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.

Parking

We have received a complaint about inconsiderate and dangerous parking on the corner of Forester Close each morning. We recognise that parking close to school is difficult but ask that you please park safely and with consideration for local residents. Many thanks you're your support with this.

Hazel Class Assembly

The first class assembly of the school year will take place on Friday 24th November at 2.15pm. The parents and family of children in Hazel Class are invited to come and watch this special assembly. We hope to see you there!

Please remember that this is now a separate event to the Shining Light Assembly where we present certificates and awards.

Friends of Ellel Surprise Room

Please remember to donate any new/unused items for our Surprise Room fundraiser (a more detailed letter went out earlier this week).

We are looking for: Notepads/notebooks; toiletries, stationery, ties, socks, car cleaning products, perfume/aftershave, jewelry, diaries, candles, chocolate, gloves/hats/scarves, puzzles, anything else that you would like to receive as a gift!

We are always short of gifts for men. Please hand in any donations to the office or send them in with your child.

A huge thank you in advance for your support.

FORTHCOMING DATES

November

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| Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th | Bikeability – Oak Class |
| Mon 13 th | Y6 School and Eco Council to Pupil Parliament |
| Fri 17 th | Children in Need (see above) |
| Tues 21 st | Acorn Class – vision screening NISCU RE lessons for Hazel and Willow Class |
| Fri 24 th | Hazel Class Assembly |
| Tues 28 th | NISCU RE lessons for Beech and Holly Class |

December

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| Fri 1 st | Decoration Day and Surprise Room |
| Mon 4 th | Mufti Day for Christmas Raffle |