



# ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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## Ellel Newsletter

ADVENT

**'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 6 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Dear parents. What a busy couple of weeks we have had in school! As usual at this time of the year, we are well under way with our Christmas preparations and we are very much looking forward to the Y1&2 Nativity, the Christingle services in Church, Decoration Day and Christmas parties to name but a few! A Christmas calendar with details of all our Christmas events was shared on Parent App last week and there is a copy in the notice board at the front of school. Please continue to keep an eye on Parent App for all of the information about these events which will be communicated with you over the coming weeks. Thank you again for your support of these events; they all make being part of our Church school community so special for our children, families and staff. I am very aware, particularly at this time of the year, that we ask a great deal in terms of donations to school and/or charities. Please remember that if giving to these things will cause you a problem, there is absolutely no expectation that you do so. We are so grateful for all you do in support of school and the pupils. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs FitzGerald

### Children in Need Total

We are thrilled to inform you that the total raised for this year's Children in Need Appeal was:

**£588!**

This is absolutely fantastic and we are so grateful for your support. A huge well done to Sycamore Class and Mrs Massey for all their organising!



### Mrs Quinn- Baby News

We are delighted to share the lovely news that Mrs Quinn and her husband are expecting a baby girl at the start of April. Mrs Quinn will be taking maternity leave shortly before this time and will be off school for the remainder of the summer term and for part of the next academic year. We will begin to plan for her cover very soon and will keep parents informed of the details of this as soon as we have them. The Quinn family are in our thoughts and prayers at the really exciting time!

### Christingle Services Reminder

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: **Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** from 6-7pm.

Children should arrive at Church between 5.40 and 5.50pm in full school uniform and with long hair tied up. 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. A more detailed letter about the Christingle services can be found on Parent App.

### DECORATION DAY!

A reminder that Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December will be Decoration Day in school. All the children wear a Christmassy outfit to school on that day. In the past we have had angels, Santas, reindeer, nativity characters to name but a few!

Children who aren't so keen on dressing up can wear a Christmas jumper or just their own clothes.

During the day, they will make Christmas decorations and crafts which will be used to decorate the school. It's always a lovely, fun and festive day!

**Scoforth After School Club**

**Xmas/New Year Playscheme**

Scoforth St Paul's School, Lancaster, LA1 4ES

Tues 2nd January to Fri 5th

open 4 days from 8.00am - 5.30pm,

full & half day sessions available for

Nursery, Primary & Year 7 high school

Children age 3 to 12yrs.

AM HAF Funded Places Available

Themed activity days include:

2nd - Paper Crafts, Paints & T-Shirt Making

3rd - Dance, Singing, Conjuring & Talent Show Day

4th - Healthy Smoothie and Snack Making

5th - Sports & Games, Football, Parachute games, Dodgeball, fun indoor and outdoor games for all

Check Availability

Register a Parent Account & Book Online

(Copy and paste the URL below)

<https://www.scoforthplayschemes.co.uk/registerandbookings>

call 07794569719 or

email: admin@scoforthplayschemes.co.uk

### St. John's Christmas Special!

This lovely Church service will take place in school on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am with bacon butties served from 10am. If you will be attending the service and your child would like to be involved, please email [office@ellel-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@ellel-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk) so that we can assign roles to those who will be here.

### FORTHCOMING DATES

November	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	NISCU RE lessons for Beech and Holly Class
December	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Decoration Day and Surprise Room
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform Day for Christmas Raffle – please donate a bottle or chocolate (thank you!)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Library Service Christmas workshops
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle – 6-7pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	FOE Christmas film afternoon, 3.15
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	NISCU RE lessons for Sycamore and Oak Class
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Class Liverpool Museum Trip Y1&2 Nativity – 2pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist led by Oak Class Y1&2 Nativity – 2pm Reports home

### CHRISTMAS FILM AFTERNOON – Home Alone

The FOE will be holding a Christmas film event straight after school on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Tickets will be priced at the usual £5 for the film and refreshments and will be on sale in the office from **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December**.



### Friends of Ellel Surprise Room

Please remember to donate any new/unused items for our Surprise Room fundraiser which will take place during Decoration Day on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

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.