



ELLEL ST JOHN'S CE Primary School

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Ellel Newsletter

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'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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Dear parents. The Christmas holidays are now in sight; just two more weeks of this long, tiring but joyous term to go (a reminder that we break up on Thursday 21st December and school will be closed on the Friday). We are thoroughly enjoying the things that make this time of the year so special in school. A huge well done to KS2 and Acorn Class and a massive thank you to the staff for all their hard work in putting together and performing the beautiful Christingle services this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members supporting these special services. We raised a fantastic **£647.10** for The Children's Society and Lancaster and District Homeless Action – thank you! We are very much looking forward to the Y1&2 Big Little Nativity next week. As always, this will be a real treat and a highlight of the Christmas period. We are also looking forward to a delicious Christmas dinner next Monday – many thanks in advance to the kitchen and Welfare staff for this. As usual, term will end with a Church Service at St. John's at 9.30am on Thursday 21st December and parents and family members are invited to join us for this. Wishing you all a restful weekend. Mrs FitzGerald

Poppy Appeal Total

Thank you very much for helping with our fundraising for the Royal British Legion and for supporting our Afternoon of Remembrance. We raised a fantastic £345.45!



Friends Of Ellel Christmas Raffle

Thank you all for the wonderful donations for our Christmas Raffle that were sent in on Monday. The raffle prizes are fantastic as always! The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th December. Tickets are priced at £1 per strip. Please send the correct money if possible, in a named envelope with your child's name and class. Envelopes can be posted in the letter box outside the school entrance or handed to class teachers. Good luck!

The Big Little Nativity

Our Christmas Nativity play, performed by Beech and Holly Class, will take place on **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December at 2pm.** The children are working so hard in preparation and this is sure to be a truly magical event. If you have not yet ordered tickets, please do so as soon as possible. If you are struggling to complete the Parent App survey, please email office@ellel-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk Tickets will be sent home with your child early next week. Door will open at 1.45.

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will take place during the final week of term:
Mon 18th – Hazel and Willow Class
Tues 19th – Acorn, Beech and Holly Class
Wed 20th – Sycamore and Oak Class
Please look out for a more detailed letter from your child's class teacher.



Friends of Ellel Surprise Room Total

The children had a wonderful time visiting the Surprise Room last Friday – we hope you all enjoy your gifts! A huge thank you to the members of the Friends of Ellel who worked so hard all day! We raised just short of **£1000** which will directly benefit the children. Thanks again for all your kind donations and support. These events could not happen without you!



A reminder that Christmas Dinner will take place next Monday – 11th December. If your child would like to have a school Christmas Dinner, please notify the office.

Outstanding Payments

Please can you make sure that any outstanding payments to school are made by the end of term. Many thanks for your support with this.

FORTHCOMING DATES

December	
Mon 11 th	Christmas Dinner
Tues 12 th	FOE Christmas film afternoon, 3.15
Wed 13 th	NISCU RE lessons for Sycamore and Oak Class
Thurs 14 th	Willow Class Liverpool Museum Trip Y1&2 Nativity – 2pm
Fri 15 th	Eucharist led by Oak Class Y1&2 Nativity – 2pm Reports home
Mon 18 th	Hazel and Willow Christmas party
Tues 19 th	Shining Light Assembly Acorn, Beech and Holly Christmas party
Wed 20 th	Sycamore and Oak Christmas party
Thurs 21 st	Church Service at St. John's – 9.30 – all invited Close for Christmas
January	
Mon 8 th	Start of spring term

CHRISTMAS FILM AFTERNOON – Home Alone

The FOE will be holding a Christmas film event straight after school on Tues 12th Dec. Tickets are priced at the usual £5 for the film and refreshments and are on sale in the office or can be bought on the day.



Primary School Places

Reminder: The deadline for Primary School Applications is **15th January 2024**. Applications must be made online on: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/child/en-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>