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Ellel Newsletter

PEACE

'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. We are fully into the swing of our spring term in school and can't quite believe it's only three more weeks until the half term holiday – especially after such a long autumn term! We've had a busy week in school with lots of lovely things going on. It was great to welcome lots of you into school on Tuesday for our Stay and Watch Afternoon; thank you to those who were able to come. As you know, it has been very cold and icy this week. Thank you for taking such care in the slippery conditions. Thankfully, temperatures seem to be improving next week although it looks like it might be a wet one!

A reminder that if you think you are eligible for Free School Meals you can make an online application via Lancashire County Councils website: https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium.

The process is quick and easy, you will just need a note of your National Insurance Number. The Pupil Access Team will confirm if you are eligible by email and will inform school. Please feel free to speak to Mrs Rotheram in the office if you need any further information or help. The number of pupils on Free School Meals also affects the school budget – so if any of you are entitled, we all benefit! Wishing you all a very restful weekend. Mrs FitzGerald

Oak Class Assembly

This class assembly will take place on **Friday 26th January at 2.15pm**. The parents and family of children in Oak Class are invited to come and watch this special assembly. We hope to see you there!

Shining Light Assembly!

As you will now be aware, we will hold one **'Shining Light Assembly'** per half term where children can bring in their awards and certificates to be presented in front of all the pupils and staff. Our first Shining Light Assembly of the year will be on **Tuesday 30th January**. Any awards, medals, certificates etc that your child would like to receive can be sent into school from next Monday (22nd January).



Carnforth Otters Swimming Club Request

Carnforth Otters are currently looking for boys aged 6, 7 & 8 to join their club to help support them in a swim league programme this year.

From Noel Evans the Coach:
The training would be twice per week on a Monday and Wednesday nights in Salt Ayre between 7.00-8.15pm depending on the swim stage that the swimmer is at. We have a lovely and friendly team in our tank for anyone joining the club and then they would progress to the main pool. Our focus is to work on the technical aspects of all four strokes. We also do distance badges to see the individual progression of the swimmer, which is fun.

For further information please contact: noel@carnforthotter.co.uk or membership@carnforthotter.co.uk. The second email is for Suzanna, the membership secretary, who will set up a trial and arrange the swimmer to join the club.

Chinese New Year Theme Day

Next Monday, the whole school will enjoy a Chinese New Year Theme Day with a wide range of exciting and fun activities and learning taking place in each class. We will be welcoming students from the Lancaster University Confucius Institute into school to lead sessions with all the children on Chinese language and culture. Our wonderful kitchen staff are preparing a Chinese New Year lunch menu. Watch out for information on this.

We will also be welcoming some of our Chinese parents into school to support the day. A huge thank you to them for their help and support! Please see class blogs and our Facebook page for photos of our wonderful day.

FORTHCOMING DATES

January	
Mon 22 nd	Chinese New Year Day
Tues 23 rd	Kids Club Meeting – 4pm
Fri 26 th	Oak Class Assembly – 2.15pm
Mon 29 th and Tues 30 th	Acorn Class Go Velo Cycle Training
Tues 30 th	Shining Light Assembly
February	
Fri 2 nd	Eucharist Service led by Willow Class
Tues 6 th	Governors Committee Meetings, 4-6pm
Wed 7 th	Oak Class Young Voices
Fri 9 th	Close for half term
Mon 19 th	Start of spring term 2 Quiddich and Storytelling Day
Thurs 22 nd	Mad Science Assembly
Fri 23 rd	Sycamore Class Assembly – 2.15