



Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:16

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Christmas Tree

Thank you to the Straw family for supplying, putting up and decorating the beautiful Christmas Tree that we have been able to enjoy this week. The lights certainly have brightened up the dark evenings and help us to get into the Christmas Spirit.

KS1 Nativity

We enjoyed sharing the Nativity performance with families on Tuesday & Wednesday. The children were filmed on Monday to ensure that the event has been captured so that when you are watching you can enjoy the performance without worrying about taking photos etc. Mr Aric Prentice has given his time and shared his wonderful piano playing talent with us for our Nativity. Mr Prentice has come into school for several rehearsals, the filming and the performances. Thank you so much, it makes a huge difference to have live piano accompaniment. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work in getting the children ready and thank you to them for washing and ironing the costumes so that they look their very best.

Rudy's Run

We will be supporting St Barnabas Hospice once again this year by participating in Rudy's Run. Each child will receive a pair of antlers for the run which will be completed at school in classes. The aim is for each child to raise £3 or more. This is one of the fundraising opportunities that the school council has chosen to support this year. We are aware that sadly, many of our families will have benefited from the wonderful work that St Barnabas provides so in supporting this event we are able to support more families in their time of need.

We will be collecting donations using the Just Giving Page, please follow the link [Just Giving Rudy's Run at Ellison Boulters](#)

Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December - 6pm doors open.

We are delighted that we have had some volunteers come forward to help us with the Fayre. These events are not possible without the help of many people. Thank you to those of you who have offered your time. Just a reminder that it is non-uniform day on Friday and we ask that children come into school in non-uniform (**no football kits allowed**) and then donate items for the colour hampers for the fayre. Any raffle prizes or donations would also be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you on Friday evening!

Premier Education Sports Events

Over the last month, a number of our children have had the opportunity to take part in some competitive sports events run by Premier Education. On Friday 22nd November, all of Y5 went to Bishop Grosseteste University to take part in a whole morning of sporting activities against several other local primary schools. The children took part in a range of sports including badminton, basketball, new-age curling, hockey, boccia and tri-golf. They behaved brilliantly and one of our three teams returned to school with a silver medal after finishing in second place. On Thursday 28th November, the Y3 and Y4 children took part in a remote sports competition that involved archery and golf. The results from the day will be collated and compared with other local primary schools who have also taken part this term. Well done to all of the children for representing the school with enthusiasm and for really giving 100% to each activity. The rest of the school will have the chance to take part in similar events throughout the year.

Parking on School Premises

We'd like to remind parents that the staff school car park should not be used by parents when dropping off or collecting children at school. We have noticed an increase number of parents who are using it in this way and ask that you please refrain from doing so.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- **Thursday 12th December:** Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas theme- please do not buy anything for this!)
Y1 Christingle service in the school hall
- **Friday 13th December** - Final Food bank Friday prior to Christmas
- **Monday 16th December** We will be selling Christmas Crafts after school in the car park.
- **Tuesday 17th December - Rudy's Run during the school day**
Good Looking Cooking Christmas Dinner Day
- **Wednesday 18th December** - Children will walk to church for Christmas service then followed by Christmas party.
- **Thursday 19th December:** Dick Whittington Pantomime and Break up
- **Monday 6th January** - Children return to school

School Closure Due to Bad Weather

In the unlikely event of school closure due to bad weather such as heavy snow there are a number of ways to confirm whether the Academy is open or closed.

- Listen for lists of school closures on local radio.
 - o Radio Lincolnshire
 - o Lincs FM
- Check the list of school closures on the above radio stations' websites.
- Check the school website www.ellisonboultersacademy.co.uk
- Check the email address attached to your Parentmail account, as we may be able to update parents through Parentmail.

We have learnt from previous experience that in the event of closure due to bad weather, Arbor may find it difficult to deal with the volume of messages from many schools. Please check our website and twitter. If the Academy is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to reopen as soon as we can. If we do need to close, activities will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. We hope that you have a wonderful break over the holidays and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Safeguarding over the Christmas period

If you believe that a child or adult may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call:

- Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
- Adults safeguarding - 01522 782155 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)
- or 01522 782333 (outside office hours)