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NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

A new start and a 'new normal'

It's been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life, especially as some of our pupils have been away from St Elizabeth's since late March. I have really enjoyed visiting each class to see how the children have settled back into school life and exactly what the children have been learning. In each classroom, I have been met with well behaved, enthusiastic children who are happy and keen to learn! Everyone seems to be really enjoying their new classes, timetables and routines. What a great start! We will continue to be really vigilant at picking up on those pupils who might be finding it harder to readjust to school life so that we can quickly put in place any additional support they may need. I would also like to thank you all for bearing with us as we continually improve our systems to make them the safest they can be.

Our new Reception Class children have also been incredible! They are such a happy and calm bunch of new starters! A big welcome to the children and their families. We hope that you will all be very happy here. I would also like to extend a big welcome to Oliver, Meredith, Sophie and Danielle who have joined us from other schools.

Education Sunday

This Sunday, we will celebrate Education Sunday – One of the oldest days of special prayer in England and Wales! Nearly 200 years ago, the Catholic Church in this country was a mainly poor and immigrant community and education was seen as the best way of sharing faith and improving people's lives. The Catholic Church made the education of the poor their top priority and so they started raising money to fund the national network of schools which we enjoy today. Today the Catholic Church is the largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools in the whole country!

New Learning Ahead

Teachers will be sending you a class newsletter detailing your children's learning for the term and their classroom routines e.g. PE days etc. Should these 'go astray', these newsletters will also appear in the 'Class pages' section of our website next week.

Briars day

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a Briar's event lesson on Friday 9th October. This will be held on the school grounds in a tent that the Briars team are using to remain within our safety procedures for this time. The classes will have one lesson with the team from the Briars (with strict clean down procedures before the next group enter). The lessons will focus on hope, service and gratitude and will also have a COVID link. We know that our children love spending time with the teams from the Briars and we are incredibly lucky to be able to take part in this event. This is a free event for our children and will form part of our Catholic life and RE curriculum.

Flu immunisations

Flu immunisations will be in the form of a nasal spray and given to all pupils in every year group on Thursday 22nd October. The Health Team have asked that we pass on their web address for you to log on and give your consent. The website is www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk and use our school code: DD146119

Keeping in touch

Although we are unable to have parents on site, we can still have good communication between parents and teachers. Our contact email address is:

Info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

We will endeavour to answer all emails as quickly as possible, but this has to be balanced with the teachers' first commitment to teaching their class. Emails will be responded to within 48 hours within the working week i.e. any emails received over the weekend will be responded to by the end of Tuesday



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Meet the Teacher Evening – Wednesday 30th September

On Wednesday 30th September, we shall be hosting an event for parents online to come and meet their child's class teacher and to find out more about our curriculum and priorities for the year. The event is less formal than the Parents' evening, lasting around half an hour, but is equally as informative.

The first half of the meeting will be delivered via a pre-recorded video for you watch, which will be the Senior Leadership Team updating you all on our curriculum, priorities and key information for this year. This will be sent out to you on Tuesday 29th for you to watch at your convenience.

Then you will have the opportunity to enter a MS Teams meeting with your child's class teacher and some of the other parents from the class. Please ensure the office have your email for this event. The class teacher will present on the learning for the term and there will be time for you to ask any questions. If you wish to share any further information with them privately, this may be done via email.

The 'Meet the Teacher' available time slots will be as follows: 4.30pm, 5pm and 5.30pm. See below for a return slip for you to indicate which meeting you would like to enter and to give us the email you would like to use for this event. By having 3 different times, this should allow you to speak to several teachers if you have more than one child in school.

Uniform

Thank you to you all for sending the children into school so smartly dressed in their school uniform. All items of uniform should be clearly labelled. Children do need to come to school in full school uniform, without exception. Uniform can be purchased online from www.loopwear.co.uk

Meet the teacher event reply slip:

Date: Wednesday 30th September

Child's name: _____

Email you would like us to use _____

Time you would like to join (please tick)

☐ 4.30pm

☐ 5.00pm

☐ 5.30pm

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher by Weds 23rd September to take part in this event.

Please find attached a quick reference guide to COVID-19 related pupil absence:

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days - Self-isolate the whole household 	...they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact the school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact the school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Household member to get a test - Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. - Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and you child can return to school again.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - At home support your child with remote education provided by school - Your child will need to isolate for 14 days. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.

Calendar of Events – 2020/2021

Thursday 3rd September	All pupils return to school to begin the Advent term Reception class stay and play groups	All pupils
Wednesday 29th September: 4.30-6pm	Meet and Greet Evening – Virtual meet your child's teacher!	All Parents and Carers welcome on MS Teams
October (date to be confirmed by Tempest Photography)	School photographs for all pupils (no sibling/family members)	All pupils – letter to follow
Monday 5 th October	Feast day of St Francis of Assisi	
Friday 9 th October	Briars Team in school	Years 4, 5 and 6
Mon 26th October – Friday 30th October	Advent Half Term	School Closed
Monday 2 nd November:	Return to school	All pupils
Monday 9 th November – Friday 13 th November:	RE – Judaism Week	All pupils
Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th November	Parents consultation evenings	All parents, meeting via telephone or MS Teams appointments.
Friday 13 th November: All day	Non uniform day in support of Children in Need in exchange for £1 donation	All pupils
Thursday 17 th November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
Monday 23rd November: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Friday 27 th November: All day	Non uniform day in support of NYCDS (Briars team) in exchange for £1 donation	All pupils
Friday 4th December: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Tuesday 8 th December: 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	It is highly likely that this will be a virtual event and will be subject to whether the latest guidance allows singing indoors in large groups.
Wednesday 9 th December: 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	
Friday 10 th December:	Christmas lunch	All pupils
Friday 18 th December: All day	Christmas Jumper Day (wear with jeans) in exchange for £1 donation for our Parish	All pupils and staff
Friday 18 th December: 2-3pm	Carols around the Tree	It is highly likely that this will be a virtual event and will be subject to whether the latest guidance allows singing indoors in large groups.
Monday 21st December – Fri 1st January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 4th January 2021	All pupils return for the start of the Lent term	All pupils
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February	Lent Half term	School Closed
Monday 22nd February	All pupils return	All pupils
Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April	Easter Holidays	School Closed
Monday 19th April	All pupils return for the start of the Pentecost term	All pupils
Monday 3rd May: All day	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week	All Year 6 pupils
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	Pentecost Half ter	School Closed
Monday 7th June	All pupils return	All pupils
Thursday 22nd July 2021 INSET –	Summer Holidays	School Closed