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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 29th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to begin by thanking you for your generous harvest donations in support of Hope for Belper, the foodbank. I am sure your kind and generous donations will make a real difference to many families who access this provision. The Trust have asked us to work with a local charity for the year and our whole school will be supporting Hope for Belper for the academic year 2020/2021. Next week the children will be taking part in an online assembly with a representative from this charity and will be going outside with their own class (weather dependent) for a liturgy.

As a staff, we have been updating our safeguarding and child protection training and as part of our Recovery Curriculum focusing on the well-being of the children. Of course, parents also need a place to make themselves heard should they experience any difficulties. For this reason, we would like to make you aware of the 'Make Yourself Heard' campaign. This is a police driven initiative to support families experiencing domestic abuse.



Remembering our Mother, Mary

As many of you will know, October is the month in which we spend time thinking about the life of Mary. The Rosary is a meditative prayer that we say with Mary the Mother of God. In preparation for this special month, I'd like to share some great resources on praying The Rosary. If you get the chance, please visit the following link:



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www.tentenresources.co.uk/rosary-for-parents and use the password: ROSARY to access them.

Keeping in touch

Although we are unable to have parents inside the school building, we will be using our class email system to allow for good communication between parents and teachers. Class email addresses are as follows:

Class [name@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Class names are: Reception class - Iona, Y1 – Lindisfarne, Y2 – Durham, Y3 – Walsingham, Y4 – Padley, Y5 – Rodsley, Y6 – Canterbury.

For example: padley@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.

Virtual Class Assemblies

In order to maintain the integrity of our bubbles, we cannot yet have parents inside the school building to attend our class assemblies. So that you can still enjoy these events, when it is your child's class assembly, we will send you a link to watch the assembly online. This is of course dependent on the consent of the other parents in your child's class (allowing their child/ren to be filmed). We will never post these acts of worship to our website or on social media. An online consent letter seeking filming permission will be emailed to you on Monday. I would be grateful if you could fill this in online as a matter of urgency.

Whole School Photographs – Thursday 1st October

The children will be having their photographs taken on Thursday 1st October. Due to maintaining the integrity of our bubbles and the complex logistics that the system requires, we will **only offer individual photographs** this year and solely to pupils currently at St. Elizabeth's. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Winter PE Kit

Outdoor PE will still take place during the colder months, but children are allowed to wear black plain jogging bottoms and a yellow sweatshirt with a school logo on (available online from Loopwear). They should also wear their yellow PE polo shirt underneath. Children will require trainers as well as pumps. Please do ensure all items are labelled.



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Applying for a secondary place - Year 6 pupils

Applications are open now open and will close on 31st October 2020. To apply visit <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx> If you cannot access the internet you can apply by telephone on 01629 533190 between 8.00am-8.00pm Monday-Friday, 9.30am-4.00pm Saturdays. You will receive your offer on Monday, 1st March 2021.

St Benedict's – will be holding an Alternative Open Evening Event and Year 7 Admissions to St Benedict's For September 2021. Information regarding this will follow shortly. St Benedict's have been over subscribed for the last 5 years so apply now to avoid missing out. You must also complete the supplementary form with all applications. An online copy can be found on St Benedict's admissions page. These must be returned to Ruth Derby at rsdarby@saintben.derby.sch.uk together with a copy of a Baptism certificate, if you are of the Catholic faith, or any further evidence of faith/worship to support your application.

Termly Learning Conferences (Parents' Evenings)

You can book an appointment to talk to your child's teacher ----- All appointments will be by telephone. Termly learning conferences will be held on Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November. Each appointment will be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Prospective Parents Open Day

We shall be holding a virtual open day for prospective parents on Friday 2nd October. An online tour, videos of our school in action and an MS teams hangout will be available on the day for any questions. Do tell your friends! Flyers and more information will follow shortly.

Applying for place in FS2 (Reception Class) for September 2021

Parents wishing to apply for a place in FS2 starting in September 2021, can make their application from 9.00am on the 9th November 2020. The National Closing Date is the 15th. For further details visit the following guide on Derbyshire County Council's website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/education/schools/school-places/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place.pdf> You will receive your offer on the 16th April 2021.

Dates for your diary...

Thursday 10th December: Lunchtime Christmas lunch for pupils. You would be very welcome to order a lunch for your child if they are ordinarily sandwiches. Payment, as always, will be via ParentPay.



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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 30th September: 4.30-6pm	Meet and Greet Evening – Virtual meet your child's teacher!	All Parents and Carers welcome on MS Teams
Thursday 1st October	School photographs for all pupils (no sibling/family members)	All pupils
Monday 5th October	Feast day of St Francis of Assisi	
Friday 9th October	Briars Team in school	Years 4, 5 and 6
Mon 26th October – Friday 30th October	Advent Half Term	School Closed
Monday 2nd November:	Return to school	All pupils
Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November:	RE – Judaism Week	All pupils
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November	Parents consultation evenings	All parents, meeting via telephone
Friday 13th November: All day	Non uniform day in support of Children in Need in exchange for £1 donation	All pupils
Thursday 17th November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
Monday 23rd November: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Friday 27th 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 8th 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 9th December: 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	
Friday 10th December:	Christmas lunch	All pupils
Friday 18th December: All day	Christmas Jumper Day (wear with jeans) in exchange for £1 donation for our Parish	All pupils and staff
Friday 18th 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 10th May – Thursday 13th 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