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NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we want to say we hope you are all well during this lockdown. Thank you so much for your wonderful comments as a result of our remote learning offer and going into live lessons. This has been a wonderful time for us as we get to see many of the children once again. Thank you to everyone who took part on our survey – it is still open if you missed it and would like to submit comments.

FAQ in response to the comments on the survey:

Do we need to send work in from home that has been completed?

Yes, please do this so that we can see the progress your child is making, we can offer feedback and celebrate all of the work that is going on during this time. You can email daily or just a couple of times per week. Or if you prefer, can drop off into the class boxes on the school porch.

Is there a drop off or collection point for work?

Yes, there are class boxes in the porch area, work can be dropped off or collected from the class box. Each box is clearly labelled for each year group.

Do we have to be in the same room as our child for live lessons?

Yes. For safeguarding reasons, you need to be able to supervise your child when the go online. We ask that you use a common room in the house (not a bedroom).

Can we access a mix of live lessons and recordings to fit around work?

Absolutely yes. We understand that this is a demanding time for everyone. One of the reasons we record lessons is so that we can offer families a flexible way of accessing learning in order to fit around your commitments.

Can school help with printing issues?

Printing is not always an expectation. If your child is able they can read the task/questions from their screen and then write the answers in their book. If something is necessary to print and you are having issues, please email your class teacher and arrange a day for you to come to school and collect the resources that you request.

Do we have to do everything on the timetable each week?

The government have set a requirement of 3 hours home learning for KS1 and 4 hours for KS2 pupils. The timetables we have created are to help support you structure the day. We understand there will be a need for families to personalise this to make the timetables work around work commitments and needs of other siblings. This is one of the reasons we record lessons, giving you the opportunity to watch at a more suitable and convenient time if necessary.

INSET and Half Term

We will be closed for INSET day on Friday 12th February. We are also closed for half term 15th -19th February. Kidzone will be open, please ring Marie if you require to use their services her contact number is 07738 353094.

Winter weather

In the case of snow please make sure children coming into school have warm enough clothes on, we recommend layers. The vehicle ramp up to the KS1 playground will be closed if there is snow, therefore drop off and collection point for KS1 children will be the lower car park on the bend of the drive, walking through the electronic gate up the path and onto the KS2 playground.



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The Power of Prayer

For the 3rd – 5th Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Scriptures are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Children have had the opportunity in our recorded Acts of Worship to 'interview' an on-screen version of the Gospel writer, to find out more about the amazing things Jesus said and did.

Prayer

This is a prayer which children will use daily throughout the week commencing 8th February, to remind them that prayer can happen at any time, in any way! Why not pray it together with your child at home.

Dear God,

**As I breathe in and as I breathe out,
help me to remember you.**

Help me to love you and love others.

Amen

Lenten Fund Raiser 2021

Our Year 6's will be coming together virtually to lead an Act of Worship to introduce Cafod's Walk for Water Lenten Fundraiser. More details to follow.

SENCO support

Mrs Heath (our SENCo) has returned to school after a period of illness. Please contact your class teacher in the first instance if there is something you would like to discuss and Mrs Heath if further support or advice is needed, her email is senco@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

St Ralph Sherwin Hardship Fund

The St Ralph Sherwin Trust, a family of 25 Catholic academies, acknowledges the difficulties faced by many of the families we serve, particularly in light of the adverse effects of the Coronavirus in 2020 on the community. The Hardship Fund is a source of financial help available to all registered full-time students of our academies and intended to help students who are experiencing difficulty through hardship in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits, and residential courses
- Uniform, shoes, or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment required for academic studies
- Attendance at seminars, interviews, or work experience placements
- Emergency travel expenses

There is also potential for relieving hardship during recognised Academy holidays by providing access to one free school meal each day for those students.

Students may be eligible to apply for grants from the Hardship Fund if:

- Their household income is less than £25,000 per year
- Their parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits, including Income Support, Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit/Income-Based Employment and Support Allowance/Universal Credit...provided the student is not entitled to Free School Meals
- At the sole discretion of the Headteacher - any student who does not fall under the categories above but considers themselves to be in a state of financial hardship

Letters went out via class emails and a text was sent to all known numbers the school office holds. For further information please see the policy on our website and phone school on 01773 822278.

Internet Safety

Please find attached with this newsletter a parent fact sheet on fake news and internet safety. Internet Safety Day is Tuesday, 9th February and we are having weekly lessons on online safety to support pupils during lockdown.



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Calendar of Events – 2020/2021

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| Friday 12 th February | INSET | School closed to all pupils |
| Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February | Lent Half term | School closed |
| Monday 22nd February | Remote learning continues | Pupils in bubbles return |
| Monday 22 nd February: 8am | Termly Learning Conference booking goes live | More information to follow |
| Thursday 4 th March: All day | World Book Day | Dress up as your favourite book character in exchange for £1 donation towards restocking our reading shelves. |
| Monday 8 th March: 3:30-6pm for KS1 and 3:30-7:30pm for KS2 | Parent Consultation Evening | Virtual appointments delivered through 'School Cloud' |
| Wednesday 10 th March: 3:30-5.30pm for KS1 and 3:30-6pm for KS2 | Parent Consultation Evening | Virtual appointments delivered through 'School Cloud' |
| 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 31st May – Friday 4th June | Pentecost Half term | School closed |
| Monday 7th June | All pupils return | All pupils |
| Thursday 22nd July 2021 | INSET – Summer Holidays | School closed |