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NEWSLETTER

Monday 13th September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a great summer holiday. It's been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. Our new reception class children have been incredible and seem so settled at school, we send a warm welcome to the children and their families. We hope that you will all be very happy here and enjoy being part of the St Elizabeth's family! I would also like to extend a big welcome to Jacob, Dylan, Sarah, Rose and Lily who have joined us from other schools.

Education Sunday

This Sunday (12/9/21), we celebrated 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.

Meet the Teacher Evening – Wednesday 15th September

On Wednesday 15th 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 meetings will also be recorded and saved in the MS Teams files (just as lessons were during lockdown), so if you are unable to make the meeting you will still be able to access the information.

The first half of the meeting will be delivered via a pre-recorded video for you watch, which will be the class teacher updating you all on our curriculum, routines and key information for this year. This will be sent out to you on Tuesday 14th 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. This will take place on Wednesday 15th September. Please use your child's stu.eli.srscmat.co.uk email for this event (again, just as you did during lockdown). For parents of reception class, your child has a class email and our office will be sending this out to you. 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' time slots will be at either 4.00pm or 4.30pm. By having 2 different times, this should allow you to speak to two different teachers if you have more than one child in school. The class teacher will schedule a meeting in your child's class team and you will be able to join the meeting from here. A video guide to accessing Microsoft Teams can be found on the Remote Learning section of our website. <https://www.stelizabethsprimary.co.uk/remote-learning/>

Changes to our bubbles regarding the Government's COVID restrictions

During the week 20/9/21 we will be changing our bubble system to two groups within school, a KS1 and KS2 group. The government have issued new guidance and we are no longer responsible for track and trace as the NHS are now



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taking on that role in all schools. We will be introducing the children back to dining in the school hall and being able to have playtimes outside together again! How lovely! Just to reassure you we will continue to have all the extra cleaning measures in place that we already do.

The biggest change for yourselves is that we will have KS2 drop off from 8.45am and KS1 at 8.55am and we will begin this on Weds 22nd September.

KS2: The children will come onto the playground and the bell will go at 8.55am for the start of school. Parents can drop off on the drive area, using the turning circle and letting children out of the car and through the pedestrian gate on to the KS2 playground – no parking allowed, or park up in the lower car park on the bend of the drive and let the children walk up the path on the field.

KS1 children can be dropped off 10 minutes later from 8.55 and go straight into their classrooms in order to be ready for lessons at 9.00am. You can park on the top playground, take children to classroom doors and then leave.

Any families with children in both key stages can come for the earliest drop off time and latest collection time and can use the KS2 parking zones.

Collection will be at 3.20pm for KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2, again staggered in order to help with the volume of traffic. The KS2 playground will not be open for parking, instead parking will be on the bottom car park for KS2 and top playground for KS1.

The Ripley and Belper buses will continue to operate, so there will be no parking on the school drive.

With the increased number of families walking to school (as suggested by the government), the children going to Kidzone and the children using the buses we should have slightly fewer cars and so feel we can try this new drop off/pick up. It may take some adjusting and we appreciate your patience in this matter.

As per normal we will still only release children when we see their parents on the playground/waiting area/class door at the end of the day. Y6 children, when you deem it to be the right time and with your written permission being sent into school, are allowed to walk home or from the bus by themselves. To give this permission please send either a letter or email to Mrs Fitzpatrick using the Y6 class email canterbury@eli.srscmat.co.uk

Applying for a secondary school place for Sept 2022

Was your child born between 1st Sept 2010 and 31st August 2011? If so, you **must** apply by midnight on 31st October to get them a place at secondary school. You can apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or call 01629 533190.

Parent pay

School uses Parent Pay for payment of dinner money and also for payment trips (when they start again). Please can you ensure your accounts are in credit and debts are not accrued for dinner money.

Flu immunisations

Flu immunisations will be in the form of a nasal spray and given to all pupils in every year group on 15th December. 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/forms/flu and use our school code: DD146119

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. Uniform can be purchased online from www.loopwear.co.uk



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Calendar of Events – 2021/2022

Thursday 3 rd September	All pupils return to school to begin the Advent term Reception class stay and play groups	All pupils
Wednesday 15 th September: 4-5pm	Meet and Greet Evening – Virtual meet your child's teacher! Videos to be sent out on Tues 14 th Sept.	All Parents and Carers welcome on MS Teams, the event will be recorded so that if you cannot make the times you will still be able to access the information.
October (date to be confirmed by Tempest Photography)	School photographs for all pupils (no sibling/family members)	All pupils – letter to follow
Tuesday 14 th September	Launch Harvest appeal in each class to support Hope for Belper food bank	Each class
Friday 24 th September	Relaunch of TT Rockstars – dress as a Rockstar day!	All classes
Thursday 30 th September	Individual Pupil Photographs	All Classes
Friday 1 st October	Harvest Festival – liturgies	All classes
Tuesday 5 th October	Feast day of St Francis of Assisi	
Friday 22 nd October	Sponsored dance-a-thon day Break up for half term	All classes
Mon 25th October – Friday 29th October	Advent Half Term	School Closed
Monday 1 st November:	Return to school	All pupils
Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th November	Parents consultation evenings	All parents, meetings held on School Cloud
11 th November: All day	Remembrance Day	All pupils
Thursday 17 th November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
15 th -19 th November	Anti bullying week Other faith – Judaism week	All pupils
Wednesday 17 th November	Parent review meetings for SEND pupils	School Cloud to meet
Friday 27 th November: All day	Non uniform day in support of NYCDS (Briars team) in exchange for £1 donation	All pupils
Monday 29 th November	Advent liturgy video to be shared with children in AoW and parents via YouTube, launch CAFOD's World Gifts	
Friday 3rd December: INSET All day	INSET	School Closed
Tuesday 7 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity – EYFS parents to watch	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 8 th December: 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity – Y1 parents to watch	
Thursday 9 th December: 1.30pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity – Y2 parents to watch	
Thursday 23 rd 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.
Friday 24th December – Fri 7th January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 10th January 2022	All pupils return for the start of the Lent term	All pupils



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