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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th May 2022



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten charity – CAFOD's "Walk Against Hunger". We have raised a grand total of £548.95, thank you for your generosity.

Year 6 have spent this week completing their SATs, these are standardised tests that are national and all children take in May. Y6 rose to the challenge and showed great determination and resilience, taking these tests in their stride, as well as living out our Mission Statement of aiming to do their best and fulfil their potential whilst supporting each other. Their attitudes filled us with pride and they can all be proud of their academic work and continued progress.

## Mission Statement Review

As a recently formed Senior Leadership Team, Local Governing Body and staff we would like to take the opportunity to consult and review on our mission statement. Your opinion is valued as we go through this process together.

Our current Mission Statement is: "To provide a high quality Catholic education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment." Many have suggested this is too long and a child friendly version would be more appropriate. Please feedback back your view by taking part in our survey. Click on the link below (it is only 3 questions long)

<https://forms.office.com/r/QgQHgWgEbQ>

## Parent Governor Election Process

We have provision for two parent governors to join our active Local Governing Body, there is currently one vacancy, with another role becoming vacant in August. As a result, we can hold elections for two Parent Governor posts.

Each Local Governing Body (LGB) of the 25 schools in the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust, of which our school is one, is a committee of the Trust Board and, as such, focuses on understanding how the school is being led and managed at the local level. The LGB is the 'eyes and ears' of the Trust Board, monitoring how the school is progressing, while remembering that the headteacher is responsible for the day to day running of the school. Your contribution as a parent governor would be at a strategic, rather than an operational, level. The LGB also has responsibility for and a duty to the Bishop of Nottingham to ensure that the Catholic character of the school is preserved and developed.



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No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and to be prepared to play an active part in the LGB's work. Candidates should have the necessary skills and experience to enable them to effectively support the school and the professionalism to maintain confidentiality. Training is available for all governors, and our LGB has an expectation that those new to school governance attend induction training, as well as other available training as applicable.

If this is a position that you feel you could support then please complete the parent governor nomination forms, sent to all family emails which we hold on record, by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### **School Uniform**

Our Governors have approved our School Uniform policy. This includes details of our winter, summer and active uniform as well as information about jewellery, coats and bags. You can view this on our school website by clicking this link <https://www.stelizabethsbelper.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2022/05/Uniform-Policy-2022.docx>

### **Ascension Day Mass and celebrations for Jubilee**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May (the day we break up for half term) we are going to be celebrating Mass at 9.30am in the school hall and would like to invite you and our parish to be part of the service led by Fr Michael Kirkham, our parish priest. On Ascension Day the children will be learning about the disciples and their feeling of loss for Jesus their leader.

As our Queen celebrates her platinum Jubilee in our half term holiday we will also be celebrating on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Children will be allowed to come to school wear clothes red, white or blue – or all three colours! At lunch there will be a street party style picnic on the playground (weather permitting) and then activities in class to carry on the celebrations.

By now you will have already received the poster from our SEA encouraging you to support their fundraising and joining in the celebrations by supporting and joining in a cake sale. Cakes can be brought into school by the children, or dropped off by yourself at the school office on the morning of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 8.45am onwards (please label cake tins so that we can return these to you). The SEA will sell these to the children during the afternoon and then invite you to come along to make purchases from 3pm onwards.

### **Pentecost**

We return to school after half term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and we will be celebrating Pentecost, because it is a celebration of the Church's birthday we want to invite children to wear their favourite party clothes on this day. There are 2 times during the day that we would love to welcome you in to join our celebrations. At 9.30am there will be a whole school Act of Worship with our children's chaplaincy team, the choir and even some dancing, St Benedict's chaplaincy team will also be in school to perform a drama of the story of Pentecost.

At 2.30pm we will be holding another whole school Act of Worship – to celebrate Pentecost, the Church's birthday. Again, there will be dancing, singing and speeches from some children in Years 5 and 6.

During the day the children will be served a party themed lunch and be learning about Pentecost in classes.



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## **Franciscan Prayer Card Competition**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Sr Dorothy Paul will be leading our whole school Act of Worship which will include the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sister will also be introducing a competition to design prayer cards for each of our Franciscan values. Your child will leave this Act of Worship with an entry form to our competition where they can design a picture for their class value as well as write a prayer. The winning design for each year group will be printed and these will be offered for sale to our whole school, meaning our whole community can come together in prayer.

## **Safeguarding**

Derbyshire Police have highlighted a safeguarding warning regarding characters from horror games (age rating 18+) are being shared on platforms such as YouTube and TikTok. Please be aware of your child talking about "Huggy Wuggy", "Kissy Missy" or "5 Nights at Freddie's". This is all inappropriate material, we would recommend you regularly check your child's browsing history and check that your devices have age appropriate filters.

## **NSPCC resource**

The following link provides parents with material to help their children understand the importance of 'pants rule' and private parts of bodies enabling simple yet important conversations. The resource is very highly recommended.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/underwear-rule-guide-for-parents.pdf>

## **Safety on the school driveway**

Please take extra care driving up or down the school drive the **speed limit is 5mph**. This is politely requested to be adhered to by **all** as the safety of the children is paramount. Please take extra care with the school buses needing to manoeuvre and allow the drivers the space needed to do this safely.

## **Diary Dates**

Don't forget to scroll down to see the most up to date events taking place in our school community, the calendar of events gets edited and up-dated regularly so please refer to our latest edition.

God bless,  
Mrs Clemens.

## **Calendar of Events – 2022**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Trust swimming gala	Y4 and Y5
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Severn Trent Assembly	All pupils
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 class trip to Belper Mill	Y3
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Franciscan Prayer card competition launched	All pupils
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up, Ascension Day Mass at 9.30am, Jubilee celebrations	All pupils in red, white and blue



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<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed - Holiday to Celebrate Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half term</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school	All pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost – the Church’s birthday (see newsletter above for more details)	All pupils in party clothes
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 residential trip to Mt Cooke	Y6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction Day for new starters in September 2022	New children and parent's meeting in school hall at 10am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eye health team on playground after school to survey parents	Parents invited to meet health professionals on KS2 playground from 3pm onwards.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day	All pupils
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class Group Photographs	All Pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Tough Runner day	All pupils
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Peter and St Paul Mass	All pupils and parish at 9.30am
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning	All pupils visit new class
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition afternoon	All pupils visit new class
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day	All pupils visit new class
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Health week	All pupils
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	2.30pm Y6 Leaver’s Mass followed by tree planting and coffee and cake in hall	Y6 with Parents/Carers
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	SEA school disco 6pm – 7.30pm	All pupils
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for summer holiday	All pupils
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Return to school	All pupils