



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to all who attended our Meet the teacher evening on Wednesday 21st September. It was lovely to be able to invite our community into school once again and see the classrooms. Thank you for all of the positive comments about the classroom environments, work, our curriculum and the new learning we have implemented with MyBookBlog, Spelling Shed and PowerMaths. These have been really successful schemes that the children enjoy engaging with and continue to further their learning.

## **Harvest Festival**

Our celebration of Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am, all parents/carers are very welcome. We would like to continue our new tradition of holding this outside on the KS2 playground with the shelter as a focus area. We understand that this is weather dependent and will hold this if necessary in the school hall and will direct families on the day. Our school Chaplaincy team led by our newly appointed school Chaplain Mr Joe McCay will be leading this event. Please have any donation for the Hope for Belper Food Bank in school by Thursday afternoon at the latest. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

## **A message from Fr Michael Kirkham**

Dear Parishioners,

**I would particularly commend to your attention the Sycamore Course** currently running at St Joseph's Hall, Ripley on Wednesday evenings. Numbers attending were just over 20 last Wednesday, and a good evening was enjoyed by all participants after a relaxed start with good food to enjoy. There is room for more to attend though - the more, the merrier - so regard yourself as warmly invited!

**If you decide you would like to give it a try, please let us know. Just email [phil1965smith@gmail.com](mailto:phil1965smith@gmail.com) or put your name on one of the sign-up lists at the back of church this Sunday.** I hope to see you there! Yours in Christ, Michael.

## **Applying for a secondary school place for Sept 2022**

Was your child born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012? If so, you **must** apply by midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October to get them a place at secondary school. You can apply online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) or call 01629 533190.

St Benedict's Open Evening is on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5-8pm this is open to all parents here at St Elizabeth's. The head teacher, Mrs Hazel Boyce, will speak twice at the event, at 6pm and then at 7pm, no booking is needed please feel free to go along. The school is situated on Duffield Road, Derby, DE22 1JD.



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Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

### **Reminder – TT Rockstars day**

Our annual relaunch of TT Rockstars (an app for learning time tables) will take place on Weds 28<sup>th</sup> September. We are dressing as rockstars for the day and will be awarding the first set of TT Rockstar certificates to children.

### **Flu immunisations**

Flu immunisations details have been sent from the Derbyshire Health Team about the nasal spray flu vaccinations for this winter. These will take place for all year groups, except Year 6, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, the team will return on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November to complete all Year 6 children and any children who happen to be absent due to illness on the day.

### **Year 6 Residential**

Our Year 6 class will be going away for their residential trip to Willersley Castle on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, they will be taking part in outdoor adventurous activities. More information for parents/carers of Y6 will be sent out to you directly from Miss Fitzpatrick.

Please remember to scroll down and see the calendar of events, this does get updated regularly and some dates may change so please continue to check this throughout the school year.

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs Clemens.

### **Calendar of Events – 2022/2023**

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	TT Rockstars day – dress as a Rockstar day!	All classes
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All classes
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am Harvest Festival – liturgy Held outside on bottom playground	All classes and parents welcome
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Bike Ability Level 1	Year 4
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Bike Ability Level 1	Year 5
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Feast day of St Francis of Assisi	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Big Breakfast menu – all children welcome to have dinners today, please email/call the office if your child does not normally have a school dinner and you would like them to take part in this.	All pupils.
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photos	All pupils.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Break up	All pupils.
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Advent Half Term</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET	School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Start of Advent term 2	School open for all pupils
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y1 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents consultation evenings	All parents, meetings held on School Cloud

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day	All pupils
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week begins, theme "Reach Out" with odd socks day	All pupils can wear odd socks (any colours)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent review meetings for SEND pupils	Meetings held on School Cloud
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	First Sunday of Advent	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y4 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
<b>Friday 2nd December</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 led liturgy to whole school 3pm	All pupils.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity – to whole school	All pupils
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity	Timings TBC
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity	Timings TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am Mass	All welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carols around the tree	2.45pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up	All pupils
<b>Friday 23rd December – Fri 6th January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>All pupils return for the start of the Lent term</b>	<b>All pupils</b>