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# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to all who attended our celebration of Harvest Festival in the school hall. Our school Chaplaincy team and school Chaplain Mr Joe McCay led this event with all donations going to Hope for Belper Food Bank, it was lovely to bring our school community together for this thank you for your continued support – and a special thank you to Mrs Wilde who helped ensure the donations got to the foodbank.

TT Rockstars Day was a success and on a Friday at our celebration of achievements we now give out “Rockstar” awards for a child in each class to acknowledge improvements, speed or perseverance at learning counting, sequencing and times tables.

## **Outdoor Library**

Miss Holmes in Year 5 will be holding a book sale to raise funds to set up an outdoor library. More details to follow shortly.

## **Year 6 Residential**

Our Year 6 class went away for their residential trip to Willersley Castle on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, they took part in outdoor adventurous activities such as hiking, climbing, kayaking, archery, team building puzzles and games, aeroball and canoeing. The trip was a huge success and we were so very pleased with the children’s determination to have a go at all of the outdoor activities – despite the rain! The exceptional manners, listening skills and behaviour of our children was commented on by the group leaders both at Willersley and also by other visiting schools – well done year 6! You made us all very proud.

The next residential trips are:

Y4 to Mount Cook on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Y5 to Lea Green on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## **Parent Consultation Evenings and SEND reviews**

Parent consultation evenings for all pupils will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November and will be conducted over School Cloud. School Cloud can be accessed by both Apple and Android phones as well as laptops or tablets. If you need any technical support for this please give Mrs Hyde a call who can talk you through the process, from booking online to signing in on the night. SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) review night will also be via School Cloud, Y3 will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, all other year groups on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

It has been a huge success in keeping us all in contact at regular points through the year as well as saving journeys, waiting time and parents needing childminders/babysitters to be able to have appointments. Thank you for all of your positive comments with this way of holding our consultation evenings.

## **Liturgical Prayers**

You may have noticed in the calendar of events that our usual term for children leading assemblies – “Child led Liturgy” has been replaced with Liturgical Prayers”, this reflects a change in the language used and recommended for us to follow by the Nottingham Diocese Educational Service.



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**St Ralph  
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Class liturgical prayers are held on a Thursday at 3pm and we would like to invite parents to these as your child's class lead these. On Friday we celebrate achievements in all classes by awarding certificates – Head teacher awards for our Franciscan values, teacher and child nominated awards and also TT Rockstar awards (celebrating maths). Our Friday celebration is held in the school hall at 3pm and all parents are invited to attend if you are free.

### **Applying for a place in Reception class at St Elizabeth's for Sept 2023**

**For admissions to our Reception class for Sept 2023.** If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 they'll be eligible to start school in September 2023. You should apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2023. You'll be able to make your application from 9am on 7th November 2022. Please remember to include your supplementary details and certificates of baptism/letters from faith leaders as appropriate. You'll get your offer on 1 March 2023. **The applications are through Derbyshire Admissions team:** [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**If you cannot access the internet you can call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 for staff to take your application details.**

### **Coat Swap**

With the current cost of living crisis, the School Council have decided they would like to try to help. Many people need a warm winter coat. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the School Council will be running a coat stall from the shelter on the school playground after school (3.30pm). You can bring, donate, swap, take or make a donation for a coat. All coats of all sizes from child/adults are appreciated. If you can support School Council, you can either send in old coats that your children may have grown out of in order for someone else to swap/donate/take, or maybe there are adults in your family who have coats they would like to donate. Donations can be sent in any day from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November until the day of the swap. Any left over coats at the end of the day will be donated to charity. Thank you (in advance) on behalf of our School Council!

### **SEA Update**

Firstly, welcome to all the new parents and carers that have recently joined our school community. You may not yet have come across the St Elizabeth's Association (known as the SEA); we are a small group of parents who organise a number of fundraising activities throughout the year, the funds raised then being available to buy additional resources or to contribute to activities for the benefit of all children.

We would like to provide everyone with an update of our activity. We recently held our AGM and reviewed our results for the last academic year. We held a number of events including gift sales, a cake sale, the annual Ping Pong Ball race and our summer fair. The summer fair alone raised just over £1,300, and when combined with all other activities we raised just under £3,000 in total, which is fantastic! A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to and supported these events!

At the AGM we also discussed how we might spend the money raised. Spending over the last couple of years has been focused on purchasing additional reading books for both KS1 and KS2. With the new funds that have been raised, we are currently researching and obtaining quotes for a range of projects including purchasing audio equipment for the stage, creating a sensory room in school, and various possible enhancements to the outside areas and playgrounds. We will keep you updated as things progress.

At the same time, we are excited to be planning future events and have a busy few weeks ahead! Look out for more details to come of the following events:

Film Night – Friday 25th November



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Christmas Gift Sale - Wednesday 7th December  
Christmas Fayre - Friday 16th December  
Christmas Disco – Wednesday 21st December

If you would like to be involved in organising any of these events, or to just find out more about the SEA, we would love to hear from you! Please contact any member of the team:

Neil Green, Chairperson (Y2 and Y6 parent) – 07725 160285  
Clare Nightingale (Reception and Y2 parent) – 07791 668585  
Alison Groombridge (Y5 parent) – 07951 066385  
Catherine Elvins (Reception and Y4 parent) – 07340 101298  
Lauren Bounds (Y3 parent) – 07972 784426

### **Uniform – winter uniform**

Thank you to you all for sending the children into school so smartly dressed in their school uniform. **Winter uniform** and active uniform (for PE days) is to be worn by all children as we move into the colder months. All items of uniform should be clearly labelled. Uniform can be purchased online from [www.loopwear.co.uk](http://www.loopwear.co.uk) and [www.hamiltons.biz](http://www.hamiltons.biz). A reminder that school coats are black or brown, school shoes (not boots or sandals) are black and any hair accessories are school colours of brown, yellow, black or neutral. For further details about school uniform our policy is available on our website

### **Remembrance Day**

Do you remember last year when we made a beautiful display of poppies going up the school field along the side of the path? It was a beautiful symbol of remembrance and we would love to do it again! If you could start bringing in your home-made poppies to put on display that would be wonderful. All poppy designs and styles are welcome. Also, as usual, poppies and other items will be available to purchase via a donation of your choice in your child's class.

### **Goodbye**

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October we said goodbye to Mrs Cooke, a much loved teaching assistant in Y6. Mrs Cooke worked as a TA at St Elizabeth's for 17 years and worked in all year groups over her time with us. She will be missed by all as she now moves on to have more time to spend with her family and particularly her new grandson, Ezra. We thank Mrs Cooke for all of her work and dedication to our school and families over the years, we also wish her well for the next steps she will take.

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**

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
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu immunisations to Y6	Y6 and any pupils who were absent on 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
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 liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS welcome.

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Liturgy with Chaplaincy Team	All pupils and families welcome in hall at 10.45am
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)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent review meetings for SEND pupils for Y3	Meetings held on School Cloud
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent review meetings for SEND pupils for EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5, Y6	Meetings held on School Cloud
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Feast day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Coat swap – swap, donate, bring, exchange!	Winter coat swap led by School Council on playground at 3.30pm, or in school hall if bad weather. All invited.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	SEA School Movie Night	All pupils welcome. Arrival from 6pm, movie starts at 6.10pm.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	NSPCC online safeguarding event for all parents	All parents 7-8pm - online
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non uniform day in exchange for donations of anything chocolate to support the SEA Christmas Fayre	All pupils welcome to join in this fundraiser
<b>Friday 2nd December</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	SEA Christmas Gift Sale	All pupils.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day in exchange for donations of anything in a bottle to support the SEA Christmas Fayre	All pupils welcome to join in this fundraiser
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	All parents welcome at 2pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Nativity	All parents welcome, arrivals from 6pm to start the show at 6.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	SEA Christmas Fayre, 2pm start	All welcome
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am Mass	All welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Carols around the tree, led by our chaplaincy team	1.30pm, all welcome
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>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	High Sheriff of Derbyshire visiting school to inspire children with careers	All pupils
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS welcome.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y6 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up	All pupils
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closed for half term</b>	<b>All pupils</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day	All pupils
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y3 welcome.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Residential Trip to Mount Cook	All Y4 pupils
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week – theme growth	STEM week for all pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play to school	All pupils
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm	All parents welcome
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm	All parents welcome
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS welcome.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	10.15am Ping Pong Ball Race	All pupils
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter holidays	All pupils
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School closed, Easter holiday</b>	<b>All pupils</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school	All pupils