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# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 13th December 2022



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I thought it best to start with some dates as this time of year is particularly busy and we would love for you to join us in school –

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
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Dinner	All pupils If your child is normally sandwiches they can order a dinner, or you can phone school.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Palin's Van visits school at 9.30am to show the winning art work decorated on the side – designed by our very own Jude in Y2. Well done, Jude.	All pupils
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	SEA Christmas Fayre, 2pm start	All welcome
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime visiting the school hall (no cost – organised by the SEA)	All pupils
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30am Mass in the school hall	All welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/dress/t-shirt etc day – donations for CAFOD Christmas party food menu Carols around the tree, led by our chaplaincy team Break up	Party food - All pupils, If your child is normally sandwiches they can order a school lunch, or you can phone school. Carols around the tree at 1.30pm, all welcome (doors open at 1.15pm), feel free to wear your Christmas jumpers too!

## **Scarlet fever and impetigo**

As you are aware from recent letters, we have been informed that a small number of children who attend **St Elizabeth's CVA** have been diagnosed with suspected / confirmed Strep A infections which can include illnesses such as scarlet fever, sore throats and impetigo.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to

other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you think you, or your child, has a Strep A infection (which includes scarlet fever, throat infections and impetigo):

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection
- **If you or your child has a high fever, severe muscle aches, pain in one area of the body and unexplained vomiting or diarrhoea seek medical help immediately.**

We will continue with enhanced cleaning in school, raise awareness of good respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it so that coughing and sneezing is done into a tissue/hand covering nose/mouth), regular handwashing and use of sanitiser. We have CO2 monitors in each classroom and will be opening windows to allow fresh air into classrooms on a regular basis.

If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor with a confirmed case of a Strep A infection please call the school office, we are in regular communication with Public Health England and the local East Midlands Health Protection Team and will continue to follow their advice.

Recommended time off of school for Strep A – once on antibiotics - is 24 hours for scarlet fever and 48 hours for impetigo (which can often be mistaken for hand foot and mouth), this will obviously be longer if your child is on antibiotics and not well enough to return.

### **Supporting the SEA**

Our upcoming Christmas Fayre is in the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. It will start at 2pm and children will be allowed to leave with parents **after** 3pm. The school buses will still run at 3.30pm. It would be wonderful to see as many parents/carers and family members as possible at the Christmas Fayre.

**Thank you** to the SEA who have been working so hard behind the scenes to make this event happen, and thank you to everyone who has made donations. Your support is appreciated! The children will benefit from funds raised so far as the SEA have organised and paid for the Pantomime visit school on the afternoon of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Oh yes it is!

If you would like to be involved in organising any of these events, or to just find out more about the SEA, the SEA 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

### **Reminder - Parent voice survey**



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**St Ralph  
Sherwin**  
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

We value your opinion about school and would appreciate your feedback. Please take the time to complete the following google forms survey so that we can continue to work with and serve all of our families.

<https://forms.office.com/r/2aQMZYHygs>

### **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. Applications are open now. 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.**

### **Contact details**

During the next few weeks our office will continue to update all contact details that we hold for you. Please look out for a sheet coming home, check the details we have and sign if correct or edit the details sign and then return. Please remember to always let the office know address, telephone and email details.

### **Anti bullying work with EqualiTeach – Invite to online parent meeting**

We are undertaking a project on anti-bullying with an agency called EqualiTeach in order to ensure we meet requirements of the Equalities Act, guidance from the Catholic Education Service (making it clear that bullying of any type will not be tolerated) and also to respect protected characteristics. Identity based bullying is bullying that targets an aspect/aspects of a person's identity. Our current policies in place encompass a wide range of the definitions of bullying. Bullying happens rarely at St Elizabeth's, suggesting that the policies and procedures are working well. However, we are always looking to refine and improve and by working with EqualiTeach we want to continue to give the message that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and as such the dignity of the human person needs to remain at the forefront of everything we do.

The content of our RSHE scheme Ten:Ten Life to the Full and our PSHE programme cover all necessary curriculum aspects and for this reason we will not be making any adaptations to our curriculum in light of our work with EqualiTeach. However, we will be drawing upon some aspects of their expertise on some matters of policy e.g. disability awareness in relation to our accessibility policy, uniform policy and anti-bullying policy. In the case of any change to policy, ratification from our Governors would be required and where necessary we would seek to consult with parents.

EqualiTeach have met with our Governors and are now offering a presentation to any parents who would be interested in knowing more about anti-bullying. **All parents are welcome to join one or our virtual meetings with EqualiTeach at either 4.30pm or 5pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to hear the presentation and ask any questions afterwards.**

I would like to take this opportunity to assure all parents that our partnership with EqualiTeach is conducted on the understanding that all initiatives and work will be carried out in line with our Catholic (Christian) values and beliefs, so that Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church remain at the centre of all we do.

### **Domestic Abuse Support**

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, help is available.

Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline advisors can chat to you discreetly and provide you with emotional and practical support. The helpline is open 8am-10pm Monday to Friday. Call 08000 198 668 or text 07534 617 252.

The freephone, 24 hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline is open 365 days a year – call 0808 2000 247. For those in immediate danger, call 999.

Men's Advice Line (freephone): 0808 8010 327, [mensadviceline.org.uk](http://mensadviceline.org.uk)

Galop (freephone): 0800 999 5428, [galop.org.uk/get-help/helplines](http://galop.org.uk/get-help/helplines)

### **Cost of living crisis - Sign up for cost of living support**

Derbyshire County Council have launched a new cost of living email full of the latest local and national information around the support on offer. They will send you regular news and updates as well as information on claiming benefits you're entitled to, managing debt, cutting energy bills and food waste as well as advice on the support that's available to you.

[You can sign up to receive the cost of living support emails here.](#)

### **Parish website**

The link to our Parish website for updates of times and services at Our Lady's on Gibfield Lane, Belper or St Joseph's, Ripley or St Margaret's, Duffield is <https://catholic-ambervalley.uk/parish/belper/>

### **Calendar of events**

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.

### **Happy Christmas to our community!**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy, holy and healthy Christmas and New Year from all of the staff here at St Elizabeth's.

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs Clemens.

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

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
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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 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 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