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NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings and SEND reviews

Parent consultation evenings for all pupils and SEND reviews were held over School Cloud recently. Thank you to all who attended and thank you for all of your positive comments with this way of holding our consultation evenings.

Parent voice survey

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

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

Weds 23rd November – Wear a token item of red for supporting Aid to the Church in Need (A.C.N)

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), is a Catholic charity that helps Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. **ACN** have a special day each year called **Red Wednesday** when supporters wear red, have special prayers and light up buildings like Westminster Cathedral in red to remind people to pray and help those who are persecuted for their faith. This year, **Red Wednesday is on 23rd November** and we are encouraged to remember all Christians who encounter troubles in our prayers on that day. Children are invited to wear a red hat, scarf, socks etc with their NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM to school that day – in exchange for a small donation.

Coat Swap reminder – Friday 18th Nov

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 18th 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



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like to donate. Donations can be sent in any day from Monday 14th 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!

Contact details

During the next few weeks our office will be updating 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.

NSPCC online safety parent meeting

In order to support our community we have joined with the NSPCC to host an online safety parent meeting. Letters about this event from Mrs Acton have already been sent home, should you need further details please contact the office on 01773 822278. The meeting is on Monday 28th November from 7pm-8pm.

Shoebox appeal

You're not too late with any last minute donations to the Teams4U Shoebox appeal as they have contacted us to let us know they are now collecting on Friday 25th November. We can take donations right up until the morning of Friday 25th November.

Anti bullying work with EqualiTeach

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 will be meeting with our Governors at their next formal meeting and are then offering a presentation to any parents who would be interested in knowing more about anti-bullying. All parents are welcome to come into school at either 4.30pm or 5pm on Monday 5th December 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.

Supporting the SEA

Our upcoming Christmas Fayre is in the afternoon of Friday 16th December. In order to support the SEA we are having 2 non-uniform days in exchange for donations.

Thursday 1st Dec – non-uniform in exchange for a donation of anything chocolate

Friday 9th Dec - non-uniform in exchange for a donation of anything in a bottle

These donations will be made into a display in each classroom.

Film night on Friday 25th November – doors will open after 6pm and the film will start at approximately 6.10pm

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, 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

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

Friday 18 th 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 th November	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Friday 25 th November	SEA School Movie Night	All pupils welcome. Arrival from 6pm, movie starts at 6.10pm.
Sunday 27 th November	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday 28 th November	NSPCC online safeguarding event for all parents	All parents 7-8pm - online
Thursday 1 st December	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Thursday 1 st 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
Friday 2nd December	INSET	School Closed
Wednesday 7 th December	SEA Christmas Gift Sale	All pupils.
Thursday 8 th December	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 9 th 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 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity – to whole school	All pupils
Tuesday 13 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity	All parents welcome at 2pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity	All parents welcome, arrivals from 6pm to start the show at 6.30pm
Friday 16 th December	SEA Christmas Fayre, 2pm start	All welcome
Wednesday 21 st December	9.30am Mass	All welcome
Thursday 22 nd December	Carols around the tree, led by our chaplaincy team	1.30pm, all welcome
Thursday 22 nd December	Break up	All pupils
Friday 23rd December – Fri 6th January	Christmas Holidays	School Closed
Monday 9th January 2023	All pupils return for the start of the Lent term	All pupils
Thursday 12 th January	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Monday 16 th January	High Sheriff of Derbyshire visiting school to inspire children with careers	All pupils
Thursday 19 th January	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Thursday 26 th January	EYFS led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS welcome.
Thursday 2 nd February	Y6 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Thursday 9 th February	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Thursday 16 th February	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 17 th February	Break up	All pupils

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