



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

## Monday 30th January 2023



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What a busy January it has been so far... we have had a visit from the High Sheriff of Derbyshire who talked to the whole school about our future careers, year 3 have started swimming again and at half term it will then be the turn of year 4 and we have also been hosting 14 student nurses from the University of Derby who are experiencing children in their normal school setting in order to help them on their course, it has been wonderful for our children to meet young adults who are stepping forward in to their career and can inspire and support our children.

We have also celebrated liturgical prayers with years 1, 2 and reception classes. Please remember on a Thursday the invite to come into school to join the class leading a time of prayer is offered, we start at 3pm and finish in time for you to collect the children from their normal meeting places around school. This Thursday it is the turn of year 6.

### **Y6 SATs**

There will be a meeting in the hall with Miss Fitzpatrick to discuss SATs with the parents of current Y6 children. This will be held from 2.15pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and then go straight into Year 6's class prayers at 3pm.

Dates for Y6 SATs have changed slightly due to the bank holiday for King Charles III's coronation on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Spelling, grammar and punctuation

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May Reading

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May Maths

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Maths

### **Midday supervisors**

We are currently advertising for both permanent and relief midday supervisors. The advert is available for further viewing on our Trust website <https://www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies/>

If you feel this is a role you could work in as part of our staff at St Elizabeth's then please consider applying. Middays work from 11.45am until 1.05 pm daily and are very much part of our team. Enquiries about the role can be talked through with Mrs Hyde in our school office on 01773 822278.

### **INSET 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of February will be an INSET day. Therefore, we will break up for half term on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and return on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. For further diary dates please scroll down this newsletter.



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## **Medication**

If your child needs any type of medication through the school day please leave this at the school office and fill in the necessary forms with the office staff. A copy of our medication Policy can be found by clicking on [this link](https://www.stelizabethsbelper.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2021/08/administration-of-medicines-policy-june-2021.pdf) <https://www.stelizabethsbelper.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2021/08/administration-of-medicines-policy-june-2021.pdf> you will be able to read the policy and download the necessary paperwork regarding medication in school.

## **Uniform**

A reminder that loopwear.co.uk can provide many of your uniform needs. Sizes range from ages 3 years old to a small adult size. If you feel a larger size is needed this can be arranged by giving them a call on 01773 825865.

## **Adverse Weather Conditions**

During these winter months please ensure your child has a school coat (black or brown) which is clearly labelled and any hats/gloves/scarves. Should school be closed due to any adverse weather we will inform you via text message, so please ensure we have your most up to date contact details and then keep an eye out for messages. In the event of any bad weather, you know your route to school best, and if you feel the journey would be too dangerous we would always ask you to use your best judgement before setting off.

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

Admissions to our Reception class for September 2023 via the Derbyshire Admissions team **is now closed**. Please remember to send in to school your supplementary details and certificates of baptism/letters from faith leaders as appropriate. You'll get your offer on 1 March 2023.

If you have any worries about your application, if it is late, or someone you know wants to apply please call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

## **Contact details**

The school office continues to update all contact details that we hold for you. Please return all sheets after you have checked the details and sign if correct or edit the details and then sign. Please remember to always let the office know address, telephone and email details.

## **Online safety advice**

### **Keep your child safe on Fortnite**

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- Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is **Fortnite: Battle Royale**, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way
  - Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic
  - The age recommendation to play is **12 and above** – but you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still use it easily

- Fortnite: Battle Royale **is free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch, Android and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets)
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## What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about:

- **Communication between players:** they can talk to each other via messaging or a headset and microphone. Children could speak to strangers or be at risk of cyber-bullying
  - **In-app purchases:** children can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items, like outfits for their character, and better-looking weapons ('skins')
  - **The game's addictive nature:** there have been stories of children staying up all night to play, and falling asleep in lessons. Some people say this is down to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and because it's different every time you play
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## 3 steps to take to keep your child safe

### 1. Use the parental controls on your gaming device

- Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**. Go to the website below for links to detailed instructions on your child's device – it covers PlayStation, Xbox, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch:
  - [Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls) - [www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)
- Battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes, so make use of this natural stopping point when limiting your child's screen time. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20-minute increments

### 2. Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they understand how to use this feature safely. Encourage them to follow the steps below if they meet someone who is offensive or inappropriate in the game.

To **disable the in-game voice chat function**:

- Select the menu icon, then 'Settings'
- Select the 'audio' tab (it's represented by a speaker icon)
- Tap the arrows next to 'voice chat'

To **'mute' individual players**:

- Pause the game
- Hover over the player you wish to mute and select the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

### 3. Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

To **report** players who make your child feel uncomfortable:

- Select the menu icon, then 'Reporting/feedback'
- On the 'Feedback type' tab, select 'Report player'
- Select the reason you want to report the player

- On the 'Select player' tab, select the name of the player you want to report
- On the 'Submit' tab, select 'Accept' to send the report
- Select 'Send report'

### What else can I do?

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Take a look at the other parental controls explained on the Epic Games website:  
<https://bit.ly/2o3YnaC>
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them. See more guidance from the NSPCC on how to do this here:  
<https://bit.ly/1HpjYgO>
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up.

### 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 New Year!

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

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs Clemens.

### Calendar of Events – 2022/2023

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	INSET	School closed to 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
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebrating Catholicity – SRSCMAT members visiting 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.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud 3.30pm-6pm	All parents via School Cloud – please book a time slot
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud 3.30pm-6pm	All parents via School Cloud – please book a time slot
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 at 1.30pm	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
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Review Evening for SEND	All parents via School Cloud or face to face – please book a time slot
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
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Residential Trip to Lea Green	All Y5 pupils
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday, school closed	All pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III, school closed	All pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs - English	All Y6 pupils
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs - English	All Y6 pupils
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs - Maths	All Y6 pupils
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs - Maths	All Y6 pupils
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am Ascension Day Mass	All welcome
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y3 welcome.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Celebrations in school	All pupils – party clothes (optional)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School closed for half term holiday	All pupils
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to school	All pupils
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	All pupils

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	EYFS led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS welcome.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Mass – St Peter and St Paul	All welcome.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents	Pupil reports
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre from 1.30pm	All welcome
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance	To all pupils
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance – 2pm	All welcome
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance – 6.30pm	All welcome
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Review Evening for SEND	All parents via School Cloud or face to face – please book a time slot
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer disco 6pm	All pupils
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Mass 2pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Liturgical Prayers 10am	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for summer	School Closed.