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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 7th February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start with a reminder that we have a Valentine's Disco coming up on 16th February from 6pm-7.30pm, the cost will be £1 per children and the children are allowed to bring pocket money (with your permission) for the tuck shop and the tombola.

Reminder - INSET 17th February

Friday 17th of February will be an INSET day. Therefore, we will break up for half term on Thursday 16th February and return on Monday 27th February.

Our other planned INSET will be on Friday 23rd June. For further diary dates please scroll down this newsletter.

Safer Internet Day 2023 – please see power point on age restrictions included in this email

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. There is a range of support to help you start a conversation with your child, whatever that may be about and no matter how much time you have.

Safer Internet Day 2023 is celebrated today, (7th February 2023), with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place. We will be doing lots of fun activities across the school throughout this week for Safer Internet Day.

This year, the theme for Safer Internet Day is:

Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.

You can read more about the theme for this day at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/about-safer-internet-day-2023> . There is also a video for parents and carers on Safer Internet Day at https://youtu.be/rl_gZTQ9F7w .

With our children of all ages accessing the internet for gaming and socialising, please find a PowerPoint attached to this email as a reminder of what the age restrictions are for some popular apps and online games. Please note that the age restriction is not always due to there being violence or inappropriate images on them. The restrictions are also in place due to the user possibly having access to talking to others online (strangers) and being able to purchase/gamble on the game or app.



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Technology and the internet will always be available to our children. Staying safe online is not about saying no to them using it, but rather educating them in using it safely. Many games and apps have parental controls which can be set to restrict access to some games/apps. Below are some useful links to help you support your child in being safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - NSPCC online safety support and information.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> - parental control setting guidance, specific age advice for online usage and a guide to apps.

Parents should always monitor and be aware of what your child is searching for online. However, below are some 'safer' sites for search engines and video streaming:

<https://www.kiddle.co/> - Google for kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/> - YouTube for kids

If you have any questions or concerns regarding keeping your child safe online, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Acton Computing Lead

SEA Update

The SEA had a very busy Autumn term and we would like to thank everyone across our school community for supporting our events. We are very grateful for all the donations received, for help with running these events, and for your attendance.

In total, we raised just under £1,900 which is fantastic! Around £1,200 of this came from the Christmas Fair, and the remainder from a combination of the other activities – Movie Night, Xmas4Schools, Tea Towels and the Christmas Gift Sale.

Combined with funds raised towards the end of last year, we have so far been able to fund the Christmas pantomime for all children and the Christmas elf video for KS1 children. We are currently organising the Y6 leavers' hoodies and some playground equipment and bins for the KS2 playground. It is wonderful to see the funds raised being allocated to various projects so that all of our children can benefit in some way.

Finally, please look out for further details to come of the following events for this term:

- Valentine's Disco – Thursday 16th February
- Mother's Day Gift Sale – Tuesday 14th March
- Ping Pong Ball Race – Friday 31st March

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

Message from Pastoral Parish Council and Strategy Group

The reason I am sending this message to you is because our parish is facing challenging times. As part of the Catholic family in the Amber Valley our school is a vitally important part of the parish. When the Catholic Church was re-established in England and Wales the instruction was to build schools first and church buildings later. Indeed, for many parishes the school was the place of worship for Sunday Mass for many years. Consequently, anyone connected to the school has a clear link to the parish and we value your contribution to our community. We are facing the situation of there being less priests in the diocese (indeed, across many countries in the western world). This will see the number of services we can hold each Sunday (and throughout the week) reduced. The diocese has identified the issue as being one of declining numbers of clergy, declining numbers of those attending church services, but the same number of buildings. It is time for us to consider what we want the future of our parish to look like now that events are bringing these matters to a head.

Every member of the parish, or those who have a link to it - past, present and future - are invited to come to the meeting we are holding at St. Elizabeth's School on 15 February at 7.00 pm. This is being held at the school to accommodate the largest number possible. The Strategy Group, who have been tasked by the Pastoral Parish Council, will present some possible pathways that we could follow as we look to the future of our parish. There is much that is uncertain, but it is critical that the widest view of the whole parish is taken into account when determining what we do next. This is vitally important; the diocese gave their view of their preferred pathway, but we must determine if this is the right one for us as a worshipping community. It is a time to turn what could be viewed as a misfortune into an opportunity. To make this a reality we need you, the people.

Please come - Phil Smith (Chair PPC and Strategy Group)

Midday supervisors

We are currently advertising for both permanent and relief midday supervisors.

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 Hampson or Mrs Clemens in our school office on 01773 822278.

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.



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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.

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.

Thank you and God bless,

Mrs Clemens.

Calendar of Events – 2022/2023

Thursday 9th February	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Thursday 16th February	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 17th February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February	School closed for half term	All pupils
Monday 27th February	Back to school	All pupils
Tuesday 28th February	Celebrating Catholicity – SRSCMAT members visiting school	All pupils
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day	All pupils
Thursday 9th March	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y3 welcome.
Thursday 9th March to Friday 10th March	Y4 Residential Trip to Mount Cook	All Y4 pupils
Thursday 16th March	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Wednesday 22nd March	Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud 3.30pm-6pm	All parents via School Cloud – please book a time slot
Thursday 23rd March	Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud 3.30pm-6pm	All parents via School Cloud – please book a time slot
Thursday 23rd March	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Monday 27th March	British Science Week – theme growth	STEM week for all pupils
Monday 27th March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play to school at 1.30pm	All pupils
Tuesday 28th March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm	All parents welcome
Wednesday 29th March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play 2pm	All parents welcome
Wednesday 29th March	Parent Review Evening for SEND	All parents via School Cloud or face to face – please book a time slot

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
Tuesday 18 th April to Thursday 20 th April	Y5 Residential Trip to Lea Green	All Y5 pupils
Thursday 20 th April	Y6 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Thursday 27 th April	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday, school closed	All pupils
Thursday 4 th May	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III, school closed	All pupils
Tuesday 9 th May	Y6 SATs - English	All Y6 pupils
Wednesday 10 th May	Y6 SATs - English	All Y6 pupils
Thursday 11 th May	Y6 SATs - Maths	All Y6 pupils
Friday 12 th May	Y6 SATs - Maths	All Y6 pupils
Thursday 18 th May	9.30am Ascension Day Mass	All welcome
Thursday 18 th May	Class photos	
Thursday 25 th May	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y3 welcome.
Friday 26 th May	Pentecost Celebrations in school	All pupils – party clothes (optional)
Friday 26 th May	Break up	
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	School closed for half term holiday	All pupils
Monday 5 th June	Back to school	All pupils
Wednesday 7 th June	Sports Day	All pupils
Thursday 8 th June	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Thursday 15 th June	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Thursday 22 nd June	EYFS led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS welcome.
Friday 23 rd June	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 29 th June	9.30am Mass – St Peter and St Paul	All welcome.
Thursday 6 th July	Y4 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y4 welcome.
Friday 7 th July	Reports out to parents	Pupil reports
Friday 7 th July	Summer Fayre from 1.30pm	All welcome
Monday 10 th July	Y5/6 Performance	To all pupils
Tuesday 11 th July	Y5/6 Performance – 2pm	All welcome
Wednesday 12 th July	Y5/6 Performance – 6.30pm	All welcome
Thursday 13 th July	Parent Review Evening for SEND	All parents via School Cloud or face to face – please book a time slot
Wednesday 19 th July	Summer disco 6pm	All pupils
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Leaver's Mass 2pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Friday 21 st July	Y6 Leaver's Liturgical Prayers 10am	All pupils and parents of Y6 welcome.
Friday 21 st July	Break up for summer	School Closed.
