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NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th March 2023



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 for the Easter Play and our book fayre –

Thursday 23 rd March	Y1 led liturgical prayers in the school hall at 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Monday 27 th March	Scholastic book fayre arrives in the school hall	All pupils and parents welcome to visit from 3.30-4pm Monday to Thursday
Tuesday 28 th March	Y3 & 4 Easter play 2pm	All parents welcome, arrivals from 1.45pm to start the show at 2pm
Wednesday 29 th March	Y3 & 4 Easter play 2pm	All parents welcome, arrivals from 1.45pm to start the show at 2pm
Thursday 30 th March	Big Lent Walk – school field	All pupils wearing active uniform (PE kit)
Thursday 30 th March	Movie Night in school hall 6pm-8pm	All pupils
Friday 31 st March	Ping Pong Ball Race and Easter hat/headwear parade	All pupils
Friday 31 st March	Break up for Easter Holidays	All pupils

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings are coming up:

Y3 Tues 21st March

Whole school Weds 22nd March

Whole school (except Y3) Thurs 23rd March

These are all 10 mins long and will be set up in School Cloud from 3.40pm onwards.

Reviews for SEND children will be held in school on 29th March, please book an appointment for these once you have received a letter from your class teacher.

Big Lent Walk – CAFOD

On Thursday 30th March will be holding our Lenten Challenge called, “The Big Lent Walk” in order to support CAFOD. On the day the children will be sharing liturgical prayer with each other and then going on the school field in order to complete their walk, the whole school will take part in this event. The children will be given a sponsor form and families can either collect donations on the form and/or donate to the Just Giving page – link below.



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https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elibiglentwalk23?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=elibiglentwalk23&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=bf82c0bfe54342cba777336ae3ed14cb

On the day the children will need to wear their active uniform which is black joggers, yellow polo shirt and yellow sweatshirt. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear for walking on the school field – if necessary this footwear can be sent in (labelled) in a spare bag, as it may be muddy outside. Hopefully, this will be a lovely opportunity to bring the school together for the end of our Lent term and that the weather will be kind to us!

Ping Pong Race and Easter Hat Parade

St Elizabeth's annual Ping Pong Race will be held on Friday 31st March. This year the children are invited to design and wear an Easter themed hat/headwear to the event (school uniform as normal). A prize will be given to the most creative design in each year group. If your child would like to take part, please can they bring their head attire into school on 31st March.

Ping pong balls will be on sale in school on Friday 24th March. Each child can purchase 3 balls for £1 or 1 ball for 50p. This event will be led by the SEA. Many thanks for your continued support.

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 15th April 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.

Scholastic book fair

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives in the school hall on Monday 27th March. We will be welcoming children and parents into the hall from 3.30pm-4pm Monday to Thursday. If you have any World Book Day Tokens that haven't been redeemed they can be used against the price of a book at the fair. The fair will also be open after the Y3/4 Easter play. **Advanced warning** – this is a cashless event. Parents can pay for books online whilst at the fair by scanning a QR code on mobile phones which gives access to the Scholastic website.

Donation Station

In the reception area next to the school office is a "donation station" for the food bank – Hope for Belper. You'll spot it as soon as you come in through the door, it's very appropriately under the St Elizabeth display who was known for giving food to those in need. Please feel free to pop in and take if you need or give when you can. Our school Faith In Action children will be working with Joe, our Chaplain, in order to check the dates on food and make sure this gets sent to the food bank. We hope you can be part of this new venture!

First Holy Communion

If your child is in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion please get in touch with Brenda Davies via email on lovepeaceandlight@googlemail.com. The preparation will



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take place during Mass on a Sunday morning, after children's liturgy at Our Lady's on Gibfield Lane, Belper. Brenda is happy to answer your questions when you contact her.

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/>

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20-31 March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved. **What do you need to do?** Encourage your child(ren) to walk to school (or walk part of the journey) on as many days as possible during the event, unfortunately we cannot take part in the cycling to school as the A6 and school drive make the task too unsafe – so it's walking for us!

Why we are taking part? Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources: To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

[Download your free family guide](#) using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/> If your child is interested in scootering or cycling maybe this could be a family activity and you'll be able to record your activity on the record sheet in this email.

This is not a sponsored or fundraising event – it's about raising awareness for being active and helping to look after our environment.

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 for St Elizabeth's – 2022/2023

Thursday 16 th March	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud 3.30pm-6pm	All parents via School Cloud – please book a time slot
Thursday 23 rd March	Parent Consultation Evening via School Cloud 3.30pm-6pm	All parents via School Cloud – please book a time slot
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



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Monday 27 th March	Y3 & 4 Easter Play to school at 1.30pm	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
Wednesday 29 th March	Parent Review Evening for SEND	All parents via School Cloud or face to face – please book a time slot
Thursday 30 th March	Big Lent Walk	All pupils
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	Y3 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y3 welcome.
Thursday 27 th April	EYFS led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of EYFS 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
Tuesday 16 th May	Class Photos	All classes in summer uniform
Thursday 18 th May	9.30am Ascension Day Mass	All welcome
Friday 19 th May	Pupil Parliament to Trust meeting	Pupil Parliament children
Monday 22 nd May	LAMDA Exams in school	
Thursday 25 th May	Y6 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y6 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	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Thursday 15 th June	Tough Runner obstacle course in school	All pupils – Active uniform (PE kit)
Thursday 22 nd June	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Thursday 29 th June	9.30am Mass – St Peter and St Paul	All welcome.
Thursday 6 th July	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 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 until 7.30pm	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.