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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 21st June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been a few changes since our last newsletter so please check these dates.

Our tough runner was a huge success with lots of running, jumping and crawling in, over and under obstacles – and of course lots of giggles! It was a great day and the sun continued to shine for us (unlike the muddy event held in the rain last year).

Y6 Shakespeare Day – Thursday 22nd June

Year 6 will be working with tutors from Derby Theatre to take part in a day of Shakespeare in the school hall. Children will not need to bring in anything and normal school uniform will be fine for the activities they will be completing.

INSET Friday 23rd June

Please remember school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 23rd June for our last INSET day of the year.

Y5 Brass concert

On Friday 30th June our year 5 children, with their music teachers, will be giving a performance of their music - both singing and brass playing in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us for this, the doors will open at 2.45pm for a 3pm start. This is no longer a year 4 event, they will get to perform in the new academic year.

Fr Michael and Mass 29.6.23 and 20.7.23

Father Michael Kirkham's health has continued to improve and is now able to offer us the chance to celebrate Mass in school on Thursday 29th June at 10.15am for St Peter and Paul.

He has also confirmed he will be in school to lead the Y6 Leaver's Mass for the Y6 children and their families, on Thursday 20th July at 2pm.

Transition Day

We will be holding a whole school transition day on Thursday 6th July. On this day the children will go into their new classrooms with their new teachers, they will find out about some of the topics they will be doing next year and getting a chance to ask any questions that might be worrying them. We recently had assemblies from speakers of Compass, a group supporting mental health and wellbeing, they talked about these changes and helped the children understand how to navigate change in positive ways. Transition day is all about the children getting to know their new classroom, teacher and learn about some of the new routines and topics we will be studying next year, supporting positive changes.

The children will line up as normal at the start of the day and will be collected by their new teacher to go into school. At home time, children will be let out of school by their new teacher. For Reception, year 1 and year 2 this will be from their new classroom door. For year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6 this will be from the



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main door onto the KS2 playground. Please be patient with us as staff begin to get to know new faces of parents collecting, we also ask that you talk to your child about where you will be so they are confident in knowing where to meet you. Please be reassured we will keep the children with a staff member until we see you.

It's also the Y1 liturgical prayers at 3pm, so our chaplain Joe and the Y2 teachers will work with Y1 and staff to support this, year 1 parents are invited and will be reminded to collect their children from the year 2 door at the end of the day.

Strike action

Please see separate letter for further details, and the form for ordering lunch for free school meals for children who have classes that are closed.

The 2 days affected at the moment are Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July for KS2 classes – that is years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

SEA Events

Summer Fair – Friday 14th July. THIS DATE HAS CHANGED. Summer fair will be a lovely family event with lots of stalls, games, refreshments, inflatables and so on. The fair will begin in school time for the children, and the gates will open to parents at 2.30pm.

The children will be able to explore the fair before the gates open to parents. From 2.30pm you will be able to collect and sign out your child/ren from their classroom. If you are sending a different family member to collect your child please email the school office with details so that we have your permission to allow your child to leave. School office email is enquiries@eli.srscmat.co.uk

There will be lots of great entertainment on the day including the school choir and Y5 brass players, and we are very excited to be holding the final of St Elizabeth's Got Talent at around 3.45pm. The SEA still need many volunteers to run this event, so please use the contacts below if you can help.

End of Year Disco – Wednesday 19th July

All children are invited to this end of year event, but we do understand that some do not enjoy a disco with a noisy environment, it is an optional event, and if your child enjoys dancing or listening to music they will love spending this time with their friends. It starts at 6pm and finishes at 7.30pm, there will be refreshments for sale, so please send your child with pocket money for them to spend - if they choose! The disco will be run by the SEA and supported by staff from school, they are still looking for volunteers, so if you can help, please contact the SEA (details below).

The SEA (St Elizabeth's Association) Contacts: 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.

Safeguarding

Please be aware that bringing children to school is a parental responsibility. School gates open at 8.45am and **children should not be left alone at the school gates** before this. KidZone is open from 7.30am and can support with childcare.

If your child is ill and absent from school please remember to phone in and let the school office know on the morning of the absence, 01773 822278.

Please remember the ramp up to the infant playground (after school parking and pick up area) is not for pedestrian use. Please walk around the outside of the school buildings to the bottom playground, or cut through school using the office area doors.

Water Safety Information

Please take time as a family to read through the water safety information leaflet included in this email from the Royal Life Saving Society, with an increase in incidents in the Amber Valley area and the summer holidays coming up this is a great time to update family knowledge and talk about being safe in or near the water.

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 for St Elizabeth's – 2022/2023

Thursday 22 nd June	Y2 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y2 welcome.
Thursday 22 nd June	Shakespeare Day	Year 6
Friday 23 rd June	INSET	School closed to all pupils.
Friday 30 th June	Brass concert performed by Y5 at 2.45pm in school hall	Parents welcome
Thursday 6 th July	Whole School Transition Day	All pupils go to next years classrooms and meet new teachers for the day.
Thursday 6 th July	Y1 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y1 welcome.
Friday 7 th July	Reports emailed out to parents	Pupil reports
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	Y5 led liturgical prayers to whole school 3pm	All pupils and parents of Y5 welcome.
Thursday 13 th July	Parent Review Evening for SEND	All parents via School Cloud or face to face – please book a time slot
Friday 14 th July	Summer Fayre from 2.30pm- 5pm	All welcome
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.
	Calendar for 2023-24	
Monday 4 th September	INSET	School closed.
Tuesday 5 th September	INSET	School closed.
Wednesday 6 th September	Children return to school	All pupils.