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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 26th September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I'd begin this newsletter with an update on our RAAC – the concrete. As you are aware this is in our KS1 classrooms, toilets and corridor. We had a full structural survey completed in those areas last week, with no areas being deemed as “areas of concern” for the structural surveyor. However, in line with Government advice, as an additional precaution, we will now follow the mitigations recommended by the surveyor in the rooms before reopening (this could be steels/props inside the classrooms). Thank you for all your support and kind words during this time for us, please be reassured that with any work recommended we will endeavour to minimise impact on our children.

Wednesday, 27th September is the date for Assess, Plan, Do and Review (APDR) meetings for children with SEND needs. These are either face to face or via School Cloud (your choice), booking is via School Cloud and all appointments will last 20 minutes.

Message from our SEA team

Firstly, welcome to those of you who are new to St Elizabeth's! The St Elizabeth's Association, known as the SEA, is a group of parents who organise a number of fundraising events throughout the year. These include our Christmas and Summer Fairs and events such as school discos, gift sales and our annual Ping Pong Ball Race. The funds we raise are allocated in various ways so that all our children can benefit. Last year for example, we purchased some additional sports equipment and playground games, and also organised the Christmas pantomime for the children.

Coming up this half term:

Cake Sale – Friday 6th October. All the children will be able to go along to the cake sale first in their year groups, and it will then be open to parents and carers from 3pm. Please remember to send children in with some money on this day if they would like to buy cakes, which will be 50p each. We need lots of donations – they can be homemade or shop purchased, and there will be some small prizes for the best cakes decorated by the children! Please drop cakes off in the hall from 8.45am on the day or send them in with children as they line up that morning.

Meet The SEA – also Friday 6th October. Please also come along at 3pm if you can, to meet the SEA team and find out more about us. We will be sharing lots of information about what funds we raised last year, where funds were spent, and our plans for this year. It will be informal and a great opportunity to come and chat with us if you would like to get involved. We need more volunteers both to help run our events, and also to join our small organising committee. However much time you can give will be greatly appreciated and we are sure you will find it a lovely experience to be creating these fun events for the children.



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SEA Annual General Meeting – Thursday 19th October, 6pm, at school. All parents are very welcome to attend our AGM where you will learn more about our fundraising and have the opportunity to share your ideas on where we might allocate funds this year. Please do come along, especially if you are interested in joining our committee.

Xmas4Schools. The SEA have again organised a fundraising project with Xmas4Schools. Artwork forms and information leaflets will be coming home this week, for years 2-6 (reception and Y1 will be given time in class to complete their work). Beautiful fundraising products such as Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels and calendars can be created from your child's original artwork. So, let's all get creative in time for Christmas! Forms need to be returned by Thursday 26th October.

Finally, if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact any of the SEA team listed below, or leave your contact details at the school office and we will be in touch.

Many thanks for your support. The SEA

Neil Green, Chairperson (Y3 parent) – 07725 160285

Clare Nightingale (Y1 and Y3 parent) – 07791 668585

Alison Groombridge (Y6 parent) – 07951 066385

Catherine Elvins (Y1 and Y5 parent) – 07340 101298

Lauren Bounds (Y4 parent) – 07972 78442

Healthy Future message from Derbyshire County Council...



Healthier Futures - family support programme

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent? Are you keen to get help to give your child a healthy start in life, help them to eat more fruit and vegetables and reduce mealtime stress?

If so, then our new Healthier Futures programme could be for you.

It's a free, healthy families programme that offers a range of support for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 12 years old. The programme includes online and face to face sessions.

Children's early years are vitally important in terms of their health, wellbeing, learning and social development. Our team of friendly staff know how difficult it can be to change old habits and we will be with you every step of the way.

Who can take part?

You can take part in our Healthier Futures programme if you:

- are the parent or carer of a child aged 0 to 12 years
- have a Derbyshire postcode or are registered with a Derbyshire GP
- are the parent or carer of a child who is aged between 5 and 12 years and is over a healthy weight or is at risk of becoming an unhealthy weight, for example on or above the 85th BMI centile

How to take part

If you are a parent or carer, if eligible you can **self refer using our online form.**

What our service offers

Healthier Futures includes a range of **free HENRY programmes.**

The service also offers one-off sessions, for example Healthy Eating on a Budget. These are ideal if you are short on time, or you would like to try a taster session before committing further.

There are several courses to choose from, so please take a look at the information below and see which one is right for you and your family.



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Healthy Families: Right from the Start - HENRY

This 8-week, online programme is a group session for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5-years-old.

The sessions will give you ideas around changes you might like to make for a healthier and happier family. The sessions will help you to:

- session 1 - make changes and set goals
- session 2 - find a balance in meeting your, and your child's, needs
- session 3 - respond to children's needs without giving in to all their demands
- session 4 - create positive mealtimes
- session 5 - Introduce ideas for active play
- session 6 - eat healthily
- session 7 - understand and manage your child's behaviour
- session 8 - celebrate your success as a parent and plan the future for your family

Healthy Families: Growing up - HENRY



This 8-week programme is a group session for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 12-years-old. This course aims to help you to build healthy family habits.

- session 1 - What's a healthy family?
- session 2 - A healthy balance
- session 3 - Understanding children's behaviour
- session 4 - Being a parent
- session 5 - Healthy swaps
- session 6 - Family mealtimes
- session 7 - Negotiating family agreements
- session 8 - Children growing older

Please note that your child's height and weight will be requested at 26 weeks and 52 weeks in addition to their starting measurements.

One-off sessions

We also deliver one-off sessions - ideal if you are short on time, or you would like to try a taster session before committing further. The sessions we currently offer are:

Healthy Eating Basics on a Budget

One-off session: A one and a half hour online session with lots of tips for healthy eating on a budget.

Top tips for making healthier choices:

A one and a half hour online session for parents and carers of children aged 0 - 12 years.

Secondary School applications

Is your child in our Y6 class? If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you will be thinking about looking around secondary schools for their Year 7 place. All applications must be

made by midnight on 31st October 2023 to secure a place. Applications are made online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

St Benedict's CVA open evening for Y5 and Y6

St Benedict's CVA (also part of our St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust) are holding a parent and pupil open evening for Y5 and Y6 on September 28th from 5pm-8pm no booking or appointments needed. Their address is Duffield Road, Derby, DE22 1JD and their contact number is 01332 557032.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival this year is at 3pm on Tuesday 10th October, parents are welcome. We started our collection for donations of food on Monday 25th September, these are being displayed in each classroom until Harvest Festival. We will be supporting Hope for Belper food Bank with Harvest donations.

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 all for your continued support and God Bless,

AJ Clemens

Mrs Clemens.
Headteacher.

Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2023/2024

	2023/2024	
Monday 25 th September	Start the Harvest Appeal	Begin collecting donations in classrooms for Hope for Belper Food Bank
Wednesday 27 th September	APDR meetings	Review SEN support with teachers either face to face meetings or via School Cloud
Thursday 28 th September	Y6 leading liturgical prayers	All pupils, parents of Y6 welcome
Thursday 28 th September	Open evening at St Benedict's CVA, 5-8pm	For pupils and parents of children in years 5 and 6
Monday 2 nd October	Bike Ability	Y4 pupils
Tuesday 3 rd October	Bike Ability	Y5 pupils
Wednesday 4 th October	Feast Day of St Francis	
Thursday 5 th October	10am CAFOD assembly, "Young People Demand Change"	All KS2
Friday 6 th October	School Council Coat Swap Day	Coat swap, donate, collect.
Tuesday 10 th October	3pm Harvest Festival	All welcome



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Thursday 12 th October	Y4 leading liturgical prayers	All pupils, parents of Y4 welcome
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening	For all parents
Wednesday 18 th October	Parent Consultation Evening	For all parents
Thursday 19 th October	Y3 leading liturgical prayers	All pupils, parents of Y3 welcome
Friday 20 th October	Open afternoon for new starters 1.30pm-3pm	New pupils and their families
Thursday 26 th October	Y2 leading liturgical prayers	All pupils, parents of Y2 welcome
Friday 27 th October	Break up for half term	
Monday 30 th October to Friday 3 rd November	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 6 th November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 7 th November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
	Derbyshire admissions open for new starters to St Elizabeth's in Sept 2024	
Wednesday 8 th November	Back to school	All pupils
Wednesday 8 th November to Friday 10 th November	Y6 residential to Willersley Castle	Y6
Monday 13 th November	Maths week starts with TT Rockstars Day	Dress as a rockstar on Monday, all pupils – and staff too!
Tuesday 14 th November	World Diabetes Day	
Monday 27 th November	Lamda Exams	Lamda pupils
Monday 11 th December	Nativity performed to school	All pupils
Tuesday 12 th December	2pm KS1 Nativity performed to parents	KS1 and their families
Wednesday 13 th December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity performed to parents	KS1 and their families
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas holiday	
Monday 25 th December to Friday 5 th January	Christmas holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 8 th January 2024	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 16 th February	Break up for half term	
Monday 19 th February to Friday 23 rd February	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 26 th February	INSET	All pupils
Tuesday 27 th February	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	All pupils dress up as their favourite character from a book
Tuesday 26 th March	2pm Easter Play by Y3 and Y4 performed to parents	All Y3 and Y4 parents and family members welcome
Wednesday 27 th March	2pm Easter Play by Y3 and Y4 performed to parents	All Y3 and Y4 parents and family members welcome
Thursday 28 th March	Break up for Easter	
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 1 st April to Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 15 th April	Back to school	All pupils
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 13 th May to Thursday 16 th May	SATs	Y6
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term	
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school	All pupils



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Thursday 6 th June	Sport's Day	All pupils
Friday 28 th June	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day	All children move to next class
Monday 22 nd July	Leaver's Mass	Y6 pupils and their families
Tuesday 23 rd	Leaver's Assembly at 10am in the school hall	Whole school and Y6 parents
Tuesday 23 rd July	Break up for summer	Last day for all pupils