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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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 you will be thinking about looking around secondary schools for their Year 7 place. All applications must be

made by midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to secure a place. Applications are made online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> October, parents are welcome. We started our collection for donations of food on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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   |   |
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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | Start the Harvest Appeal                          | Begin collecting donations in classrooms for Hope for Belper Food Bank            |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September | APDR meetings                                     | Review SEN support with teachers either face to face meetings or via School Cloud |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September  | Y6 leading liturgical prayers                     | All pupils, parents of Y6 welcome   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September  | Open evening at St Benedict's CVA, 5-8pm          | For pupils and parents of children in years 5 and 6                               |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October       | Bike Ability                                      | Y4 pupils   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October      | Bike Ability                                      | Y5 pupils   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October    | Feast Day of St Francis                           |   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October     | 10am CAFOD assembly, "Young People Demand Change" | All KS2   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October       | School Council Coat Swap Day                      | Coat swap, donate, collect.   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October     | 3pm Harvest Festival                              | All welcome   |

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

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