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# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 13th December 2023



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

With Nativity performances, non-uniform days, Christmas panto, Christmas jumper and dinner day, Advent Mass, Christmas Fayre and many more events... a newsletter to give you all the most up to date timings might be useful!

## Nativity

This year our reception class, year 1 and year 2 are performing our Nativity on the stage in the school hall. The performance is, "Lights, Camel, Action".

The performance to the children at school (on Monday) was fantastic, the KS2 children really enjoyed the show. The show for parents and other family members on Tuesday afternoon was a great hit, thank you for supporting the children!

We have one show left to perform tonight, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. A reminder for this final performance - all children in the show will need to be back in school between 6pm and 6.10pm. Parking will be available on the KS2 playground and the car park on the bend of the drive. The show will start at 6.30pm. We ask, if possible, for donations for tickets and maybe buy a raffle ticket or two on the afternoon/night, this will help cover some of the costs. We will also have a collection bucket to support the Catholic Aid Charity – CAFOD.

## Advent Mass

Father Michael has kindly offered to celebrate Mass in school for Advent. This will be in the school hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and will start at 10.15am with Y4 leading the Jesse Tree story. All our families are welcome to join us in this celebration.

## Jesse Tree Celebrations of the Word

During Advent we have been having daily "Celebrations of the Word" with our focus on the Jesse Tree, sharing stories about Jesus' ancestors. These times of prayer will be at the end of the day (starting at 3pm in the school hall) and you would be welcome to join us if you are free, see the details below.

Date and time	Led by	Theme
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Acton and Mrs Turner	David, keeping faith, peace
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3	Solomon, keeping faith, peace
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Miss Hickling	Jeremiah, reaching to the future, joy
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Mrs Wilby and Mrs Turner	Daniel, reaching to the future, joy
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Starting at 1.30pm Mr Ward	Joseph, reaching to the future, joy - starting our traditional Carols Around the Tree



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### **iVengers (Derbyshire Police service) Christmas video to support parents with online safety**

We are really happy to be working with Derbyshire Police for online safety support for all. We have iVengers in school, our Y6 are Erin and Oscar, our new members in Y5 are Rose and Flynn, they meet with Mrs Acton (Computing Subject Lead) on a weekly basis and help promote online safety with all class groups.

iVengers are part of the Derbyshire Police service and, in their bid to support parents with online safety, have produced this short video. Please click on the link and take a look at their handy advice that is easy to follow and gives you a little more confidence in ensuring your families online protection.

[I-venger online safety tips for parents](#)

### **Christmas dinner, jumpers and panto day!**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the children can wear something with a Christmas theme (eg jumper, t-shirt, etc), it doesn't have to be bought and can be homemade – whatever you prefer! The children will be served their Christmas Dinner at lunch time and watch the pantomime in the afternoon.

### **Admissions for reception class 2024 – please spread the word!**

Do you have a child (or maybe know a friend/neighbour/family member) who needs a place in reception class for September 2024? If the child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 it is time to apply to Derbyshire County Council for a primary school place. The admissions process has begun and closes at midnight on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Full information is available in, "How to apply for a place at primary school – a guide for parents 2024/5" you can read the guide at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions). If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you can contact the county council's SEND Central Team at [Education.SENAdmin@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Education.SENAdmin@derbyshire.gov.uk) or ring 01629 537479.

All application forms are available online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) which is quick and easy to do. A telephone application can also be used if you are unable to apply online, using the number 01629 537479. **Supplementary forms can be collected from the school office at your convenience, these must be handed in to the school office before the deadline date.**

If you apply online you can log in to change or update your application up until the closing date. You can log in to get the result of your application on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, you will also be emailed on that date by Derbyshire CC to be notified of your child's school place.

Please recommend our school as we know verbal recommendations from our parents to others is far more meaningful – thank you!

### **SEA Events**

SEA are able to accept further donations for our Christmas Fayre which is on the afternoon of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Bags of donations should be left at the school office. So, it's a good time to have a clear out, and pass on things that you have finished! You can send us:

- Toys, games and books - please ensure that they are in a suitable condition, ie items are not broken and don't have missing parts
- Unwanted gifts
- School uniform - we only need items the following items - yellow PE jumpers and brown cardigans, jumpers, and fleeces

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre in the school hall, doors open at 2pm. If you would like to sign the children out of their classroom to spend time with you at the fayre that is great (this is not an early school closure day), teachers will be with the children until 3.30pm as per usual and the school buses will still be running on this day.

## 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,

Mrs Clemens.  
Headteacher.

## Calendar of Events for St Elizabeth's – 2023-24

	2023/2024	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity performed to parents	KS1 and their families
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Derby Museum Trip	Year 4
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas dinner All welcome to wear a Christmas outfit eg jumper t-shirt etc	All pupils are welcome to order a dinner on this day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime	All pupils
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Mass at 10.15am	All pupils, parents and parish welcome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holiday Carols around the tree starts at 1.30pm	All pupils, parents welcome
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December to 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
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Admissions for reception class 2024 closes at midnight	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 CAFOD CST (Catholic Social Teaching) workshops	Reception, Y1 and Y2
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Compass Assemblies for all children, theme "5 ways to well-being"	All pupils
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 CAFOD CST (Catholic Social Teaching) workshops	Y3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45pm Whole school Celebration of the Word with Jon Grattidge from CAFOD introducing the Big Lent Walk	All pupils
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras celebrations (Building the Kingdom)	All pupils – wear green, yellow or purple – or all three together!
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	10.15am Mass	All pupils and Parish welcome
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to 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 character from a book
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Lamda Exams	Lamda pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y5 residential to Lea Green	Y5
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Easter Play by Y3 and Y4 performed to parents	All Y3 and Y4 parents and family members welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm Easter Play by Y3 and Y4 performed to parents	All Y3 and Y4 parents and family members welcome
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Annual Ping Pong ball race and Easter hat parade	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 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 Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs	Y6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost celebrations	All pupils
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school	All pupils
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	World environment Day	All pupils revisiting stewardship pledges
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 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance	All pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance starting at 2pm	Parents welcome - tickets
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performance starting at 6.30pm	Parents welcome - tickets
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception to Y5 reports to parents	
Monsday 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