



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 10th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to school and supported our events last Friday, the coat swap with school council, meet the SENCo, meet the SEA and of course the hugely popular cake sale and raffle which was run by the SEA and SEA volunteers, thank you to all involved and I can report that the event raised £280.



Biscuits donated at our cake sale on Friday.

SEA message: The St Elizabeth's Association (S.E.A.) would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Emma Bunting for organising Artisan Biscuits for their generous gift of American style cookies. Thank you to both Emma and Artisan Biscuits (Ashbourne, [artisanbiscuits.co.uk](http://artisanbiscuits.co.uk)).

The SEA also ran a raffle for the children with a highly desirable cuddly dog as the star prize – which was won by Josh in year 1! Take a look at a few of our winners from the raffle which were awarded in our whole school liturgical prayer on Monday.



## School Photos

Our school photographer, Tempest, will be in school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, as per our text messages. At this time of year, the purpose of the visit is for photos of individual children and also children with their school age siblings. Please send children to school in their normal uniform, if your child has PE please pack their active uniform in their bag and they will be given time to change in school.

## Water bottles



The St Elizabeth's Association (S.E.A.) would like to say thank you to Mrs. Lorna O'Donnell for her generous gift of brand new water bottles, ensuring every child at St. Elizabeth's stays hydrated. Thank you, Mrs. O'Donnell!

Our new school water bottles – they're fabulous, thank you!

## 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.

## Secondary School applications – deadline 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

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)

## Medication in school

If your child needs to be given medication during school time, you can either pop in to administer this yourself or fill in medication forms when you hand in the medicine to the school office. Please remember the administration of medication is done by school/office staff on a voluntary basis and we will endeavour to support this.

## 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**

	<b>2023/2024</b>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm Harvest Festival	All welcome
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School photos	All pupils
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 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 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 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 Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 residential to Willersley Castle	Y6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths week starts with TT Rockstars Day	Dress as a rockstar on Monday, all 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 parents	KS1 and their families
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity performed to parents	KS1 and their families
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holiday	
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
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 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	
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
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
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