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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed the half term break!

It's great to be back together in school, despite the burst water pipe causing us a few setbacks! The update on this is that the burst has been located and repaired and we are back to normal.

And now to share our exciting plans ahead. For this half term in terms of our character development work we are working on developing the skill of "concentration" please discuss what this means with your child.

We are continuing to develop linking some of our lessons with career opportunities and links, we invited the actress and model Victoria May (who has performed in the West End in Agatha Christie's Mousetrap) into school to present our achievement certificates and inspire any children who may want to act as a career. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March we welcome Louise, who is a firefighter on the Belper Watch, to come and give a short presentation to classes and present awards in our Achievement Celebration. This also coincides with International Women's Day. If you have a career that may inspire the children and you are happy to speak to a class or put together a short video clip that we could use in school, please let us know.

## Chaplaincy Team to Visit St Benedict's School

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March our Chaplaincy Team, along with our Chaplain Joe and Mrs Baker (driving the minibus) have been invited to visit the Chapel at St Benedict's CVA, Darley Abbey. This is a wonderful opportunity to go and build relationships with another school within our St. Ralph Sherwin CMAT through spending time in prayer and reflection. During the session, the Chaplain and Chaplaincy Team from St. Benedict's have prepared various prayer activities and reflections that will help our Lenten prayers, based on the Chronicles of Narnia stories. This is a unique opportunity for the team who can then share their experience with us all. If you have any questions, please feel free to email our school Lay Chaplain, Joe McCay, on the following email address: [jmccay@srsrmat.co.uk](mailto:jmccay@srsrmat.co.uk)

## Lamda Assembly

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March the children who do Lamda lessons will be having a showcase of their skills during assembly time from 3pm-3.30pm. Parents are very welcome to come to this event which will be held in the school hall.

## World Book Day

This year to celebrate World Book Day all children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book and even bring the book into school if possible. During the day we will have an assembly at the start of the day beginning at 9.15am which will be led by Miss Holmes and our team of Reading Ambassadors. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall for this. We will be introducing the "Readathon" and encourage the children to read as many books as possible in a month. As well as the classes having time to talk about their books, there will be buddy reading activities, years 3 and 4 will be creating colour monsters, years 5 and 6 will be painting story stones to share with the younger children. KS2 will all be



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involved in “Escape Room” style activities and the KS1 children will be discussing heroes and all classes will be reading the book “The Wolf was Not Sleeping”. It will be a great day to continue to foster that love of reading with our children – we can’t wait to see the costumes!

### **Parents Consultation Evenings**

Parents evenings are in March and will be held via School Cloud. Due to the residential trip for year 5 there are a few different dates to be aware of, please see the chart below for the year group/s you will need to book online for. Bookings will go live on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March on a first booked first served basis.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
Iona - Reception Class	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Lindisfarne - Year 1	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Durham – Year 2	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Walsingham– Year 3	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Padley– Year 4	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Rodsley– Year 5	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Canterbury– Year 6	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March

If you require any assistance booking this appointment, please call the school office on 01773 822278 and Mrs Hyde will be happy to support you.

### **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk**

We will be doing our whole school sponsored walk to support CAFOD on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All pupils will need to wear their PE kit (active uniform) and, depending on the weather, bring in waterproofs, wellies, old trainers or hiking boots. We will be walking on a route around the school field and encouraging everyone to complete as many laps as possible. Please look out for sponsor forms coming home, or alternatively you can donate by clicking on the Just Giving link below.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-elizabeths-big-lent-walk-2024>

### **Y5 residential to Lea Green**

Our Year 5 class will be going on their residential to Lea Green for an outdoors and adventurous activity 3 day stay on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The children will be given a sample of activities (with fully qualified instructors) such as night walking, climbing, orienteering, abseiling, go-karts, bushcraft and problem-solving activities. I'm sure they will have a fantastic time!

### **Our Parish News**

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.



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

	<b>2023/2024</b>	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebration of the Word led by Y5 at 3pm in school hall	Parents of Y5 welcome
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Lamda Showcase in school hall from 3-3.30pm	Lamda children present their verse/prose to school. Parents welcome
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	SATs meeting for parents of Y6 children in Y6 classroom	Y6 parents invited to attend
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	SEA Mother's Day Sale	All children allowed to bring in pocket money to buy a gift
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Visit Belper Fire Station	Y2 pupils
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All pupils dress up as their favourite character from a book
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am World Book Day Assembly	All pupils parade in school hall to show their costumes
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 parent Consultation Evening	Y4 parents via School Cloud
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 and Y5 parent Consultation Evening	Y4 and Y5 parents via School Cloud
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 parent Consultation Evening	Y5 parents via School Cloud
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration of the Word led by Y4 at 3pm in school hall	Parents of Y4 welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Lamda Exams	Lamda pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 parent Consultation Evening	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 parents via School Cloud
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 parent Consultation Evening	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 parents via School Cloud
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y5 residential to Lea Green	Y5
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Celebration of the Word led by Joe our Chaplain, at 3pm in school hall	Parents welcome
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	All pupils
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
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Reception Class new starters for Sept 2024 parent meeting in EYFS at 3.45pm	New parents
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y1 trip to National Space Centre	Y1 pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 trip to Tutbury Castle, Romans day	Y4 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 and SEA cake sale	All pupils
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
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Tough Runner Event	All pupils
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	SEA Father's Day Sale	All pupils
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	SEA movie night	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
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre	All welcome
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	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer outdoor disco	All pupils
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leaver's Mass and tree planting	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
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school	All pupils