



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all who attended our annual Sports Day event, the weather was kind to us, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities. St Dominic's House were the winning team on the day; however, all children tried their best and it was great to see so many happy faces.

All children took part in the "Tough Runner" obstacle course on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, on the school field. You probably noticed Amber Vallet Sports Partnership setting up the obstacles and course for this event if you were around for drop off or collection. The SEA fundraised and supported this event financially, so there was no cost to our families – thank you to the SEA!

**This week** we have a busy week with Belper High School staff coming in to speak with all of our Year 6 class about transition on Monday. On Tuesday, we have the police in to talk about knife crime with years 5 and 6. The final groups of Year 5 pupils will be taking part in their Bike Ability training on Tuesday and Wednesday. Belper in Bloom representatives will be talking to the school in a whole school assembly on Wednesday and then coming into school to work with Year 2 for a Belper in Bloom craft workshop. Our Chaplaincy team will be leading the Celebration of the word at 3pm on Thursday to mark World refugee Day.

We also have many exciting events coming up with Year 6 children starting their transition visits to secondary school and also the exciting Lamda showcase event on the 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30pm-8pm in the school hall (tickets available from the SEA).

### Derbyshire Times article on St Elizabeth's

Please take the time to have a read (and share with family and friends) the article the Derbyshire Times have published about our school and wonderful community.

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/news/people/school-focus-derbyshire-primary-at-world-heritage-site-where-pupils-thrive-4646176>

### Y5 music trip

Year 5 are taking their brass instruments to play along with the famous Halle Symphony Orchestra on 26<sup>th</sup> June. It is a fantastic opportunity for our young musicians who will get to see, hear, play and even dance along to the Halle's music.

### INSET reminder

Please remember our final INSET Day of the academic year is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, school will be closed to all children. If you should need childcare KidZone will be open, but places must be booked in advance with Marie on 07738 353094.



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### **A message from the Trust's Lead Lay Chaplain, Jamie Agius about the Rodsley Pilgrimage**

Unfortunately, this year's pilgrimage is going to have to be re-venued to Our Lady of Lourdes parish church in Mickleover. I spoke to the farmer, whose land we use, yesterday and he says the field isn't and won't be fit for purpose by June 30<sup>th</sup>; this winter's rain has left it still completely sodden. Whilst this is a real shame, Fr Jonathan Whitby-Smith at Our Lady of Lourdes, has kindly said that Mass can be celebrated there. The plan is, that we will start at 2.45pm by saying a decade of the Rosary at the Marian shrine in the parish grounds, before processing into church where Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm.

It goes without saying that you are all still warmly invited to join us on the day. If you are planning on attending, please let school know as we would like some children to take part in readings.

Jamie, Lead Lay Chaplain  
Saint Ralph Sherwin CMAT

### **Parent Workshop**

You may have noticed in the news the familiar topic of anxiety and how children and younger when they need support for this. In order to support parents and families, we have organised an online parent workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> July from 5pm-6.30pm. The workshop is for adults only and will be hosted by Compass: Changing Lives, a group that regularly come into school to support group work and deliver assemblies with our children. In order to join you simply need to click on the link below at 5pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July (no cost and no booking needed).

### **Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)**

#### **[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 374 102 159 424

Passcode: DsQ2SL

### **Safeguarding information**

Please click the following link from the NSPCC as a guide to support parents when making the decision to allow children to either stay home alone or go out alone. As well as useful advice, there are also links to further support.

[nspcc.org.uk home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf](https://nspcc.org.uk/home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf)

### **Midday Supervisors**

Are you interested in being part of a team of midday supervisors working from 11.45am to 1.05pm supervising dinners and encouraging play activities on the playground and field as well as looking after the children's needs during this time? If this is something you might be interested in please call the school office on 01773 822278 and have a chat with Mrs Hyde.

### **Spaces on the Ripley bus - reminder**

There are a few spaces on the Ripley bus, if you would like to consider using this service please see the route below. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and priority is given to the Ripley/Marehay area. To enquire about a place, or to be added to future waiting lists please call the school office on 01773 822278.

#### **Arriving at school (mornings):**

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| Peacocks on the Ripley Market Place                      | - 8.00am |
| Elms Avenue bus stop, Derby Rd, Ripley                   | - 8.03am |
| Marehay Welfare  | - 8.06am |
| Surgery bus stop on Peasehill, Waingroves                | - 8.11am |
| Denby Equestrian and Livery Services, Codnor Lane, Denby | - 8.21am |

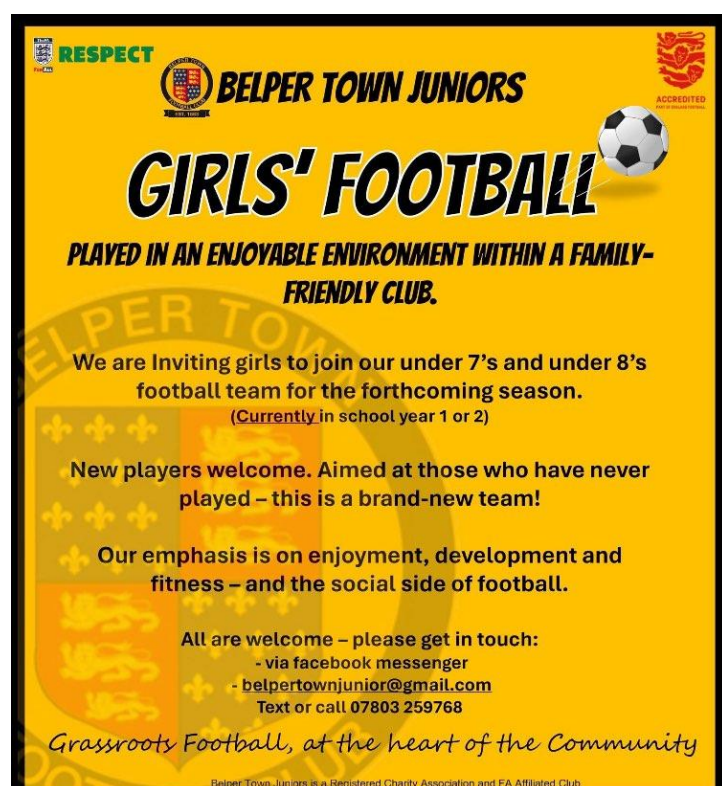
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| Damstead Farm bus stop, Ripley Rd, Heage | - 8.33am |
| Eagle Tavern, Heage                      | - 8.34am |
| St Elizabeth's                           | - 8.42am |



#### **Departing school (afternoons):**

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| St Elizabeth's   | - 3.40pm |
| Eagle Tavern, Heage                                      | - 3.48pm |
| Damstead Farm bus stop, Ripley Rd, Heage                 | - 3.52pm |
| Peacocks on the Ripley Market Place                      | - 4.00pm |
| Elms Avenue bus stop, Derby Rd, Ripley                   | - 4.02pm |
| Marehay Welfare  | - 4.05pm |
| Surgery bus stop on Peasehill, Waingroves                | - 4.08pm |
| Denby Equestrian and Livery Services, Codnor Lane, Denby | - 4.15pm |

#### **Belper Town football Club**

Belper Town are looking for girls in years 1 and 2 to take part in football and join a brand new team, if you know someone who might be interested take a look at the message below.



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# **GIRLS' FOOTBALL**

**PLAYED IN AN ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CLUB.**

We are inviting girls to join our under 7's and under 8's football team for the forthcoming season.  
(Currently in school year 1 or 2)

**New players welcome.** Aimed at those who have never played – this is a brand-new team!

**Our emphasis is on enjoyment, development and fitness – and the social side of football.**

**All are welcome – please get in touch:**  
 - via facebook messenger  
 - [belpertownjunior@gmail.com](mailto:belpertownjunior@gmail.com)  
 Text or call 07803 259768

*Grassroots Football, at the heart of the Community*

Belper Town Juniors is a Registered Charity Association and FA Affiliated Club

#### **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. Please note that dates for the academic year 2024-25 have begun to be added.

Thank you all for your continued support and God Bless,

Mrs Clemens.  
Headteacher.

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

|  | <b>2023/2024</b>   |  |
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| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June                      | Local Police in to talk to Y5 and 6 about knife crime  | Y5 and 6 children  |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Y5 Bike Ability (final group)  | Y5 group   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                    | 3pm Whole school assembly from Belper in Bloom and Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage group           | All pupils   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                     | 3pm Celebration of the word for World Refugee Day Led by Chaplaincy Team and Joe                       | Parents and carers welcome   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                     | Y2 craft workshop  | Y2 with "Belper in Bloom" and Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site group   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                       | Y6 transition to secondary school work with Compass  | Y6 pupils  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Y5 children trip to play alongside and listen to the famous Halle Orchestra                            | Y5 pupils to Derby   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                     | 3pm Introducing our new Chaplaincy team  | All welcome  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                       | INSET  | School closed to all pupils  |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                       | Rodsley Pilgrimage with Bishop Patrick in Mickleover   | Everyone is welcome to visit with their families to take part in this pilgrimage   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                     | Transition Day   | All children move to next class  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Y4 Class assembly  | Y4 parents welcome   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                        | Summer Fayre   | All welcome - opens to parents and families at 2.30pm until 5.30pm   |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                        | First Holy Communion Mass for Y3 pupils 11am at Our Lady's Church, Gibfield Lane, Belper               | Y3 pupils making FHC and their families invited  |
| 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  |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                       | 5pm-6.30pm Online workshop for parents "Supporting children with anxiety" from Compass: Changing Lives | All parents welcome to attend this online workshop (not suitable for children to attend) please use the link.<br><b>Microsoft Teams</b><br><a href="#">Join the meeting now</a><br>Meeting ID: 374 102 159 424<br>Passcode: DsQ2SL |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Y5/6 Performance starting at 6.30pm  | Parents welcome - tickets  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                     | 3pm EYFS Celebration of the Word and Class assembly  | Parents and carers of EYFS welcome   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                       | Reception to Y5 reports to parents (Y6 reports will follow once their SATs results have been received) |  |

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| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                                      | Summer outdoor disco 6-7.30pm   | All pupils                            |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Lamda exams   | Lamda pupils                          |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Opportunity for parents to discuss reports, please call school if you would like to talk to a teacher   |                                       |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | 3pm FHC reflection for Y3 (party earlier in the afternoon)  | Y3 pupils and their families          |
| Monsday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                     | Leaver's Mass with Fr Robbie 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               |
|   | <b>Calendar for 2024-2025</b>   |                                       |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                               | INSET   | School closed to all pupils           |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                                | Back to school  | All pupils                            |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                                | 3pm Celebration of the Word and reflection with Joe our Chaplain  | All pupils                            |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September                                  | Work on phenomenal women to celebrate the birthday of Mary  | All pupils                            |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September                               | 3pm Y5 Celebration of the Word – theme peace  | Whole school and parents of Y5 pupils |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September                               | 3pm Y4 Celebration of the Word  | Whole school and parents of Y4 pupils |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September                                 | 2.30pm in the school hall coffee and cake afternoon to support Macmillan Cancer Support, meet our SENCo, Pupil Premium lead and meet the SEA – the St Elizabeth's Association who are the fundraising team for school | All parents and families invited.     |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                                  | 3pm Y6 Celebration of the Word – theme Stewardship  | Whole school and parents of Y6 pupils |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October                                    | Feast Day of St Francis   | All pupils                            |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | 3pm Celebration of the Word with Compass on Mental Health   | All pupils                            |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                | World food Day  |                                       |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | Harvest Festival  | All invited                           |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October                                   | Break up for half term  | All pupils                            |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November | Half term holiday   | School closed to all pupils           |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                                   | Back to school  | All pupils                            |
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| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                                  | INSET   | School closed to all pupils           |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                                  | Break up for Christmas holidays   | All pupils                            |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December -Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January  | Christmas holidays  | School closed to all pupils           |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | Back to school  | All pupils                            |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January                                   | Choir go to perform at Young Voices   | Choir                                 |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January                                 | 3pm Y5 Celebration of the Word and class assembly   | Whole school and parents of Y5 pupils |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                                 | 3pm Y6 Celebration of the Word and class assembly   | Whole school and parents of Y6 pupils |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January                                 | 3pm Y4 Celebration of the Word and class assembly   | Whole school and parents of Y4 pupils |



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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                                  | 3pm Y3 Celebration of the Word and class assembly  | Whole school and parents of Y3 pupils                    |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                                  | Our Lady of Lourdes – Mary Pilgrimage led by Faith In action group   | All pupils   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                                 | 3pm Y2 Celebration of the Word and class assembly  | Whole school and parents of Y2 pupils                    |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                                 | Break up for half term   | All pupils   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                                   | INSET  | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February -Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Half term holiday  | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                                   | INSET  | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                                  | Back to school   | All pupils   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February                                 | 3pm Y1 Celebration of the Word and class assembly  | Whole school and parents of Y1 pupils                    |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | Shrove Tuesday   | Pancakes on the dinner menu                              |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                                    | Ash Wednesday  |  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | World Book Day<br>At 9.15am there is World Book Day Assembly in the hall, all invited, including a parade of all costumes          | All pupils dress up as their favourite book character    |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | Science week begins  | All pupils   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                                    | 3pm Reception Class Celebration of the Word and class assembly   | Whole school and parents of Reception Class pupils       |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | Big Lent Walk  | All pupils, wear active uniform and appropriate footwear |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April                                      | Y3/4 Easter Performance at 2pm in the school hall  | All invited  |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                                    | Y3/4 Easter Performance at 6.30pm in the school hall   | All invited  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                                       | Break up for Easter holidays   | All pupils   |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April       | Easter holidays  | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                                     | Back to school   | All pupils   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May   | Bank Holiday   | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May  | Y6 SATs week   | All Y6 pupils  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                      | 1.15pm Marian Celebration of the Word in school hall, afterwards all donations of flowers will be delivered on King Street, Belper | 1.15pm Marian Celebration of the Word, all welcome       |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Break up for May half term   | All pupils   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May          | Half term holiday  | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  | Back to school   | All pupils   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                                       | 3pm Corpus Christi Celebration of the Word led by Joe and the Chaplaincy Team with Adoration                                       | All invited  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                                       | INSET  | School closed to all pupils                              |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                                       | 3pm St Peter and Paul Celebration of the Word, Chaplaincy team leading.  | All invited  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                       | 2pm Y5/6 Performance   | Parents invited  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | 6.30pm Y5/6 Performance  | Parents invited  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | 10.15am Y6 Leaver's Assembly   | Y6 parents invited                                       |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Break up for summer holidays   | All pupils   |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July until 4 <sup>th</sup> September       | Summer holidays  | School closed to all pupils                              |

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| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>September 2025 | INSET days                                | School closed to all pupils |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025                                 | Back to school (INSET days to be decided) | All pupils                  |
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