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# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are a few reminders of events coming up, it's always such a busy time in school.

## Y5/6 End of year show, School-a-Vision

A huge thank you goes to you as parents for supporting this show, helping with costumes, learning lines and songs, as well as coming to watch. Thank you to Miss Holmes and Miss Fitzpatrick the Y5 and Y6 teachers and all staff who have helped behind the scenes. The final thank you goes to the children who really worked hard to put a show together – it was fantastic!

## Summer Fayre

This was a wonderful event, thank you for showing your support. The SEA are a fantastic team of people and are always looking for new members and volunteers. If you would like to know more, please call school (01773 822278) and we can give you contact information. One of the committee members is about to leave after 9 years of service – Thank you, Mrs Groombridge, for your dedication to supporting school over that time, your work is very much appreciated – THANK YOU!

## First Holy Communion Reflections

Our children from y3 and 4 who have now made their FHC will be joining in a party on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate with their friends in school. At 3pm they will be joined by Joe our chaplain to lead a Celebration of the Word which parents of Y3 and 4 are welcome to attend. Children who have made their FHC have traditionally dressed in their special clothes for this reflection, if your child would like to dress in their FHC clothes and you would like to help them do this, we will have Y4 class as the boy's changing room from 2.30pm and Y3 as the girls changing room.

## Odgen Olympics

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 4 children representing school will be going to the Ogden Olympics, a physics festival in Derby with our science lead, Mrs Faulker. Good luck team!

## Y6 Leaver's Mass

We are very pleased to let you know that Fr Robbie from the Matlock Parish has availability to celebrate this important milestone in our Year 6's journey. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the school hall, followed by a tree planting and then the Y6 serving their families with biscuits and juice before going home.

## Y6 Leaver's Assembly

Y6 will be leading the assembly in the school hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10am, Y6 parents are invited to join the whole school for this celebration.

Once this has ended the Y6 children will be allowed to bring in a spare shirt to get it signed by their friends in school (felt tip pens, not Sharpies, to sign the shirt will also be needed).



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### **Early Help Signposting**

During the summer holidays if you or members of your family need any support, please take a look at our website using the link below.

[Early Help - St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy \(srsccmat.co.uk\)](http://srsccmat.co.uk)

### **Dinner money**

When we return in September dinner money will be increasing to £3.25 per day. This is not a decision that we take lightly, we are now at the same price of other schools in Derbyshire. To continue to subsidise meals is, unfortunately, no longer an option.

This change will not affect those who are entitled to free school meals through the Universal Free School Meals Programme in Reception, Y1 and Y2. It will also not affect any children in Y3, 4, 5 or 6 who have access to free school meals. If you are unsure about your eligibility for this, please speak to Mrs Hyde in the school office who will be happy to assist you.

If your family would be entitled to free school meals but you have chosen not to register your eligibility, there are many benefits to making an application and we would encourage you to do so. Again, if you would like to know more, please contact the school office.

### **Drop off and collection from school**

In September, all children in all year groups will need to be dropped off and collected by parents. In the final summer term, if parents give written permission, we will allow Year 6 children to walk home on their home, if that is what parents decide.

If you are running late for the start of the school day, please bring your child to the school office for school to establish the reason for lateness and to order a school dinner. School gates open at 8.45am and the whistle for line up goes at 8.55am. The school day ends at 3.30pm.

If you need support with childcare before or after school times, please contact our wrap around care group called KidZone which opens from 7.30am and closes at 6pm, for more details contact Marie on 07738 353094.

### **Lost Property**

We seem to have accumulated quite a lot of lost property items, jumpers, coats etc. We have been through and returned items to children who had names in items. However, if your child has lost anything, please ask them to check before the end of this week. Any items left over will be taken to charity shops or kept in school for spares.

### **RAAC**

We are unsure when work will take place as we are waiting for the DfE (Department of Education) to confirm. As an update, I can confirm we have surveys completed, contractors in place and are just waiting for the go ahead and a potential start date from the DfE. The work will be a new roof over the KS1 classroom area including Reception, Year 1, the corridor in KS1 and the toilets. When the work begins the top playground will become an area for the contractors to park, store materials and also have their facilities and work base. As soon as we have start dates, please be reassured that we will communicate this with you.

### **PE first few days in September**

When we return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September there will be no PE, so everyone can return in normal school uniform. Welcome letters from each class will go out at the start of the new term and will have lots of details, including PE days.

### **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.



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### 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 from the whole St Elizabeth's team - we wish you all a wonderful summer.

Mrs Clemens.  
Headteacher.

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

	2023/2024	
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
	Calendar for 2024-2025	
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	All parents and families invited.

	Elizabeth's Association who are the fundraising team for school	
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
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
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 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 - any parents visiting, feel free to dress up if you wish to do so... no pressure : )
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
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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