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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now welcomed back all our students and have been so incredibly proud of the way they have returned – with smart uniforms, wonderful behaviour, ready to learn and of course big smiles! We know there's a lot to get done during the summer to be ready to return to school, so thank you to all families in our school community.

"Meet the Teacher" events

Coming up this week we have the "Meet the Teacher" events on the evening of Wednesday 18th September, there will be two presentations the first 3.45-4.15pm and then repeated at 4.30-5pm. The presentations will take place in your child/children's class so please come on into school to "Meet the teacher". If anyone cannot make these timings, all presentations shown on the night will be emailed out to the contact details you provided us with, this will be done prior to the event taking place.

Swimming

Y4 started their swimming lessons this week.

At St Elizabeth's swimming lessons are carried out at Belper Leisure Centre via Derbyshire County Council swim teachers. The children will leave St Elizabeth's by bus and be accompanied by our staff. Swimming lessons for Y4 last for half a year, until the February half term and then Y3 children will start their lessons. All details about kit needed have been sent home, please get in touch with Miss Hickling in Y4 (or later in the year with Miss Evans in Y3) if you have any questions.

Celebrations of the Word

We return to our pattern of "assemblies" with Y5 hosting the Celebration of the Word this Thursday (19th September) at 3pm in the school hall on their class value of Peace (Saturday 21st September is the International day of Peace). Parents and family members of Y5 children are invited to attend this, if you are available.

Each Thursday this will be hosted by a different class with families invited, so please do look on the calendar of events (attached to the bottom of this newsletter) to put dates in your diary.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and School Council Coat Swap

School will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting a coffee and cake sale on Friday 27th September 2.30-3.30pm. Please would you send your donations for made or bought cakes/biscuits in to school on the morning of the 27th, if you are worried about children bringing these in they can be dropped off at the door to the school hall from 8.45am until the start of school. The choir and our reception class will be singing at this event.

On the same afternoon you will be able to come and meet the SEA, the St Elizabeth's Association who work to fund raise for school. Miss Hickling our SENCO will be displaying notices regarding SEND support. Mrs Wilby will be displaying Pupil Premium notices and available to give advice.



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The school council will be displaying coats for swaps/donations, it is their wish that everyone has a warm coat for winter. Any coats left after this event will be donated to a school in the City of Derby who have many refugee families who need support.

Parent Consultation Evenings (including SEND)

These will be held in October. We hold these meetings via the School Cloud App and they are booked online, each meeting lasting 10 minutes. If you have any concerns about accessing these meetings, please contact the school office for advice with connecting or booking appointments.

The dates are Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October. The app will be opened for booking appointments at 4pm on Monday 14th October.

For children with any SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) we hold an additional night to discuss the targets on the child's APDR (Assess, Plan, Do and Review), this is 20 minutes, still booked via School Cloud but during the booking process parents can decide if they would prefer online or face to face meetings. The date of the SEND review night is Wednesday 6th November, the booking for this will be done on the School Cloud App and also open on Monday 14th October.

Annual flu spray from NHS nurses

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/4dfabb0c>

The vaccinations will take place at St Elizabeth's CVA on Monday 7th October 2024. The link will close on the 23rd September 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

Young Voices Concert - Choir

We are taking our school choir to sing in the Young Voices Concert on Wednesday 12th February 2025, at Sheffield Arena.

'Young Voices' is the world's largest children's choir concert and, by taking part, the children will rehearse, and perform, a wide variety of songs and dance moves to a packed concert arena alongside their peers, children from other schools and incredible artists. Information has already been sent out to parents of the children in our choir (for years 3, 4, 5 and 6), if you feel this is something you would like your child (in KS2) to be part of, ask them to join choir, with Mrs Turner, in the next few days – it's not too late!

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.

Derbyshire Catering are also looking for Relief catering staff. Should this be a role that interests you, please click on the link below.

[Catering Assistant \(Belper, Ripley, Wirksworth, Ashbourne and Derby\) \(Relief\) \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](#)

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

	Calendar for 2024-2025	
Wednesday 4 th September	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 5 th September	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 5 th September	3pm Celebration of the Word and reflection with Joe our Chaplain	All pupils
Friday 6 th September	Work on phenomenal women to celebrate the birthday of Mary	All pupils
Wednesday 18 th Sept	Meet the teacher events in all classrooms from 3.45-4.15pm and then repeated 4.30-5pm, no need to book, just come along and meet the teacher!	All parents invited
Thursday 19 th September	3pm Y5 Celebration of the Word – theme peace	Whole school and parents of Y5 pupils
Thursday 26 th September	3pm Y4 Celebration of the Word	Whole school and parents of Y4 pupils
Friday 27 th 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 rd October	3pm Y6 Celebration of the Word – theme Stewardship	Whole school and parents of Y6 pupils
Friday 4 th October	Feast Day of St Francis	All pupils
Thursday 10 th October	3pm Celebration of the Word with Compass on Mental Health	All pupils
Wednesday 16 th October	World food Day	
Thursday 17 th October	Harvest Festival	All invited
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term	All pupils
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4 th November	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 29 th November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays	All pupils
Monday 23 rd December -Friday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays	School closed to all pupils

Monday 6 th January	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 10 th January	Choir go to perform at Young Voices	Choir
Thursday 16 th January	3pm Y5 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y5 pupils
Thursday 23 rd January	3pm Y6 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y6 pupils
Thursday 30 th January	3pm Y4 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y4 pupils
Thursday 6 th February	3pm Y3 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y3 pupils
Tuesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes – Mary Pilgrimage led by Faith In action group	All pupils
Thursday 13 th February	3pm Y2 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y2 pupils
Thursday 13 th February	Break up for half term	All pupils
Friday 14 th February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Monday 17 th February -Friday 21 st February	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 24 th February	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 25 th February	Back to school	All pupils
Thursday 27 th February	3pm Y1 Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Y1 pupils
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday	Pancakes on the dinner menu
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 6 th 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 th March	Science week begins	All pupils
Thursday 13 th March	3pm Reception Class Celebration of the Word and class assembly	Whole school and parents of Reception Class pupils
Tuesday 25 th March	Big Lent Walk	All pupils, wear active uniform and appropriate footwear
Tuesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter Performance at 2pm in the school hall	All invited
Wednesday 2 nd April	Y3/4 Easter Performance at 6.30pm in the school hall	All invited
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter holidays	All pupils
Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April	Easter holidays	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to school	All pupils
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week	All Y6 pupils
Thursday 22 nd 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 rd May	Break up for May half term	All pupils
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half term holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2 nd June	Back to school	All pupils
Friday 20 th June	3pm Corpus Christi Celebration of the Word led by Joe and the Chaplaincy Team with Adoration	All invited
Monday 30 th June	INSET	School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 1 st July	3pm St Peter and Paul Celebration of the Word, Chaplaincy team leading.	All invited
Tuesday 8 th July	2pm Y5/6 Performance	Parents invited
Wednesday 9 th July	6.30pm Y5/6 Performance	Parents invited
Thursday 24 th July	10.15am Y6 Leaver's Assembly	Y6 parents invited
Thursday 24 th July	Break up for summer holidays	All pupils
Friday 25 th July until 4 th September	Summer holidays	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 4 th and Friday 5 th September 2025	INSET days	School closed to all pupils
Monday 8 th September 2025	Back to school (INSET days to be decided)	All pupils