



JOY FORGIVENESS FAITH RESPECT SERVICE PEACE STEWARDSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Monday 30th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported Macmillan Cancer Support at our coffee and cake sale on Friday 27th September. Thank you to all who so generously donated cakes or biscuits. A big thank you to Mr Ward for organising the raffle, so far this has made a huge £531.90... and there is still time to buy a ticket costing £1 each for this wonderful charity as tickets will be coming home and you simply complete the stub with your details and then send it back with the money. The raffle will be drawn this Thursday 3rd October at Y6's Celebration of the word at 3pm in the hall, you are very welcome to attend this.

The choir and our reception class sang beautifully during the afternoon, and we were so proud of them all, we really hope you enjoyed it.

On the same afternoon you were able to meet the SEA, Miss Hickling our SENCO who displayed notices regarding SEND support and Mrs Wilby who displayed Pupil Premium notice. These notices are still available for you, if you feel you need further advice on these topics please contact the school office on 01773 822278

who will be more than happy to help your enquiries.

School council organised a coat swap, all coats left after this event will be donated to a school in the City of Derby who have many refugee families who need support, if your child is in need of a coat and you were not able to attend, please contact school before these coats get delivered at the end of this week (Friday 4th October).

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.

Bishop Patrick visiting St Elizabeth's

As part of a trip to the area, Bishop Patrick will be visiting St Elizabeth's on the morning of Monday 7th October, this is the Feast Day of our Lady of the Rosary. He will be meeting with our Chaplaincy Team and Joe, our Chaplain. He will be leading the children in praying a decade of the Rosary, it's an exciting event as this will be lived streamed not just to every classroom at our school, but to all schools in the Nottingham Diocese!

TT Rockstars Day

You may be aware that we use an app called "Times Tables Rock Stars", this encourages children to learn their times tables and helps them to prepare for the Statutory Multiplication Test that Y4 complete later this year. In order to re-launch the importance of learning times tables (both in school and at home), we are having a dress as a rockstar day on Friday 18th October. All fancy dress is allowed – in the past this has ranged from wigs, bandanas, t-shirts, jeans and even blow-up guitar/microphones accessories! Please don't think you need to buy anything new for this day it is simply a lot of fun whilst we re-emphasise with everyone about learning numbers, repeating patterns and that these sequences will help with times tables.

Oracy Project

Last year our Y4 and Y5 children were lucky enough to be supported by a local theatre artist to support them with speaking out and having the confidence to do so, therefore improving their oracy skills. This year we have been able to secure this for all classes in school and our artist, Laura Goulden, will be working with every class, staff and also giving career talks to classes. In October, years Reception to Y4 will be meeting with Laura for their career talks.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest festival on Thursday 17th October in the school hall at 3pm. At the request of parents each year group will be taking a turn to perform a song or poem, and yes, there will be "Cauliflowers Fluffy" making a return. You asked – we responded!

Any donations for harvest can be sent into school with classes initially making their own class displays before all of the produce comes down to the hall for the festival. Afterwards the produce will be donated to Hope For Belper, which is a food bank. Please consider donating meals in a tin (eg chilli, big breakfast), tea, coffee, toiletries, nappies etc (the food bank are ok for baked beans at present). Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

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.

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	
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
Monday 7 th October	Feast Day for Our Lady of the Rosary - Bishop Patrick visits school to meet with the Chaplaincy Team and live stream a Decade of the Rosary	Live streams to all Nottingham Diocesan Schools from St Elizabeth's
Thursday 10 th October	3pm Celebration of the Word with Compass on Mental Health	All pupils
Friday 11 th October	LAMDA exams	LAMDA pupils
Monday 14 th October (week beginning)	Science Road Show in school hall	For Y2 upwards
Monday 14 th October	Booking for Parent Consultation Evening and SEND review meetings open on School Cloud	School Cloud bookings open for parent meetings
Tuesday 15 th October	SEA AGM at 7.30pm	
Wednesday 16 th October	World Food Day	
Thursday 17 th October	Harvest Festival - 3pm in school hall, produce (meals in a tin eg curry/chilli, household goods eg toilet rolls, soap and toothpaste) can be brought into school from Monday 7 th October and will be displayed in classrooms.	All invited. All produce will be sent to the Hope for Belper, Food Bank.
Friday 18 th October	TT Rockstars Day, working on Times Tables	All pupils – dress as a rockstar
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parent Consultation Evenings	Via School Cloud, all classes
Thursday 24 th October	Parent Consultation Evenings	Via School Cloud, all classes
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
Wednesday 13 th -Friday 15 th November	Y6 Residential Trip to Willersley Castle	Y6 pupils
Monday 18 th November	Police in school to speak with Y6 about knife crime	Y6 pupils
Tuesday 19 th November	Feast Day of St Elizabeth of Hungary	
Thursday 28 th November	Non-uniform day to support the SEA Christmas Fayre, please donate anything chocolate	All pupils
Friday 29 th November	INSET	School closed to all pupils
Friday 6 th December	Non-uniform day to support the SEA Christmas Fayre, please donate anything in a bottle eg bubble bath, juice, wine etc	All pupils

Monday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity to the whole school	KS1 perform for KS2 pupils
Tuesday 10 th December	2pm KS1 Nativity to parents/carers	KS1 parents welcome
Wednesday 11 th December	6.30pm KS1 Nativity to parents/carers	KS1 parents welcome
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Fayre	Afternoon, all welcome
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day and Panto!	All pupils
Thursday 19 th December	10am Advent Mass in school	All pupils and parish welcome
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
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
Wednesday 12 th February	Choir go to perform at Young Voices	Choir
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
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	1.15pm Marian Celebration of the Word, all welcome

	flowers will be delivered on King Street, Belper	
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	All pupils