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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Notes for your diary

18th Sept – meet the teacher 6.30 pm year 1,2 & 3 – Main site

18th Sept – meet the teacher 7.15 pm years 4,5& 6 Main site

18th Sept 7.45pm The Friends of St Winifred's Annual General Meeting

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see all the children again looking so smart and ready to learn. I am amazed at how much they have all grown!

Our Nursery and Reception pupils are settling in really well and it is wonderful to welcome so many new families to our school community.

We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting school year.

Parking

Please ensure that you do not park across driveways or block residents in when dropping off or picking up your child. It is great to see so many of our pupils using sustainable transport to travel to and from school. If your child is cycling to school, please ensure that they remember to wear their helmet.

School Meals 3 – 6

The cost of school meals for this half term is £74.80/£2.20 per day/£11 per week.

This is payable via ParentPay in advance half termly or weekly, but not in arrears. If you are experiencing difficulties please come and talk to us so we can support you.

Packed lunches

Please ensure that you follow our school 'Packed lunch policy' when preparing your child's lunch. Please follow this link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/dinner-time/packed-lunch-policy/>



Instrument Lessons (Years 3 – 6)

These will start during the week beginning 17th September and will continue for 10 weeks – finishing on Thursday 3rd December.

There are still places available for flute and brass lessons. If your child is interested please let the office know.

Secondary Transfers etc

Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class, please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day.

Lewisham open days link: <https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/Pages/open-days.aspx>

Applying to start primary school 2019-20 Applications for Reception Class places for September 2019 can now be made on line. Link to our web site: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/admissions/>

If you live in the borough of Lewisham:

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school/Pages/default.aspx>

If you live in the borough of Greenwich:

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/458/apply_for_a_primary_school_place

If you live in the borough of Bromley:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/13/primary_school_admissions/72/making_an_application_for_primary_school

Meet your child's teacher

We will be holding class meetings for all parents and carers of pupils from years 1 to 6, on Tuesday 18th September. These meetings will give you an opportunity to find out about class routines, homework etc. Meetings for parents and carers of pupils from year 1 to 3 will be from 6.30 to 7.00 and the meeting for parents and carers of pupils from year 4 to 6 will be from 7.15 to 7.45.

Following the meeting, there will be refreshments in the hall and you are all invited to join us for the Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Winifred's. This meeting is for parents and carers of children in all classes and will last no more than 30 minutes.

The Friends have done an amazing job in bringing our school community together for many wonderful events during the past year. They have also raised a huge amount of money to support our children. Please come along and support their incredible efforts to enrich the experiences provided in our schools for your child.

We will be holding parent/teacher individual meetings on 6th and 7th November and will send out details nearer to the time.

After School Clubs Year 1 - 6

The selection form has been sent out today by email and a paper copy has been given to your child. Please return this by 3pm Monday 10th September.

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes Lee

A huge Thank You to everyone who supported the Chorus' summer concert for Water Aid in July; we raised just over £700. This was an amazing amount and will be used to bring fresh water and sanitation to overseas areas in desperate need.

In other Chorus news, we begin rehearsing again here in the church at 8pm on 10th September in preparation for our Christmas concert. It seems wrong to talk of Christmas so early - but we need the next few months to rehearse some old and new music. If you have never sung with a choir before then this is a great term to come along for a couple of taster sessions as much of the music will be familiar to you and EVERYONE loves singing Christmas carols and songs. The welcome is of course open to all our current and past members and please do ask friends and family to join. We especially would welcome younger people and more MEN!!

Message from the Friends

The Friends would like to join the school in welcoming everyone back; we hope that you had a good summer.

We would like to invite you to attend the Friends of St Winifred's AGM taking place immediately after the forthcoming meet the teacher meetings on Wednesday 18 September. During the AGM we will present a cheque to Miss Hanrahan for the funds, that with your help we raised over the last school year. We will also present a brief Chair and Treasurer report detailing events we have held and what the money raised is spent on and how it has benefited your children.

We would love to have some new members to keep up the good work and many hand make light work. Can you spare some time to meet to plan events? Could you sit on the occasional sub-group to help organise a specific event? Our 'Flexible Friends', parents and carers who we can call upon to help run the event on the day are also there to share the workload and offer support.

We'd love to have you on board! If you would like to join the Committee please email stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com

Other ways to help raise money:

The wonder that is the internet allows us to raise money without organising events, and there are several ways you can help with this:

- Easy Fundraising – www.easyfundraising.org.uk allows you to raise money for the school whilst shopping online – you simply log onto your EasyFundraising account, and head to the online shop you want using the link on the website. Every time you make a purchase, a percentage is donated by EasyFundraising to our School.
- Stamptastic – Clothes will undoubtedly get lost at school. Many jumpers and cardigans go missing, and bizarrely, trousers and shirts often disappear too. St Winifred's recommends labeling all of your child's items of clothing, and the Friends have teamed up with Stamptastic to make this easier for our parents. Use this link to buy your stamps and the school earns 20% for every stamp sold! https://stamptastic.co.uk/pages/school-welcome#a_aid=5b3d18f2391bb

Lewisham Music

Please follow this link to read the September Music Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/279f791e039f/lewisham-music-newsletter-sept18?e=cd1b53fba5>

Attendance

Please support your child by ensuring they are in school before the bell is rung each morning. Lots of our pupils are arriving late every day and missing the beginning of their learning. **All classes including Nursery and Reception, are expected to start their school at 8.45.**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Late</u>
Reception C	99%	0	Year 3W	92%	0	Year 5K	94%	1
Reception BC	97%	0	Year 3F	95%	0	Year 5F	98%	2
Year 1 A	94%	4	Year 4T	97%	0	Year 6F	96%	0
Year 1 LC	91%	2	Year 4CW	98%	0	Year 6M	98%	0
Year 2A	98%	2						
Year 2M	94%	2						

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan