

12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Armistice Day

Yesterday, we commemorated the signing of the Armistice, which brought an end to the First World War and we remembered all those who gave their lives in service to their country since 1914. Our assemblies focused on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday and why we stop to take time to remember.



The children have also conducted their own research, made art work, their own poppies and prayers. Please stop to have a look at 3M's display, as you come into the playground, it will be there for the whole month of November.

At 11am, the school community fell silent and respected the two-minute silence. At today's assembly, Mr Howell played 'The Last Post' on the trumpet, in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

November:

15th: Odd Socks Day – 50p
19th: Friendship Friday
22nd: Cake Sale and AGM
28th: Advent begins

December:

10th: Christmas Lunch
17th: Whole School Mass
Class Parties
End of Term

Anti-Bullying Week 2021: 15th-19th November

Next week we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week 2021. The year's theme is '**One Kind Word**'. This week is essential to reiterate the behaviour messages we are constantly re-enforcing with the children. This is a Catholic school, underpinned by Gospel Values, we are always striving for the children to look to Jesus and ask themselves, "What would Jesus do?" It is our job to support the children in this learning. Children need to be taught how to be able to manage their feelings and emotions; how to seek help when they need to and to be empathetic to the feelings of their peers. It is vital that we as a school are united with the parents and carers, as we all want the children to be happy and thrive at our school. Merits next week will focus on those who have been kind.

In class, the children will be learning about forming and nurturing friendships; how to be a good friend and how to resolve disagreements. They will also be learning about what bullying is, why it is not acceptable and what impact that has on a victim of bullying. Bullying is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. I attach a parent/carers flyer on bullying for your information. The School Council, have also been tasked at looking at the school's Anti-Bullying Policy and will gathering views from their classes. The School Council will then meet with leadership, to feedback the children's suggestions on the policy.

Odd Sock Day: Monday 15th

Odd Socks Day is the launch of Anti-Bullying week. It is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We ask that the children bring a 50p donation to school on Monday. With the money we raise, we will buy equipment to encourage positive play on the playground. The School Council will be told the amount raised and will be asked to decide on what the children would like to buy.



Friendship Friday: Friday 19th

As it is the last day of Anti-Bullying week, we want to ensure that the children have an opportunity to continue to develop their positive relationships with their class. We invite all the children to bring in one toy or game to school. On arrival to school, the children will hand their toy/game to the class teacher, who will keep a record of what has been brought in and will keep it safe. On Friday afternoon the children will be allowed to play with their toy/game with their friends.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<p>The toy/game they choose needs to be one that encourages collaborative play indoors and that they are happy to share.</p> <p>This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cards / Dominoes• Board Games• Dolls / Teddies• Bingo• Construction: Duplo / Lego	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No toys that are expensive or have sentimental value. Accidents do happen• No electronic devices: DS, PS, Switch etc• No throwing and catching games <p>If a toy or game is brought in which is not suitable, the class teacher will return it at the end of the day.</p>

"Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week"

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

For more information and support please visit:

- <https://www.childnet.com/resources> and use the filter for "bullying"
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/online-bullying>

Before and After School Sports Clubs

Letters offering breakfast football clubs to Years 5 and 6 have gone home today. There will be after school sports clubs to follow soon. Each club will be limited to 16 children, if your child is interested, then please return the permission slip as soon as possible.

Friends of St Winifred's Cake Sale:

On Monday 22nd November The Friends will be hosting their first event of the year, a cake sale, straight after school. On the morning of the sale, please could you bring individual donations of cake/muffin/biscuits, so there is no cutting involved. The cake sale will be followed by the AGM at 4pm.

If you would like more information or would like to offer your services please contact the Friends via email: stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com



Reception 2022:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2022 (born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! Our open days have now begun. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office. Please feel free to share this information with prospective parents you may know.

During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Friday 26 th November Friday 7 th January	Monday 15 th November Thursday 2 nd December Monday 10 th January	Thursday 9 th December

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2022 can now be made on line. Please follow this link:

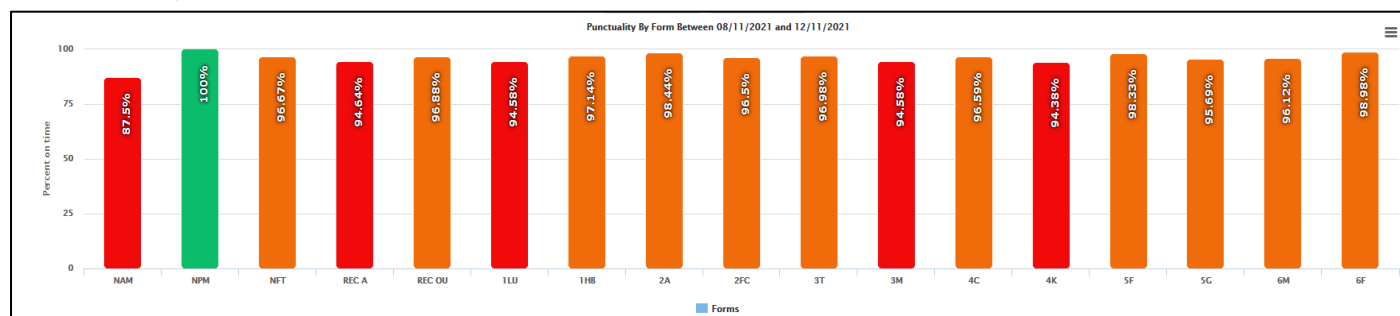
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserives/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Lend a helping hand: Saturday 6th November

A **HUGE** thank you to the parents who gave up their Saturday Morning to come and build the planters and the Shed in the old premises house. It is such a good example of the community spirit that exists here at St Winifred's. The garden is almost ready for the children to start growing produce. Thank you once again!

Punctuality:

Punctuality varied this week. Some classes did very well, others are below 95%. I thank all of you for trying hard to arrive on time, let's see if all classes can be above 97% next week.



This graph shows the punctuality for this week. This week's winner is: 6F! Well done to 6F! Let's see who can win it next week!

Christmas

As you already know from last week's newsletter, we have started planning for our Christmas celebrations. We want our children to have a fantastic Advent in school and prepare for this wonderful time of the year.

Nativities / Christmas Performances:

The teachers are preparing for phase group collaborative Christmas performances: EYs, KS1, Lower KS2 (Yrs 3&4) and Upper KS2 (Yrs 5&6). If the current guidance remains, we will be inviting parents/carers into school to watch these special performances. These events will be held with strict COVID-19 measures, in order to reduce the risk. Next week I hope to be able to share dates, times and the Covid-19 H&S measures in place for these performances.



Christmas Lunch:

On Friday 10th of December, the children will be having their traditional Christmas lunch. Children who are usually packed lunch can opt to have a Christmas lunch on this day. We will be sending home a letter next week. If your child would like to have a school lunch on this day, please return the slip at the bottom of the letter.

School Dinner Money – Nursery, years 3 - 6

The cost of school meals for this half term is £78.20/£2.30 per day/£11.50 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.

Parent App:

There are 140 app users now. Thank you to those who use it! I would like more users. If you have not downloaded the app yet, please do so. I have had really positive feedback from parents who have started using it. You are able to access the information we hold on your children. Since using the app, so many contact details have been updated. Vital information that we need, if we needed to contact you in an emergency. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



Social Media:

As you all know, I have created a Facebook, Instagram and Twitter account for the school. If you have not started following us, it's not too late to do so! I have been sharing lots of photos of the children in school and on trips and of their displays.

If you would rather your child **not** be included in photos and videos, please return the letter to the school or send a request via the Scholar Pack app. We will then update our information and know which children not to include in our posts.



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Wednesday Word

Please see the link to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/thewednesdaywordwebsite/>

Food Bank

Please be reminded that the school's foodbank is open. If you would like to access it, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, all donations will be greatly received.

Lewisham Music

Please follow this link to access new music opportunities:

<https://mailchi.mp/3daffc5bad75/upcoming-projects-5379355?e=cd1b53fba5>

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, it really is very much appreciated.

Claire Gillespie