



17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week. The children all came to school in Odd Socks on Monday and raised £84.40 This money will be used by the children to fund additional equipment on the playground to encourage positive play.

In class they have all been considering what it means to be a good friend and what to do if they see someone being unkind. There has been so much work going on around the school linked to 'anti-bullying': PSHE, writing, art and even coding. Year 2 have created some very creative 'Wanted' posters; Reception have created stunning hearts and focussed on what it means to be kind; and Year 6 have been analysing the role of bullies and the victim through their whole class book- 'The Song from Somewhere Else'.

### Pupil Climate Network: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

The Lewisham Pupils Climate Network is a termly meeting for pupils from Lewisham schools to get together and discuss how to work together to reduce our impact on the climate. The aim of this meeting will be to provide support to schools and pupils on their zero-carbon journey.

This term's meeting is being held at St Winifred's. With children coming from six schools. The first part will have our school council giving a tour to the visiting schools, highlighting:

- *The kitchen garden as a resource for teaching how to grow local seasonal vegetables*
- *How we are reducing our plastic use by using refillable glue pots instead of glue sticks*
- *How we cut down on food waste and increased composting*
- *Tree planting in the playground and on the street to provide more shade in hot summers*
- *our wildflower window box project Ovo Award*
- *projects encouraging more active travel, like Dr Bike, Walk to School Week, for example.*

In the second half, the children will learn about the annual climate conference, COP 28, held in Dubai. They will make pledge cards to highlight the issue of climate change and encourage their own school communities to reduce their carbon.

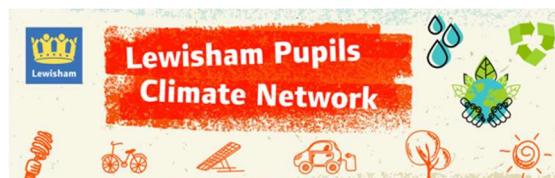


### November

- 15<sup>th</sup>: St Juan Diego (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery
- 20<sup>th</sup>: St Kateri (Yr 4) trip to British Museum
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Pupil Climate Network
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>: Scholastic Book Fair
- 24<sup>th</sup>: St Martin (Yr4) trip to British Museum

### December

- 5<sup>th</sup>: St Alphonsa (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery
- 5<sup>th</sup>: [EYs Nativity](#) – 2pm
- 6<sup>th</sup>: [EYs Nativity](#) – 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Community Conversation 3:30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup>: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Yr 4 & 5 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto
- 13<sup>th</sup> : Upper KS2 Carol Concert 6/7pm tbc
- 14<sup>th</sup> : Yr 3 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto
- 15<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
- 15<sup>th</sup> : Early Years & KS1 Panto (In School)
- 18<sup>th</sup>: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> : Yr 6 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Mass – 9:30am
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Holidays



## Scholastic Book Fair

We are so excited to be hosting a book fair in school. There will be hundreds of books to choose from, with prices starting from just £2.99. The book fair will be in the main hall from 3.15pm to 4.00pm on 24th November to 29th November. Children will also get to browse the books during school time. The school earns free books when you purchase. Come along and support our school!



## Nativities



Early Years, KS1 and Lower KS2 will have their nativity in school in the school hall. To attend these performances, you will need to click on the links above in the calendar or in the attachment for each phase group (underlined). We are offering two tickets per child. However, if you were to want more, we will put you on a waiting list and issue additional spaces nearer the time if available. You will not receive a physical ticket.

Upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6, will lead us in a Carol Concert in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the evening. As it is being held in the church in the evening, we hope that the whole family will be able to attend and there is no need to book.

## Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

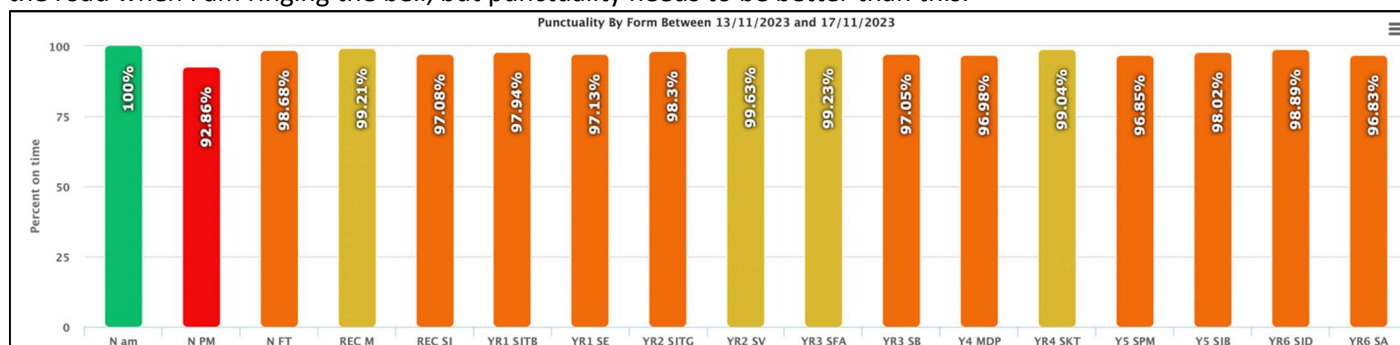
During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Monday 27th November Tuesday 9th January	Thursday 7th December	Friday 24th November Wednesday 13th December

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

## Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.6% (DfE expects 95%)

The majority of school is above 97% (apart from a few)!!!! I do try and wait for those late arrivals that appear along the road when I am ringing the bell, but punctuality needs to be better than this.



This week's winners are Nursery a.m. with 100%, followed by St Mary, St Veronica, St Francis and St Kateri all on 99%!

## Class Assemblies and Mass:



You are all warmly invited to attend your child's class assembly in school or accompany your child's class to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

### Assemblies:

When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy or in the foyer of the main hall. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.



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Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> St Paul Miki (Yr 5) Changed		23 <sup>rd</sup> Year 1

### Mass:

In order to continue to nurture our relationship with Fr Emeka and the parish, this term the children in their year groups will all be attending the parish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This will also help them learn the parts of the mass

and the responses. If you would like to accompany your child when they go to mass, please talk to your class teacher, as help walking the children to church would be very much appreciated.

### **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.

### **School Ping**

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app. If you haven't yet, you should have received an email regarding School Ping. SchoolPing is a free app which sends instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or by logging in to your account on the web. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the school's news. Moving forward, all communication from the school will be via this app. From feedback, we could see that not all parents were receiving our emails and the current ScholarPack App does not have the same functionality. Please make sure the school has your current email address.



### **LOL Chorus News**

The Chorus' Christmas Concert this year will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4pm in the church. As well as a collection of traditional Christmas carols, the concert will feature some less traditional seasonal songs and we are delighted that children from St Winifred's will also be performing during the concert. Please put this in your diary now.

### **Social Media:**

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie