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**Newsletter No 10**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Events this week**

I am delighted to tell you that our team who took part in the Primary maths challenge last week have gone through to the regional finals. We are extremely proud of them and wish them well in the next round.

On Tuesday we had our annual Trinity Laban Supersonics classical music workshops for our year 4 and 5 pupils. The students from Trinity Laban brought harps and other amazing instruments to play for the children. This is a huge privilege and an awesome experience for the children. ,

On Wednesday, our year 3 pupils went to British Museum to study Egyptians. They had a really interesting visit and I have been told that their behaviour was excellent.

**Litter**

Lots of children at both sites are coming out of school eating snacks because they have worked so hard and are starving. I have been asked by our neighbours to appeal to you to remind the children about putting food wrappers and other waste in the blue public bins please.

**Fire Brigade**

Earlier this week, there was a fire in a large estate near our main site. This occurred at pick up time when the area was very busy and the fire brigade was called immediately. However the engine experienced great difficulty getting to the fire due to double parking and parking on corners on the area of the estate. Please consider the impact of parking in this way. Also, please remember that zig zags cannot be used for dropping children off.

**Book Fair**

The Autumn book fair will be here from Thursday 30th November to Wednesday 6th December after school in the hall.

There will be hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Come and join us! There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try the discounted Gift Vouchers available at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents> they're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

**Notes for your diary**

**Quiz Night** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Fayre** – 25<sup>th</sup> November from 12 – 3pm

**Book Fair** - Thursday 30th November to Wednesday 6th December

**Children's Christmas Disco** - Friday 1st December

## **Christmas Productions – not long now!**

I can hear Christmas songs all around the school already!

I am including the timetable for our planned class Christmas productions. We will be using three different halls this year so please ensure you come to the correct one.

	<b>EYFS Site</b>	<b>Main Site small hall</b>	<b>Main Site big hall</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Nursery 2.30	-	-
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception C 1.30		-
5 <sup>th</sup> December	-		3A 2.15
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception B 1.30	-	3U 2.15
7 <sup>th</sup> December	-	-	5K 2.00
8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	1A 2.00	-
11 <sup>th</sup> December	-	2CL 1.15	4T 2.00
12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	2FM 1.15	4L 2.00
13 <sup>th</sup> December	-	1D 2.00	-
14 <sup>th</sup> December	-	-	6M 2.00
15 <sup>th</sup> December	-	-	5/6F 2.00

### **Events organised by the Parish**

#### **First Communion Programme 2017/18**

The next session will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The children will be in the church and the parents in the hall, both at 10:00am. Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the sessions can start and finish on time; teas and coffees will be available in the hall from 9:45am.

We will be covering Chapter 2 Special Gift – if possible please try to talk to your child beforehand about their name – either why it was chosen, what does it mean or any other significance you may have for that choice.

#### **Christmas Fayre – How can you help?**

The Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 12 – 3 p.m. in the St Winifred's school main hall (Newstead Road site). We are appealing for your support and here are some of the ways you can help:

- Can you help run a stall? A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church.
- Could you give some time to help with setting up or clearing away? Please sign up on the list at the back of the church.
- Donations: We are appealing for donations of unwanted gifts -toiletries, cosmetics etc. (4/5 November but we are still accepting), bottles (11/12 November but we are still accepting), or good quality second hand books and toys (18/19 November).
- Can you make something for our cake stall?
- Lucky Squares: As we have done in recent years, we have a 1000 squares board instead of a Grand Draw to support our Christmas Fayre
- Publicise the event – can you put up a poster? : Available in the church.
- Most importantly – keep the date free and come along with your friends and family

## Events organised by Parents & Friends

### St Winifred's Mum's Christmas Social Evening

It's that time of year again...Yes coming up to Christmas BUT more importantly the time for us mum's to get together and let our hair down for a good old festive knees up!! 8th December @The Dirty South in Lewisham - time to be confirmed. All mums, aunties, grannies and nannies welcome. Spread the word and look forward to seeing you all!

If you could let me know via your WhatsApp reps or the friends' email if you can make it and then I can get a rough idea of numbers.

Dad's night to be announced!

### Messages from the Friends

**Last Week to Order:** Fresh, premium grade Nordmann non-drop trees at great prices. Every tree purchased supports the school and last years trees were beautiful. Please order by 24th November. Trees will be available for collection on 9th December from the infant site. Please follow this link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/newsletters/>

**Volunteers Needed:** Thank you to all those who have already volunteered. The Christmas children's school discos will be on Friday 1st December: A start to the festive season for reception to y6 children. 4.30-5.45 (reception to year 2) and 6.15 to 7.30 (years 3-6). Parent volunteers needed to support the event, particularly for the Junior disco. We need a minimum of 12 people per disco without which we cannot run the discos. Please let one of us know or email us if you can help. Many thanks

As always to find out more, buy a Christmas tree, or to volunteer for an event get in touch at [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com) and like us on Facebook.

The PTA looks forward to seeing those of you who can make it at tonight's Quiz Night.

### Music Hub Newsletter – November

Please follow this link to read the November Newsletter: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/test-post/>

### Blackheath Conservatoire Spring 2018

Please follow this link for a Guide to Courses in Spring 2018: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/test-post/>

### Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Please remember that children are expected to be in line by 8.45 at the main site. It is really important that children learn from a young age about the importance of being on time. We have a large group of families who arrive after the bell every day. Lessons begin very promptly in the morning and it is really disrespectful to teachers when so many children are arriving late and disturbing learning. Please leave home just a few minutes earlier.

Total 37 late children throughout the school. Congratulations to 5/6F with no late children.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	95%	1	Year 2CL	92%	3	Year 4T	96%	3
Reception B	95%	2	Year 2FM	94%	2	Year4L	99%	9
Year 1 A	94%	2	Year 3U	97%	3	Year 5K	99%	5
Year 1 D	94%	3	Year 3A	93%	2	Year 5/6F	99%	0
						Year 6M	96%	2

Wrap up warm and have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan

