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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Our building project is really coming along. I hope you like our lovely new canopy which will provide a really good shelter in inclement weather.

I had another walk around our new Early Years block today and was amazed at how

much has been done. The interior walls are being painted and the flooring has been laid already. I can't wait to see the children having fantastic learning experiences in this wonderful environment.

**Notes for your diary**

**Book Fair** - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Children's Christmas Disco** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Christmas Performances have begun (see dates below)**

**Christmas Dinner** – Infants site 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Dinner** – Main site 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Events this week**

Today our nursery pupils will be performing the first of our fourteen Christmas plays. So the Christmas season has officially begun! The children have been working really hard on their performances and I hear beautiful singing everywhere I go around the school.

I hope you will be able to come and see your child performing in their class play. You are allowed to take photos for personal use but photos must not be shared on social media if they include any other pupil.

**Holiday Dates**

Our governing body have now approved our holiday dates for 2018/19. Please ensure that any holidays are booked during school holidays as I won't be able to make exceptions for holidays booked in error. Please follow this link for all our school dates: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/term-dates/>

**School Uniform Policy**

We have just updated our uniform policy and it has been approved by our governing body. Please take time to read through this document as we really need your support in this area. Link:

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

**Christmas Dinners– Infant Site**

The Infant Christmas dinner will be served on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally brings a home packed lunch, don't forget to let the office know by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> if they would like a Christmas lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Dinner – Main Site

The Christmas meal at the main site will be served on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child normally brings a home packed lunch, don't forget to let the office know by 11th December if they would like a Christmas lunch on the 19th.

## Jumpers for Jimmy

This year, we would like to support the 'For Jimmy' charity which is especially dear to our community. Jimmy was a pupil in our school and since his tragic death almost ten years ago his family have worked tirelessly to spread the message of forgiveness, peace and hope across the country.

We are asking the children to wear a Christmas jumper on Christmas dinner day and bring a £1 coin to help this charity to continue to spread this really vital message. Last year 'For Jimmy' came to work with one of our classes to develop safe havens for children in our local community. This long term project had a huge impact on our pupils.

## Christmas Appeal

This year we are supporting the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. We are asking for new toys and children's gifts (please do not gift wrap) by Friday 8th December; these will be distributed to those in need in the local community. Please bring these to either school office, thank you from St Winifred's school council.



## Missing Micro Scooter and coat – Main site

Please check your scooters, there is a Macro Micro Scooter 'Hot Pink Raspberry' with an elephant sleeve on the pole which went missing on Friday.

Also a brand new Sainsbury's navy coat with 'Horses in the hood' for a year 5/6 child size (class 1)

## Book Fair

The Autumn book fair is here until 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!

## Christmas Productions

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.

	EYFS Site	Main Site small hall	Main Site big hall
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 tomorrow, Saturday 2nd 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.

### **Lewisham 21st Cubs & Scouts – Our Lady of Lourdes**

A last minute reminder!

We are once again having our annual Wine Tasting event to raise funds for the up keep of the minibuses and trailers.

Compere is Julian the Beaver Leader with the help of Philip the Cub Leader. It will be a very entertaining evening.

Date Saturday 2nd December 2017 , Venue In the Parish Hall Our Lady of Lourdes Burnt Ash Hill SE12 OAE

Doors open at 7.15pm Tasting starts at 8pm

Tickets £15 each includes Ploughman's meal

Theme English Wines , Licenced Bar, Sorry no one under the age of 18 years allowed.

If you would like to reserve tickets please contact Akela (Philip) or Tawny Owl (Mandy) on 07740423531 or 07759392208 or email [1stleesouthguides@gmail.com](mailto:1stleesouthguides@gmail.com).

## **Events organised by Parents & Friends**

**Christmas Discos tonight** - the Friends look forward to welcoming the children to the Christmas discos with entertainment provided by Zebedee - 4.30-5.45 (reception to year 2) and 6.15 to 7.30 (years 3-6). Tickets will be available on the door £4 per child (£7 family ticket). Tickets include a hotdog (not a full dinner), squash and a chocolate lollipop.

**The Big PTA Raffle:** this year we are participating in the The Big PTA Raffle - national raffle with great prizes for the lucky winners, including a Citroen C3, a smart TV, and a family annual Merlin Pass. Look out in book bags for a book of five tickets which we would love if you would be able to try and sell as many as you can. Please return any sold and unsold tickets to the offices by Monday 11th December at the latest (please let us have any you don't want as soon as possible so that others can purchase if they wish). We are hoping to raise in the region of £1000 for equipment for our new hall; through this initiative as 75% of every ticket sold goes straight to the school.

### **Dad's Night**

With the ladies/mum's having their night out it's only fair the Dad's have theirs too!

2nd December @ Dirty South in Lewisham from 7pm! All Dad's, uncles, brothers etc welcome.

Could you let your class rep know if you can make it so that we can see if it is worth booking an area.

Also, if there are any men that want to be on the Dad's whats app group please contact the friends email with your name and number and you will be added!

**Christmas Trees** - many thanks to all have purchased trees through the school. 37 Trees will be delivered to the infants ready for collection on 9th December. We will be in touch directly with those who have ordered with collection details. Thank you for your support.

As always to find out more get in touch at [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com) and like us on Facebook.

## Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Please ensure that your child arrives in the playground in time to line up with their class when the bell is rung. If your child is coming in after their class each day then it is really important that you and your child leave home a little earlier to rectify this problem. There are only 13 school days left this term It would be amazing if we could get all our pupils in on time on these days`.

Total 65 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	94%	4	Year 2CL	92%	4	Year 4T	96%	11
Reception B	91%	4	Year 2FM	97%	1	Year4L	95%	6
Year 1 A	91%	8	Year 3U	95%	10	Year 5K	99%	8
Year 1 D	97%	4	Year 3A	97%	2	Year 5/6F	97%	0
						Year 6M	95%	3

Wrap up warm and have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan