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## Newsletter No 13

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A stylized illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary, wearing a blue robe and a light blue headscarf, is on the left, kneeling and looking at the infant Jesus. Joseph, wearing a purple robe and a brown headscarf, is on the right, kneeling and looking at the infant Jesus. The infant Jesus is lying in a manger, wrapped in a white cloth, with a yellow halo. The manger is made of straw and is set within a simple wooden stable structure. The background is white.



1. **Open the camera app.**
2. Point the camera at the QR code.
3. Tap the banner that appears on your screen.
4. Follow the instructions to pay.

## Christmas Parties

On the last day of term, the children will have Christmas parties in their classrooms. On this day they can wear their own clothes. Teachers will be in touch regarding what the children could bring in on this day.

## Feedback:

We are rapidly approaching the end of term and I would really like you to provide me with feedback to two questions.

1. What has been going well?
2. What could be even better?

I have sent you all an email with a link to a [google form](#) and a proforma with these two questions.

I would like as many of you to respond as possible. I am very eager to listen to parent/carers voices. You can email the form back or if hand it in to the school office. You can even remain anonymous if you prefer. By the end of term, I hope to be able to share the responses I have had with you.



## Mini Vinnies Advent Appeal:

Just a reminder about the Advent plea from the Mini Vinnies. They are asking each class to create their own Advent Calendar for a good cause. Rather than opening a calendar door each day and removing the gift, they are requesting that a gift is donated instead. Each class will have a box to collect their donations. The children will collect all the items at the end of term and take them to the Lewisham Donation Hub.



The kinds of things that can be donated include unopened body moisturiser (especially emollient 50), adult and baby shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes (child and adults), perfume and after shave, deodorant (men's and women's), mouthwash, shaving foam, razors, talcum powder. Tinned tomatoes, noodles, UHT milk, pasta, rice, tinned soups, chick peas, cereal, tuna and mackerel (tins), couscous, pasta sauce, Indian sauce, lentils, coconut milk, stock cubes, crisps and treats, orange squash (and similar), flour, breakfast bars, coffee, tea.

## First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation 2022-23:

This year, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lee will continue to run their First Holy Communion programme here at St Winifred's. This will take place one afternoon straight after school starting in the New Year. If your child would like to join the programme, please register your interest with Fr Emeka. You will be expected to attend Sunday Mass and a meeting with Fr Emeka on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm in the Church. Classes will begin after this meeting.



## Reception 2023:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019) 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 2023. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

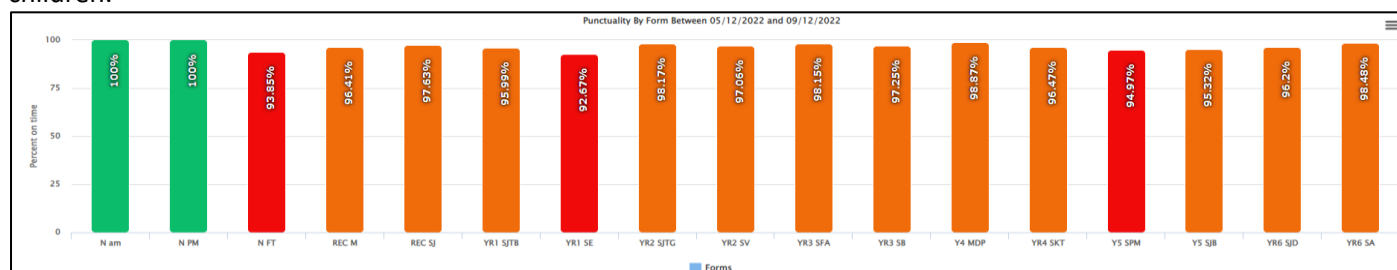
During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2023 can now be made on line.

Please find attached information regarding an event at Catford library next Wednesday to help parents with the application process.

## Punctuality:

Please remember that the Schools Street is now in operation, this affects how you are able to get your child to school on time if you drive. It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.



This week's winner is St Martin, with 98.87%! Well done.

**Volunteers:**

Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey ([mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk)) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, discuss what you would be able to offer and ensure all safeguarding checks are completed before commencing.

**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.

**Parent App:**

If you need any help with downloading the app, please do not hesitate to ask us. Many parents in the school use it to update our records and to inform the office of absence.

**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