



17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Years 3 and 4 performed their nativity and Years 5 and 6 performed their Carol Service. The children were fantastic. Although, both productions were very different in style, they both, in their own unique way, made us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. All the performances were recorded and have been edited.

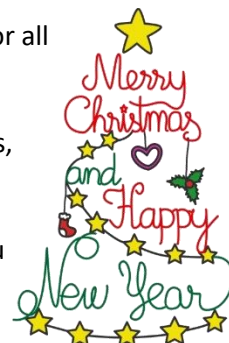
The links to each performance, on a private YouTube channel, have been sent to you this afternoon. No one can watch the performance without this link. Therefore, I kindly ask you not to post them on your own social media. We really hope that you enjoy them as much as we did. I know that the children are eager to share them with you.

Today, Santa came to school. The children went and visited him in his grotto. The children were able to talk to Santa and they all promised they had been good this year! As the children finished their visit to Santa, they left with treats for their class Christmas parties. Please visit our social media pages to see the photos.

The raffle was also drawn today. There were so many wonderful prizes! Congratulations to all of our winners. Thank you to all of you who bought tickets and donated raffle prizes. At last count we had raised just over £1500. That is a phenomenal amount! Thank you! A **HUGE** thank you to the Friends of St Winifred's, who organised the raffle. A lot of time and effort has been spent to make the raffle successful. They designed the tickets, sourced prizes, wrapped hampers, sold tickets and counted all the money. This all takes time and effort. Thank you to all the volunteers, your hard work has not gone unnoticed, thank you for everything you're doing for the school.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for this whole term. I am truly grateful for all the support I have been given over my first term here, from the children, to their families, staff, governors and the parish. From the warm welcome at the beginning of this term, to the overwhelming generosity this Christmas. To everyone who has given me and all the staff presents, thank you. There really was no need or any expectation, but it is incredibly appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas. I hope that you are all able to celebrate fully with your loved ones. I wish you all lots of happiness and health in 2022. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year.



Term Dates 2022-2023

Please find the term dates for the next academic year attached to this newsletter.



Golden Achievers

Today, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated our Golden Achievers on a whole school zoom assembly. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Riley Padden	For always trying his hardest and for his kindness to others.
RA	John Brannan	For being a fantastic role model to others with behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.
ROU	Robyn Corfield	For always trying her best and forever kind to her friends.
1HB	Lilia Mooney	For taking part in lessons with enthusiasm and producing high quality work.
1LU	Anoushka Kumar-Beurg	For outstanding progress in writing.
2A	Laith Attar	For being calm and sensible in all aspects of school.
2FC	Findlay Adam-Hau	For always trying his best at all times.
3M	Maya Fornal	For having a positive attitude towards her work, being kind, polite and making her teacher and the class smile every day.
3T	Owen Mukasa	For always working hard and making every piece of work look amazing.
4C	Bernice Awoyale	For her excellent progress in learning her times tables.
4K	Naomi Okelola	For super behaviour and work output - and for resilience in fitting into to a new school and for being such a good big sister.
5G	Oliver Seward	For excellent attitude and hard work all term.
5F	Daniel Williams	For consistent improvement in focus and learning.
6F	Fathima Busari	For being a wonderful member of the class: polite, hard-working and a good friend.
6M	Jonathan Adekoya	For being honest and open about his learning and persevering when he finds things difficult.

Covid-19 Guidance

Today, you will have received a letter from the directors of Public Health and Education for Lewisham, with guidance on Covid-19. If the guidance for schools is changed over the holidays, I will be in touch in the New Year. If they do not change, we will continue with our current measures.

In January and February, it is still winter and lot of us will develop coughs, which in the past we would not have been worried by. However, due to the pandemic, all new, continuous coughs need to be treated as potential Covid-19. I know that it is incredibly frustrating when a child has to be off, when you're sure it's 'just' a cold.

The current guidance is very clear, the main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If any one in the school develops any of these symptoms, child or adult, they are sent home and must have a PCR. Thank you for your understanding, we know it is not ideal.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation 2021-22:

First Holy Communion: 25th and 26th June 2022.

If your child has indicated interest to join the preparation programme, kindly collect registration forms and information from Fr Emeka after any of our weekend Masses and return completed forms to the church, no later than **Wednesday 5th January 2022.**





Feedback:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. I will share the results with you all in the new year, once I have collated all the responses.

After school clubs Spring Term

Due to low uptake, some of the clubs offered will not be taking place. If your child has been offered a place in the clubs, you will receive notification from the school office.

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! There are two more open days left after Christmas. 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	
Friday 7 th January: 9:15am – 10am	Monday 10 th January: 2pm – 2:45pm

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2022 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Mini Vinnies Advent Appeal:

Thank you to all of you, who kindly donated to the Mini Vinnie’s appeal. All the donations from all the class have been collated and have been taken to the Lewisham Donation Hub

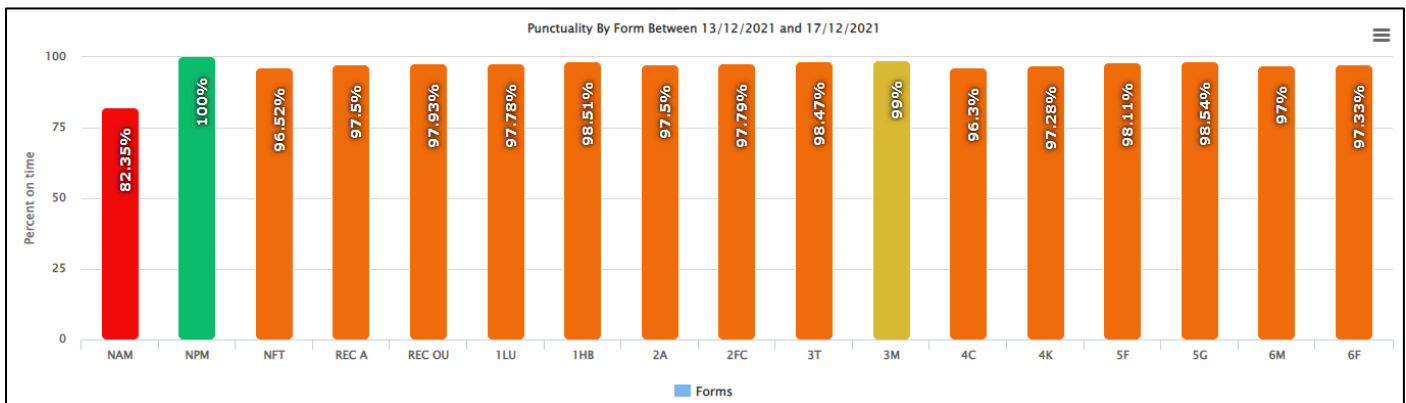


Wednesday Word

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/>

Punctuality:

Punctuality was good this week! A Fantastic effort. Most classes were above 97%!



This graph shows the punctuality for this week. This week’s winner is: 3M! Well done to 3M on 99%! I hope we keep this up next term!



Parent App:

Please, please, please download it! We re-sent a link to those parents who have not started using it last week. There are **195** app users now, which equates to over 250 children. So thank you and welcome to our new users! I still would really 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 all 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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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, it really is very much appreciated,

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

Claire Gillespie