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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter No 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet the Teaching Team:

You should have all received an email today, inviting you all to a Meet the Teaching Team meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 3:30pm or 5pm in your child's classroom.

We are running the same session twice, one just after home time and the other later in the evening, with the aim of trying to accommodate as many families as possible. Please do try to attend to get all the information regarding the routines and curriculum expectations for your child's year group. The home school agreement, behaviour policy and online safety policy, will also be discussed.

Cost of Living Crisis:

If there are any families that find themselves struggling and would like support, please do come and talk to us. The school's budget is also under an incredible amount of strain and although we will be unable to support financially, we will support you practically, in any way we can. I list here some of the established initiatives we have that may help:

Pupil Premium Funding

Please check to see if you're eligible by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> If you are eligible, additional money is given to the school to improve the attainment of these pupils. This money would not only entitle the children to free school meals until Year 6, but it would also mean that one after school club a term, all trips and instrumental lessons would be paid for.

Food Bank

As you all know the school runs a foodbank for any family, who would like to access it. Please be reminded that the school's foodbank is open. If you would like to access it, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, all donations will be greatly received.

Uniform Swap Shop

We have a great deal of nearly new uniform which has been donated to the school. Please feel free to ask in the office for uniform in your child's size. Also, when your child outgrows their uniform, if it is clean and in good condition, please donate it and we will add it to our stock. Not only does this save money, it is good for our environment too.

September:

18th: Instrumental lessons and after school clubs start this week

27th: Meet the teaching team 3:30pm or 5pm

27th: Year 1 trip to Manor House Gardens

28th: Year 6 trip to High Elms Country Park

29th: Secondary Workshop – pre-booked

October:

2nd: St Veronica trip to St Paul's Cathedral

3rd: St James trip to St Paul's Cathedral

5th: National Poetry Day

6th: School Photographer – Individuals

10th: World Mental Health Day

13th: Harvest Festival

23rd – 27th: Half Term

Lioness in the making!

Raffaella has signed for Millwall Lionesses U12's this season playing in the Junior premier League for girls. She also got picked for the Lewisham district girls team, so she will represent St Winifred's school at district. Congratulations Raffaella!



Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2024. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2023. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website.

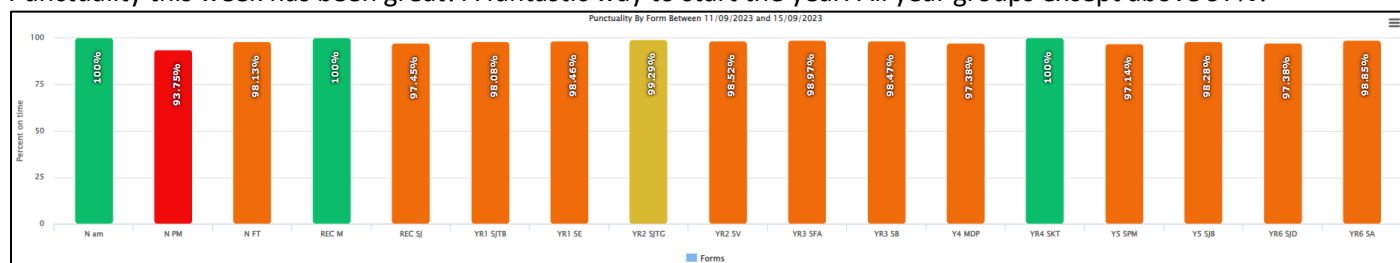
School Meals

Please let the school office know if you want your child to have school dinners. All school meals are free for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. If your child is packed lunch or school dinner, they are to have that all week. Unfortunately children cannot change between school lunch and packed lunch during the week.

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 94.23% (DfE expects 95%)

Punctuality this week has been great! A fantastic way to start the year. All year groups except above 97%!



This week's winners are Saint Mary and St Kateri classes – both with 100%!

Parent App:

Please download if you haven't already! From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children and report absence. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



Our Lady of Lourdes: Parish News

Community lunch – 17th September

Remember to come along and join us for the community lunch this Sunday after 11am and bring food to share, as your means allow. This will be a great chance to meet together for food and a chat as we rebuild our parish community following the disruptions of Covid.

The hall will be open from 10-30 to receive your food donations. We welcome all types of food, savoury, and sweet – but please note that it will not be possible to cook or reheat food in the hall on the day.

LOL Community Chorus

Our chorus rehearsals restarted after the summer break last week and continue on Monday 18th September at 8pm in the church. We will start preparing for our Christmas concert and this is always a great term for new members to start coming along. In fact, it was great to have a few new members join including a couple from the school links, but we also look forward to welcoming back present and past members too.

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.

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