

10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it's been!

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was [Let's Connect](#). We hope that during this week all the children understand the importance of looking after their mental health as much as their physical health. All the lessons and activities during this week, included one or more of the 5 steps to positive Mental Health:

- Exercise,
- Being Kind,
- Connecting with others,
- Being Mindful,
- Learning new things.

I really do hope that you all took the opportunity to see our Art Exhibition this week. The children worked incredibly hard on their Still Life pieces during Art Week. Not only are our children very talented artists, the progression in their skills was evident as you made your way from the Nursery to Year 6. Again, a heartfelt thank you to all the teachers for giving up their time late on Monday evening, to set the hall up and display the work so beautifully.

Thank you to St Martin class and St Veronica class, who led the class assemblies this week. St Martin shared their knowledge of Vikings and the poems they had written. St Veronica shared all their learning from their Africa topic this term. We are overwhelmed by the number of parents and carers, who are finding the time to attend the assemblies. Thank you!

Reception went on their transport challenge this week. As part of their transport topic, their plan was to see how many forms of transport they could take in one day! They had a fantastic day, even St Mary Class, who had to take shelter in the Maritime Museum when the fog delayed their boat. As always, thank you to all the parents who accompanied the children and made these trips possible.

Big Green Money Show Podcast

Yesterday, we welcomed Deborah Meaden and the BBC team to school. Whilst here, they interviewed our School Council reps, to find out how we were being 'green'. They spoke to the children about what they have been learning in class about sustainability and climate change. They spoke to our eco-reps about how they are leading initiatives and are bringing about change in school. They also interviewed Mr Cunningham and me, on how we lead on this throughout the school, building on Miss Hanrahan's work. The podcast will be available soon, watch this space!

February	
13th – 17th: Half Term	
20 th :	INSET Day
21 st :	Children return to school
22 nd :	Ash Wednesday
March	
1 st :	World Book Day (Rearranged from 2nd March)
2 nd :	NEU Industrial Action
6 th -17 th :	St Paul Miki Swimming
13 th -17 th :	Science Week
15 th :	NEU Industrial Action
16 th :	NEU Industrial Action
16 th :	Year 3, National Maritime Museum
20 th – 31 st :	St Josephine Swimming
21 st :	Year 1 trip to Docklands
23 rd :	Year 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
27 th – 31 st :	School's Holy Week
31 st :	School Closes 3pm





Golden Achievers

Today, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated the Golden Achiever of this half term. 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
St Peter	James Leathers	For having a really positive attitude
St Mary	Jean-Luc Amesbury	For showing such great pride and attitude in his learning and is always READY for the task ahead. He is a kind, helpful, polite and is a fantastic friend to have.
St Joseph	Riley Padden	For his great attitude to learning and caring for others!
St Elizabeth	Azaria Palmer	For her positive attitude to learning and for being a good friend to the whole class.
St John B.	Oliver Mercado-Platos	For his excellent attitude towards his learning. Always being ready, respectful, kind and helpful.
St James	Cagatay Elmas	For making super progress and having a super attitude this term.
St Veronica	Nyah Mukasa	For working hard and putting in lots of effort in all subject areas.
St Francis	Emmanuel Awoyale	For working to the best of his ability and producing some fantastic work!
St Bernadette	Lara Caiazza	It has been lovely to see Lara grow in confidence, which is evident in how much she is supporting her peers and putting her hand up to eagerly answer questions. She has also found joy and resilience in not giving up when she finds work hard to do. Well done Lara.
St Kateri	Carly Matti	Superb hard work and focus on moving her writing on this term
St Martin	Ruby Kouzaris	For a real improvement in all areas of her work and a growing confidence in what she can do.
St Paul M	Cormac Sharp	For being a kind and compassionate class mate and always showing humour and maturity.
St Josephine	Genesis Olatunde	For huge progress in confidence with her math and showing respect within school.
St Juan D	Charlotte Wiliamson	For always working hard, enjoying her learning and being a great member of the class.
St Alphonsa	Finley Deane	For having high expectations of himself at all times - in his behaviour and in his learning.

NEU Industrial Action

As you know, there are further dates planned: **Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.** For further information regarding the rationale for the strike please visit the [NEU website](#).



As soon as I know more information about how the industrial action will affect St Winifred's on the subsequent dates, I will let you know.

Absence Clarification: Many of you have queried why the strike has been recorded as an absence. We use various codes when reporting absence. The code we used for the strike, does not affect their overall absence percentage, as it is not counted as a possible attendance.

Planned Events: As many of you have highlighted to me, there are assemblies, trips, swimming planned on the proposed dates. I have made the decision to move our celebration of World Book Day to the day before, on Wednesday 1st March, as assume there will be some disruption to the school day on the strike day. As to events that are specific for just one or two classes, until we know if the particular teacher is striking or not, I cannot cancel or rearrange. As soon as I do know, I will.

Open Evenings:



Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent meetings this week. We hope that you all found the parents meetings informative and purposeful. If you have not attended a meeting, please could you arrange a time to meet with your child's class teacher.

St Kateri Class: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd February (After half term)

St James the Great: Tuesday 21st February (After Half term)

Class Assemblies:

Please try to come along to your child's assembly, it was fantastic to have the Year 2 and Year 4 parents and carers in attendance again this week.



February		March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
	23 rd : St John the Baptist (Yr 1)	1 st : St Josephine B. (Yr 5)	2 nd : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)
		8 th : St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	9 th : St Mary (Rec)
		15 th : St Francis Assisi (Yr 3)	16 th : St Joseph (Rec)
		22 nd : St Bernadette (Yr 3)	

On the day of the assembly, come through the main gate, wait under the canopy and once I have rung the bell I will take you to the main hall.

Friends of St Winifred's:

EASTER EGG HUNT 🐣 The annual Easter Egg Hunt is only 10 weeks away! We are once again aiming to make sure every child gets to take home a full-sized Easter Egg after the hunt. We have reached out to organisations for Easter egg donations but if you have any contacts or would like to make a donation, then please get in touch

stwinifredsfriends12@gmail.com

Swimming:



If your child is going swimming after half term, are you free to help? I was hoping to find one parent volunteer for every afternoon to accompany the children to the pool and back. This involves being in school by 12pm and travelling on public transport to the pool. Waiting for the children whilst they have their lesson and then travelling back with them, arriving back at school by 3pm. If you are able to offer up your time on one afternoon or several afternoons, please contact your child's class teacher.

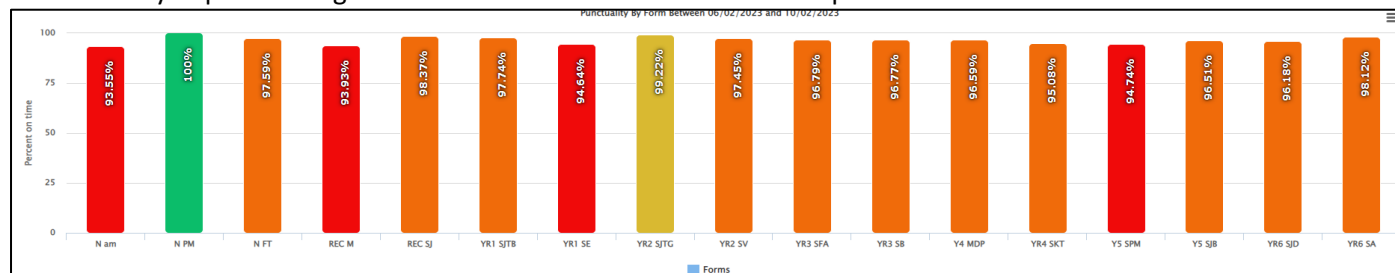
Spring 2: Year 5	6 th -17 th March: St Paul Miki	20 th – 31 st March: St Josephine
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Volunteers:

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) 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.

Punctuality:

It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.



This week's winner is St James the Great, with 99.2%! Well done.

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 this newsletter, have a lovely half term,

Claire Gillespie