



11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another fantastic and very busy term. I hope that you all have a good break. Please remember that the staff will be having an INSET day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

We wish our parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, a very happy feast day today. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the first apparition of Mary, to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes. Thirty years ago today, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick. Today, we pray for all those who are sick and all those who take care of them.



**February:**

- 13<sup>th</sup>: Racial Sunday
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: Half Term
- 21<sup>st</sup>: INSET Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Children return to school

**March:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ash Wednesday
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>: Science Week

**Fond Farewell:**

After over 40 years of dedicated service, we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Jackson, who has been the teaching assistant in 2FC this academic year. Yesterday, was her last day and the children in 2FC had a little party for her. Mrs Jackson was presented with gifts and cards from all the classes in the school.

Mrs Jackson, has been an inspirational member of our school community, who has supported so many children and their families throughout her time with us as a class teacher and teaching assistant. We would like to thank her for her contribution and commitment to St Winifred's primary school throughout the years and we would like to wish her a very long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Mrs Jackson, you have been an invaluable member of our school community, you will be greatly missed by the staff, families and children of St Winifred's.



**New Baby:**

We also had some fabulous news, Ms Jones welcomed her new baby girl this week. Mother and baby are happy and healthy! Congratulations to the Jones family. We cannot wait to meet her.

## **Racial Sunday 2022**

This year's Racial Justice Sunday falls on 13 February 2022. The theme is "In the Image and Likeness of God" celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. In 2022, the aim is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God".

Please visit, <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22/> to find resources, prayer, the [Lord's Prayer](#) and the [Hail Mary](#) in the world's languages and more.



### **Golden Achievers**

Today, as it is the end of a half term, 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!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Nursery	Lottie Archer	For her positive attitude and her enthusiasm towards all her learning.
RA	Victoria Hau	For being such a helpful, kind and sensible member of the class
ROU	Caynan Danvers	For always trying his hardest in everything and so kind and helpful!
1HB	Robin Sarjeant	For a positive and enthusiastic attitude to all of her learning.
1LU	Priya Simms	For excellent focus and blending in phonics.
2A	Noah Maguire	For always having a sense of fun and enjoying school life
2FC	Annabell Van Zijl	For always working hard in every lesson. She is a positive and happy member of the class.
3M	Hamish Musgrove	For always having a positive attitude to his learning.
3T	Khari Walsh	Making such wonderful progress in her writing
4C	Annie-Rose Collins	For being a strong and consistent student - trying her best and being a great classmate.
4K	Eric Aksiutinas	Always tries his hardest and produces work of an exceptional quality
5F	Lilia Powell	For tremendously positive attitude and contributing in all lessons
5G	Thimo Antonmariyajude	For demonstrating excellence and pride in everything he does.
6F	Carlos Yong	For making excellent progress in all areas in school.
6M	Clarissa Richardson	For working really hard in all subjects and becoming more resilient in her learning!

## **Nursery Places for September 2022**

After half term we will be sending applications to those families who have registered their interest for a full-time or part-time Nursery place in September 2022. This will be for children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. If you would like an application form and have not registered, please contact the school office.

We will be hosting a series of open days after the February half term. 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.

<b>During the School Day</b>		<b>After School</b>
<b>9:15am – 10am</b>	<b>2pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>4pm – 4:45pm</b>
Monday 28th February Friday 11th March	Wednesday 23rd February Thursday 24th March	Wednesday 16th March Thursday 31st March

All parents are entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision but some may qualify for the 30 hours free provision. If you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours provision you should apply for an eligibility code at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>.

**The Application Form, the Supplementary Form and proof of baptism need to be returned to the school on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**



### Children's Mental Health Week:

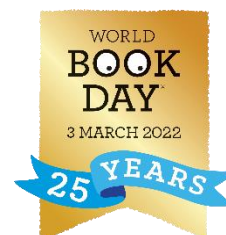
What a fantastic week we have had. The children really expressed themselves on Friday! Thank you to everyone who donated money, we raised: £178. This money will be put towards the cost of all the circus skill equipment we purchased. I hope that you have seen all the photos of the children having fun learning these new skills on our social media. Although it has been a big focus this week, it does not mean that the work stops here. All the staff are committed to supporting the children with developing strategies to look after their mental health and with any issues that may arise.

Thank you to all the adults, who were able to attend the mental health awareness sessions on Wednesday. I hope that you all found them useful. Ali provided me with resources following on from the talk, which I have forwarded to you all. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact her directly.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> World Book Day. There will be lots of reading based activities on the day. The children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day. You do not need to buy a costume, there are plenty of characters that can be brought to life, with very little cost. Here are some ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>



### Mobile Phones:

Children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring in a mobile phone only if they have permission to walk to and from school by themselves. Due to Covid, the children were allowed to keep the phones in their bags during the day. After half term, we will be returning to the system that was in place prior to the pandemic. The children will be expected to hand their phone into the office for safe keeping. They will sign it in at the beginning of the day and then sign it back out at home time.

### Uniform:

Many of you maybe thinking of using time at the half term to purchase new uniform items. Can I remind you of our uniform policy. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

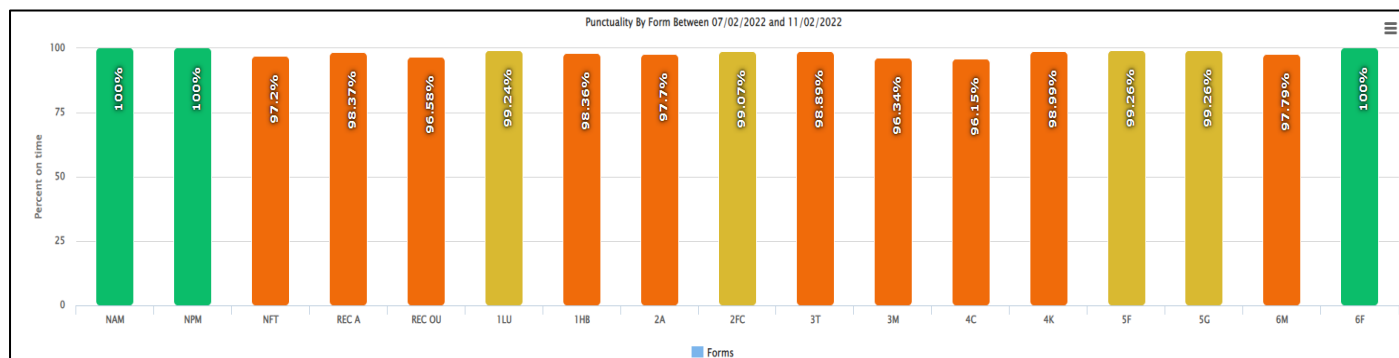
Also, can I just remind you of a few parts that have slipped in recent weeks:

- PE Kits: **Plain** black or navy tracksuit. There should be no branding at all e.g. Adidas stripes down the leg, branding on the chest of the jumper.
- Footwear: Plain black school shoes or trainers. Children should not be wearing boots or coloured trainers. No white trainers or black trainers with white soles.
- Jewellery: Children should not be wearing any. Small stud earrings are allowed, as are watches.

I would be very grateful if you could continue to support us with this please.

### Punctuality:

Punctuality was better this week... Fantastic! Most classes achieved more that 97%!

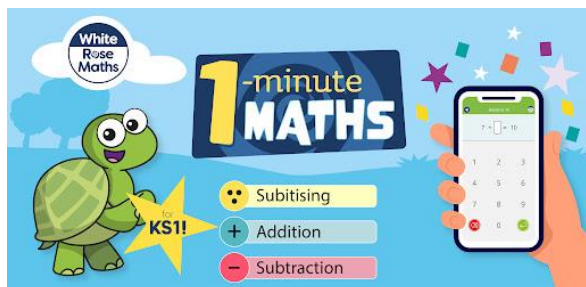


This graph shows the punctuality for this week. This week's winner is: 6F! Well done to the 6F on 100%! Two weeks in a row. Well done also to 1LU, 2FC, 5F and 5G who all had 99%+.

### **Parents' Evening:**

Thank you for all of you for taking the time to attend the meetings with the teachers. I hope that you found them a useful insight into how your child is progressing. I know that some parents have theirs booked for after half term. If you missed your appointment or did not book one, the teachers will be in touch to schedule one on our return.

### **White Rose Maths App**



The White Rose team have developed an app for children in EYFS and KS1 called '1 Minute Maths'. The idea of the app is to help the children build greater number confidence and fluency by developing their subitising, (the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting), addition and subtraction skills.

The app is free to download on both Apple, Android and Amazon Kindle devices and it contains no hidden costs. Each game is one minute long, so the children do not have to spend a long time on the app to achieve a score. Each time your child plays, they can see if they can beat their previous score.

You are not obligated to download this app, I just wanted you to know that this resource exists to support your child. To find out more please search: <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

### **Notification of Gas & Water improvement works:**

Please see the attached letter regarding work that is planned to be carried out on Westhorne Avenue. Please take this into consideration when bring your child/children to school and when collecting.

### **British Science Week:**

British Science Week will be held between 11-20 March this year. We are planning a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.



Do you have a job in any of these areas? We would love you to help us inspire the children, whether this is through demonstrating some mind-blowing experiments at an assembly or in classrooms, or perhaps you are involved in construction or engineering and can run some workshops in classrooms for children. In the past, we have had: a medical doctor talking to Year 6 children about gruesome diseases; an engineer running a bridge construction competition for children in classrooms; a scientist demonstrating how the human body conducts electricity, and an engineer presenting a sewage project to the children.

Can you help us have a science week to remember? Please do contact Ms Fitzgerald at [tfitzgerald5.209@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:tfitzgerald5.209@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) if you are able to help us develop a fun and engaging science week.

### **Friends of St Winifred's**

Reminder: Any unwanted Christmas presents you may have received, please donate them to the friends, as they will make fantastic Bingo prizes. They are also asking for Easter eggs in preparation for the children's Easter egg hunt at the end of this term.



### **Technology Plea**



The computers, printers and server in the school are over 10 years old in most cases, this in terms of technology is pre-historic. Obviously to buy new computers for every classroom and a new server costs a lot of money, money which we as a school just do not have. Staff are doing their best to keep all the equipment running, but we are at a point where things are just beyond saving. If there is anyone, who has any contacts in IT or has knowledge of any grants, funds we could access in order to update our system, could you please urgently contact the school. Thank you to our one kind parent, who has been in touch already!





### **Brass Instruments**

Our brass instruments have had better days. We are looking to replace them. If any of you have any unwanted brass instruments at home and would like to donate them to the school, we would welcome them with open arms.

### **Food Bank**

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. Thank you to those who had supermarket deliveries to the school this week for the foodbank. Your generosity is overwhelming.

### **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/>

### **Parent App:**

**Please, please, please download it!** I resent the link this week, I will keep persevering.

Thank you to all our new users. There are **274!** app users now, which equates to over 350 children. I still would really like to have all of our families using the app! 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:**

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, it really is very much appreciated.

Have a fantastic half term!

Claire Gillespie