



25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was lovely to welcome you back after half term. The children and staff all looked well rested and happy to be back!

On the INSET day, as a staff we explored the school's vision and mission statement. We also answered the following questions:

1. What makes an excellent school?
2. What makes an excellent Catholic school?

Over the next few weeks, the children will also be exploring these questions and the mission and vision statements too with their class teachers and feeding back to the School Council. I felt that as the new headteacher and after the disruption to school life caused by the pandemic, it was time to stop and reflect on the vision and mission statement of the school.; to ensure that all the children and their families, staff and governors, all know it and believe in it.

**Vision:**

*Inspiring a love of learning and life*

**Mission Statement**

*At St Winifred's Catholic Primary School:*

- *We nourish a happy, safe and supportive school community in which every individual is welcomed, valued and respected for being unique*
- *We inspire a search for excellence by offering the best possible learning environment*
- *We provide a Christ-centred education, helping our children to develop and grow in faith and teaching them to promote the Gospel values of love of neighbour, fairness and forgiveness, both in school and in the wider community.*

Please could I ask you to follow this link and participate in this discussion too. I would really welcome your thoughts and ideas regarding the school, its vision and mission statement.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CZd2h7EuFYq9fwL2NDp7xu0nOhX-J--YteGZqK4tW8l/edit?usp=sharing>

**Lent**

Next week we will prepare for the beginning of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Fr Emeka will be visiting the school to distribute the ashes to all the children and staff. In Monday's assembly, I will be reminding the children about our year of pilgrimage, a special journey to deepen our faith in God. During Lent, our focus will be on our 'Pilgrimage to the Cross', that Jesus is our map to God. For more information on our virtual Year of Pilgrimage, please visit: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/> We will also explore what we can do individually and as a school to prepare during Lent for Easter. The children will also be asked to write their own lenten promises.





**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 and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. 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/>

**Nursery Places for September 2022**

If you have registered interest for a full-time or part-time Nursery place in September 2022, application packs have been sent to you today. 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 this 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.

During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm – 4:45pm
Monday 28th February Friday 11th March	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.**

**Parents’ Evening:**

If you have not had the chance to have your parents meeting yet, I hope that you have agreed a date with your child’s class teacher. These meetings are a fantastic chance to speak about your child’s progress and attainment.

**School Dinner Money – Nursery, years 3 - 6**

The cost of school meals for this half term is £66.70 (from 22nd February- 1st April) £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week. This is payable via ParentPay in advance half termly or weekly, but not in arrears. If you are experiencing difficulties please come and talk to us so we can support you.

**After school clubs Summer Term for year 1 - 6 (after the Easter holiday)**

A selection form was sent out this week detailing proposed after school clubs for after the Easter holidays. The grid indicates the day the club is running and which year group each club is open too. If your child is interested in attended one of the clubs, please send your completed selection form back to school as soon as possible. A further copy of the clubs being offered is attached. (This does not include the before and after school football clubs that are running currently, a separate letter will follow regarding the continuation of these clubs at a later date.)

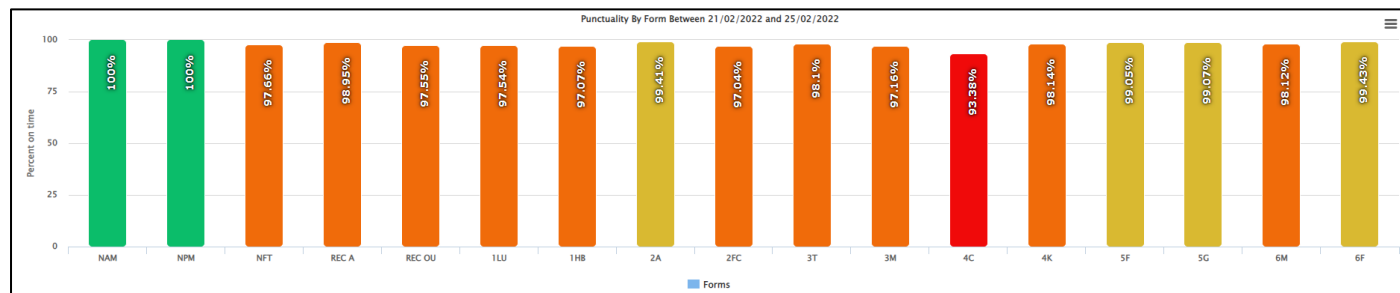
**Friends of St Winifred’s**

Reminder: The Friends are asking for Easter eggs in preparation for the children’s Easter egg hunt at the end of this term. (Every child receives an egg, so we really do rely on many donations). I will be meeting with the Friends soon, to discuss all the wonderful events they have in mind for the rest of the year. As restrictions ease and the weather improves, I am sure we can organise lots of lovely things for the children. If you have any ideas, please contact the Friends directly through your class reps.



## Punctuality:

A great start back to the new term... Fantastic! Most classes achieved more than 97%!



This graph shows the punctuality for this week. This week's winner is: 6F! Well done to the 6F on 99.4%! Three weeks in a row. Well done also to 2A, 5F and 5G who all had 99%+.

## 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. We have now returned to the system that was in place prior to the pandemic. The children started to hand their phone into the office for safe keeping at the beginning of this week. They sign it in at the beginning of the day and then sign it back out at home time.

## Uniform:

Thank you to those of you who have sent their children to school this week in the correct uniform. 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.

## 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:

Most parents are using the app now, if any of you need any help or would like to download it, please contact the school.



## 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.

Claire Gillespie

