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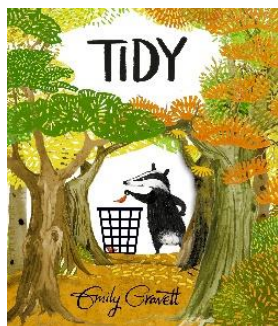
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## **Newsletter No 22**

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### World Book Day



What a phenomenal World Book Day! The children and staff looked amazing. I truly hope that the children went home on Wednesday having had an excellent day and enthused to read more.

As a school, we chose 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett as our shared book for the day, as it highlights how important it is to protect the earth and natural environments. Year groups were paired up and during the day, the children spent time working collaboratively with children from a different year group on the book. Together they have created junk modelling, art work and writing all inspired by this beautiful book. More importantly, the children spent the day talking about their love of books.

In the morning, St Josephine class treated us to a wonderful assembly on World Book Day. They performed a dance routine they created at the dance workshops at St Matthew's Academy. They reenacted the story 'Tidy' and spoke about deforestation and the impact it has. They reminded us all that 'We're in it together!'

At another point of the day the teachers carouselled around the school and read to the children. Ask your child which teachers came and shared a book with them during the day.

Thank you to you all for sending the children to school in their costumes. Also, a huge thank you to all the staff for their tremendous efforts to make this day such a success, particularly Ms Foster, our Reading Leader, who planned this day.

### Sponsored Read:

Thank you to all those who have taken part in the sponsored read. Please complete your form and hand it in along with any collected money to your class teacher by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't started yet there is still time to join in, there is a certificate for every child who takes part and a prize for the child who reads the most in each year group! All the money raised will go towards new books for the school. If over £250 is made we will receive 20% more money for books!



### March

6<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>: St Paul Miki Swimming

6<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>: Intra School Sports Competition

8<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 trip: British Museum

10<sup>th</sup>: St Josephine Trip Creekside

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Science Week

**15<sup>th</sup>: NEU Industrial Action**

**16<sup>th</sup>: NEU Industrial Action**

16<sup>th</sup>: Year 3, National Maritime Museum

20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>: St Josephine Swimming

21<sup>st</sup>: Year 1 trip to Docklands

23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

23<sup>rd</sup>: Easter Concert

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>: School's Holy Week

31<sup>st</sup>: School Closes 3pm

## Sustainability Term

This term there are many national theme weeks and days, such as World Book Day, Waste Week, Science Week. This year, all these days / weeks have 'Sustainability' as a theme, therefore we have decided to make this term the Sustainability term. This way the children will engage with all the resources and lessons, over a longer period of time over the course of the term, starting this week on World Book Day. Using the Waste Week resources we will focus on reusing pre-loved books (passing them on/ swapping them) which will lead nicely into those of Science Week, with the theme of being engineers, designing sustainable forms of transport and even repairing or upcycling toys.

**Waste Week 2023 (6-12 March)**: This year's campaign is putting the spotlight on **reuse**.

We know young people hold on to lots of **books, costumes, toys and games** they no longer want or throw them away. So, over the term we will ask you all to participate in the various swap shops. We are starting with:



### Books

We are going to open an outdoor library, where the children can choose and take pre-loved books home and drop off books they have read and no longer want. We ask that next week children bring in books they no longer want to take part in the launch of our pre-loved book library.

### World Book Day Costumes

When your child grows out of any of their dressing up costumes, and you do not have younger children who would benefit from them, please bring to the school office. We will store them and before the next World Book Day, we will put them out so that children can choose a new costume.



By doing this our aim will be to try to get across the idea of recycling as part of the circular economy, rather than the *extract, make, use, dump* economy. The campaign sums it up as: *If some books or toys are not traded, children will need to take them home. Parents can then decide whether to 'pop' them to a charity shop or keep them. Let's swap, pop and not shop to care for the environment!*

**Big Green Money Show Podcast**: If you want to know more about how the school is teaching the children about sustainability, please visit [BBC Sounds](#) to listen to our podcast.

## Nursery Places for September 2023

If you have registered interest for a full-time or part-time Nursery place in September 2023, you should have received the application pack. This will be for children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. 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
Tuesday 21st March	Monday 6th March Thursday 30th March	Wednesday 15th March Monday 20th 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>.

## Friends of St Winifred's:

**Easter Egg Hunt** - we are looking for donations of Easter Eggs for our children, we have already had some very generous cash and egg donations but still need 150 more eggs to make sure every child gets one! If you'd like to donate eggs or make a donation for us to purchase eggs please get in touch. In order to ensure that everyone gets a similar size egg on the day, we are offering the 96g or 126g size eggs. Thank you for your support! NB. If your child has an allergy/intolerance or special dietary requirement please ensure the office has up to date information and we will try and ensure there is a suitable alternative on the day.



**Summer Fair** - SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 8th July! We will be sending out further information very soon.

### Cleaner Vacancy:

We are looking to appoint a cleaner to work 12.5 hours each week. These hours will be from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm each day, Monday to Friday. If you would like to apply, please look on our [website](#) for all the information. Closing date for applications is the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm.

### NEU Industrial Action

As you know, there are further dates planned **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. *If your child's class is open and your child does not attend, their absence will be recorded following normal procedures.*

Planned Events: As many of you have highlighted to me, there are assemblies, trips, swimming planned on the proposed dates. Until we know if the particular teacher is striking, or not, I cannot cancel or rearrange any booked events. As soon as I do know, I will.

### Class Assemblies:

Please try to come along to your child's assembly, it was fantastic to have the Year 5 parents and carers in attendance again this week.

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.

March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
8 <sup>th</sup> : St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	9 <sup>th</sup> : St Mary (Rec)
15 <sup>th</sup> : St Francis Assisi (Yr 3)	16 <sup>th</sup> : St Joseph (Rec)
22 <sup>nd</sup> : St Bernadette (Yr 3)	23 <sup>rd</sup> St Elizabeth (Yr 1)



### Swimming:



If your child is going swimming, 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.

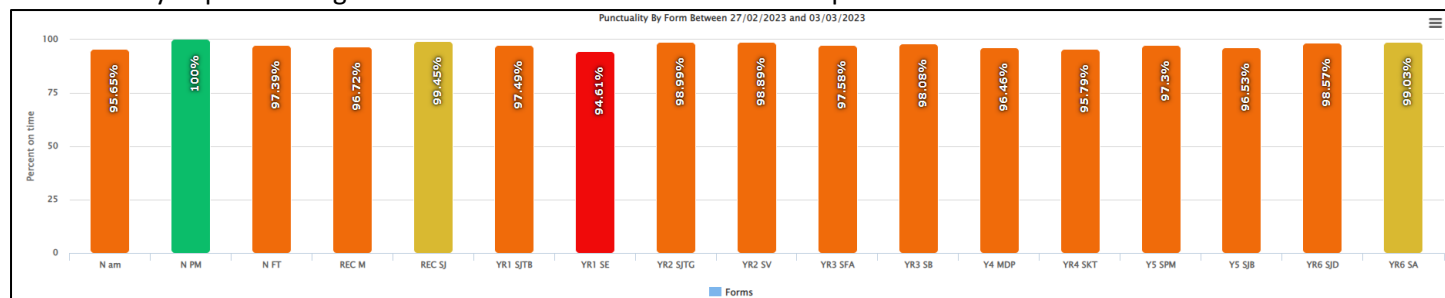
Spring 2: Year 5	6 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> March: St Paul Miki	20 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March: St Josephine
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### Volunteers:

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](mailto: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 Joseph, and St Juan Diego both with 99%! 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