

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

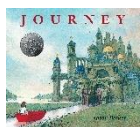
Dear Parents and Carers,



On Wednesday we marked the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Father Emeka came into school and led an assembly with the Mini-Vinnies for Years 2-6, in which he distributed the ashes. He then visited Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to give them theirs. The children were very reverent and were able to demonstrate their knowledge to Father, by answering his questions really well. The children have been given a lenten calendar to help them prepare for Lent. The Mini-Vinnies have also designed their own calendar for the classrooms, which encourages the children to do good deeds during Lent.

#### World Book Day

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



As a school, we chose 'Journey' by Aaron Becker as our shared book for the day. 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.

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 English Coordinator, who planned this day. We will be sharing the many photos on our social media soon.



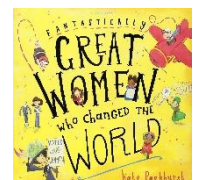
#### Vision and Mission

Thank you to those of you have taken the time to complete the survey regarding the school's vision and mission statement. The survey is still open, please follow this link. I would really welcome as many voices as possible.

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

#### International Women's Day

Thank you to the very generous mum, who sent us copies of 'Fantastically Great Women, who Changed the World' by Kate Pankhurst, for every year group. We will read this book with the children on Tuesday, to mark International Women's Day.



### **Eat Them to Defeat Them!**

From next week, we will be taking part in 'Eat them to defeat them!' This campaign hopes to bring about real changes in children's attitudes towards vegetables. Research shows that 80% of children are not eating enough vegetables, with a third eating less than one portion of vegetables a day. Through this programme it is hoped that our children will be encouraged to at least try them. Each week there will be a focus on a particular vegetable. The serving hatch will be decorated and the meal time supervisors will be giving stickers to any child who tries it. The children in Early Years and KS1 will be going home with an activity book to work through at home. For more information please visit: <https://eatthemtodefeatthem.com/en/schools>



### **Nursery Places for September 2022**

If you have registered interest for a full-time or part-time Nursery place in September 2022, you should have received the application pack. 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
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.

### **Ten:Ten Monthly Newsletter:**

We use Ten:Ten for our collective worship resources. They produce a parents' newsletter once a month, if you would like to read it, please follow the link. [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)

### **Free Fitness Classes**

'And Fitness For All', a community interest company, in conjunction with Clarion housing, are running fully funded/free sessions close to the school. These are free fitness sessions run by qualified personal trainers and sport coaches. They are running both a youth and adults programme across two estates in the borough. Participants are welcome to come along to single sessions or join in every week. The goal is to get people fitter, healthier and more engaged with their local community. Please see the newsletters attached for further information.

### **Health and Healing Ministry**

Are you Interested in Health and Healing Ministry?

The new parish-wide Health and Wellbeing Support Community Interest Company for our parish, has financed 5 places on 'An Introduction to the Christian Healing Ministry'. This is an online course provided by The Guild of Health and St Raphael <https://gohealth.org.uk>. The course of four workshops will take place online each Thursday 10am-12pm on March 10th; March 17th; March 24th; March 31st. Please contact Ali Ryan at [phaws4u@gmail.com](mailto:phaws4u@gmail.com) or via 07986117082 if interested.

### **The Conservatoire**

Please see the attached flyer regarding their Easter Holiday Programme.

### **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)**

Don't forget to return the selection form that was sent out. The grid indicates the day the club is running and which year group each club is open too. A further copy of the clubs being offered is attached.

Football Club letters have also been sent out. If your child already attends these Clubs, you need to reapply to attend the Summer block of sessions.

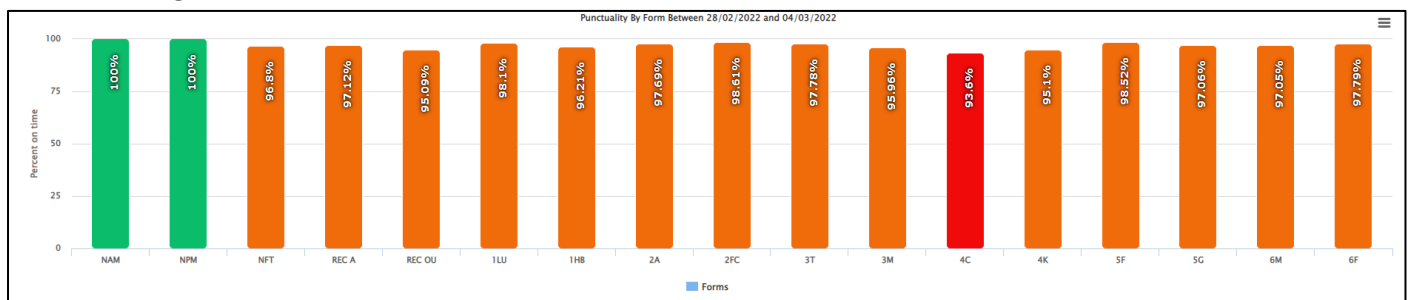
### **Friends of St Winifred's**

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:**

Punctuality was not the best this week, especially after last week's great results. Many classes are below 97%. Please endeavour to get all the children to school on time.



This graph shows the punctuality for this week. This week's winner is: 2FC! Well done to the 2FC on 98.6%!

### **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:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, it really is very much appreciated.

Claire Gillespie

