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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, we are very keen to develop our after-school club provision for the children. We have organised to offer further sports club every day after school, starting after Easter in addition to our existing ones.

In order to showcase the new ones to the children, the sports coaches came in and held a very special assembly for KS1 & 2. As one of the clubs on offer will be for gymnastics, they brought Diana Cheralu, an Olympic bronze medal winner with the Romanian Artistic Gymnastic team at the London 2012 Olympics. The coaches and Diana, showed the children what they could be learning! They demonstrated to the children how when learning gymnastics, you progress from a forward roll, to a summersault; from a cart-wheel with two hands, to one with none! The children were very impressed! To end the assembly, four brave volunteers, 3 children and Ms Francis laid down and they were summersaulted over! Please talk to your children about the clubs and return the letters to the school as soon as you can.

This week we had two wonderful class assemblies. St Paul Miki, framed their assembly in the St Winifred's Post, a newspaper they created to report on their learning from class. The shared their learning from a recent trip, they performed a mathematical rap, shared their poetry and tested the audience's general knowledge! St Mary's class celebrated their first ever class assembly by re-enacting 'the Enormous Turnip'. The children memorised their lines and were fantastic. They finished their assembly by reading prayers they had written! Thank you to all the adults that attended, both assemblies were packed!

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 as soon as possible. There will be 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!



Football Tournament

Yesterday, Mr Toynton and our Year 4 football team came third overall in a tournament at Bellingham Leisure Centre. The children played against three teams. They lost their first match 1-2, after the opposition had two very lucky goals, they won the next two matches 4-0 and 2-1. Great work to the whole team, especially the goal scorers, Arthur, Israel and Owen, who all scored one goal each, and Conrad, who achieved a hat-trick!

St Winifred's Spring Concert

Mr Howell is organising a musical Spring Concert to be held on the 24th March at 4pm, please see the attached flyer. The children, who attend orchestra and choir, will already be preparing. However, if you have a child, who would also like to perform, please contact Mr Howell.

Sustainability Term

As I said last week, this term there are many national theme weeks and days, such as World Book Day, Waste Week, Science Week, which all have sustainability as the theme. Our main focus is on reusing items, which is why we are asking for pre-loved books, dressing up costumes and toys.



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 the children continue to 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.



Toys

If your child has any toys they no longer use, please get them to have a sort out and bring them into school. We will organise a toy swap in the forthcoming weeks.

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!*

Year 1 STEM Project - Cardboard shoeboxes with separate lids required

Year 1 are looking for cardboard shoeboxes with separate lids to use for a STEM project. If you have any at home, please can you send them in to school. Thank you!

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.

Friends of St Winifred's:

🍰🍰🍰 Many thanks to everyone who participated in the cake sale at the end of last half term. We raised £291.60 for the school! We are trying to come up with ideas about how to make the cake sale more efficient and ensure no one misses out - if you have any suggestions please get in touch at stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt -

🥚🥚🥚 The annual Easter Egg hunt is in 3 weeks time on the last day of term! The Friends will be busy purchasing over 400 eggs for the children to enjoy on the day! We have had some generous cash donations from parents to help us purchase eggs - if you would like to make a donation to help fund this event then please get in touch. Alternatively, if you wish to purchase eggs directly and drop them to the school (the 125g variety please!) do let us know via email or your class rep to ensure we have enough on the day and that we avoid any waste!



🍷🍷🍷 **Summer Fair! SAVE THE DATE! 8th July 2023!**

Class Assemblies:

Please try to come along to your child's assembly, it was fantastic to have the Year 5 and Reception 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. Those class assemblies affected by the strikes, will be rescheduled for after Easter.



March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
22 nd : St Bernadette (Yr 3)	23 rd St Elizabeth (Yr 1)

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 16th March at 12pm.

Monthly book reviews!

Inspiring our children to Read for Pleasure! Each month we post book reviews from our book loving pupils, to promote reading for pleasure. This week the reviews are from St Kateri class – Year 4.

If you do read one of the recommended books, let us know or take a picture of you reading it! Reading for pleasure has been proven to be beneficial to children's health as well as their academic progress in all subjects and areas of life. For further information on the benefits of reading for pleasure see [reading for pleasure.pdf](#) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](#))

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 1st September 2019 and 31st 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	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>.

NEU Industrial Action

As you know, there are further dates planned **Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.**

For further information regarding the rationale for the strike please visit the [NEU website](#).

As indicated on the letter, I will text parents/carers, as soon as I know each morning.

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.*



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 th -17 th March: St Paul Miki	20 th – 31 st March: St Josephine
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Volunteers:

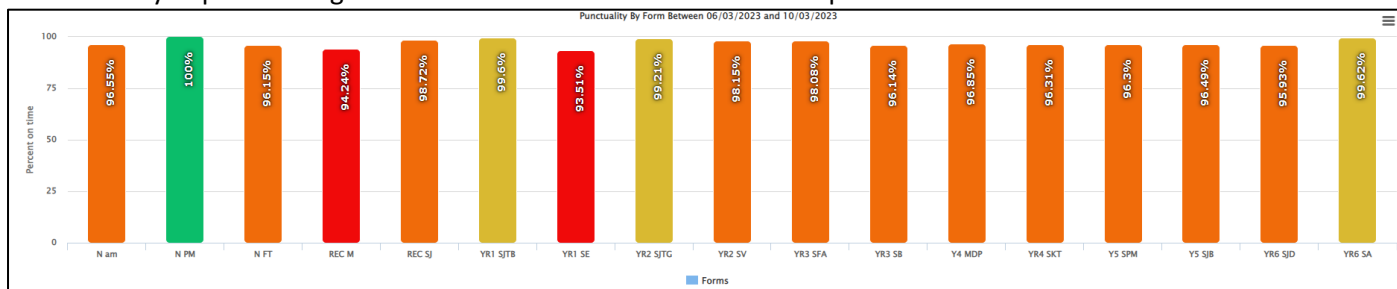
Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey (mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, discuss what you would be able to offer and ensure all safeguarding checks are completed before commencing.

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.

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 John the Baptist, and St James the Great and St Alphonsa, all with 99%! Well done.

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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@stwinifredslee

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter,

Claire Gillespie

Book Reviews: St Kateri – Year 4

The Traitor's Son
book 1 Series: 'Path of a Ranger'

An amazing fantasy to blow your mind away. The inspiring story starts with a fifteen year old boy with so few good times, you can count them on your hand! Even worse his father is a traitor!

Lasgol is invited to a camp for rangers! Will he join? Will he live through the task ahead? Will he refuse? Find out in the next book!

Tremendous, amazing and wonderful this book is, definitely on your Christmas list! 9 out of 10. A fascinating fantasy recommended thoroughly.

reviewed by Hamish.M

By Hamish

Book review - CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY - ROALD DAHL

Would you like to meet a bunch of interesting incredibly-created characters? Yes? Then jump-in....

Meet Willy Wonka the craziest man in the world! He has a giant chocolate factory, and he has decided to allow Five lucky children to visit his factory, those Five lucky children will find a golden ticket in a wonka bar. They will get to visit Willy Wonka's tremendous chocolate factory, where they will meet Willy Wonka himself and the Oompa-Loompas (they are the helpers of Willy Wonka), they enjoy making up songs!

Meet Charlie Bucket, the first of the children, he is very poor, and lives with his father and mother, (Mr Bucket and Mrs Bucket.) Meet Charlie's Grandparents, - Grandpa Joe, Grandma Josephine, Grandpa George and Grandma Georgina. Charlie's family eat cabbage soup, Charlie is very skinny.

Meet Augustus Gloop, he is a very greedy boy, who spends his life eating chocolate.

Meet Veruca Salt, she is a girl who is spoiled by her parents (and gets on her parent's nerves).

Meet Violet Beauregarde, she literally chews gum all day long, she has been chewing it for three months!

Meet Mike Teavee, he does nothing but sit there watching television every day of his life.

I think this is a marvellous book! That's all from me - Owen Mukasa