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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St Patrick's Day!



Industrial Action

Thank you to all of you, who have shown so much support and understand during this period of industrial action. The teachers did not take the decision to strike lightly. Let's hope that the government listen to teachers' concerns and are able to come to an agreement with the unions soon.

Sponsored Read:

Last week, many of our children took part in The St Winifred's World Book Day Sponsored Read. It was great to hear about so many children reading throughout the day and evening. Thank you so much to all involved. We raised a staggering **£849!**

Because we raised over £600 we have been given an extra 30% to spend on books, bringing our total to over £1000.

All of this money will go on new books for each class in the school. Well done everybody!

Knights of St Columba



In today's Merit Assembly, we presented the winners of the Knights of St Columba's Christmas competition with their certificates and £10 prize.

The children were asked to draw a scene from Luke's Gospel depicting the nativity. We had a winner from each age category.

KS1 – Mariia Kirichenko – Yr 2; **Lower KS2** – Jessie McCormack – Yr 4; **Upper KS2** – Charlotte Williamson – Yr 6

Please scroll to the end of the newsletter to see their winning entries.

St Winifred's Spring Concert

You are all warmly invited to our concert on Friday 24th March at 4pm.

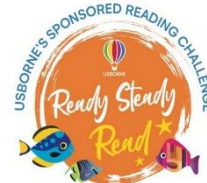
Sustainability Term

On Friday, during the day, we will have a book / toy swap in the small hall. The children will be invited to have a look at what is on offer and choose one book / toy to take home. The remaining books will be put in our new outdoor library.

If you have any books / toys or costumes that you still wish to donate to school, please do so before Friday.

March

20th – 31st: St Josephine Swimming
20th: Year 3 Volcanoes Workshop
21st: Year 1 trip to Docklands
23rd: Year 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
24th: Spring Concert, 4pm
24th: Reception trip Manor Park
27th – 31st: School's Holy Week
31st: Easter Egg Hunt
31st: School Closes 3pm
31st: Parish invited to Stations of the cross



Friends of St Winifred's:

Easter Egg Hunt -

🐣🐣🐣 The annual Easter Egg hunt is in 2 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. 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)

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	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>.

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	20 th – 31 st March: St Josephine
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Holiday Intensive Swim Lessons

Please see the attached flyer from Colfe's regarding their swimming lessons.

Year 6 Tutoring

If your child is in Year 6 and you would be interested in free tutoring, please see the attached flyer.

Volunteers:

We are still looking for volunteers, the more the merrier! 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.

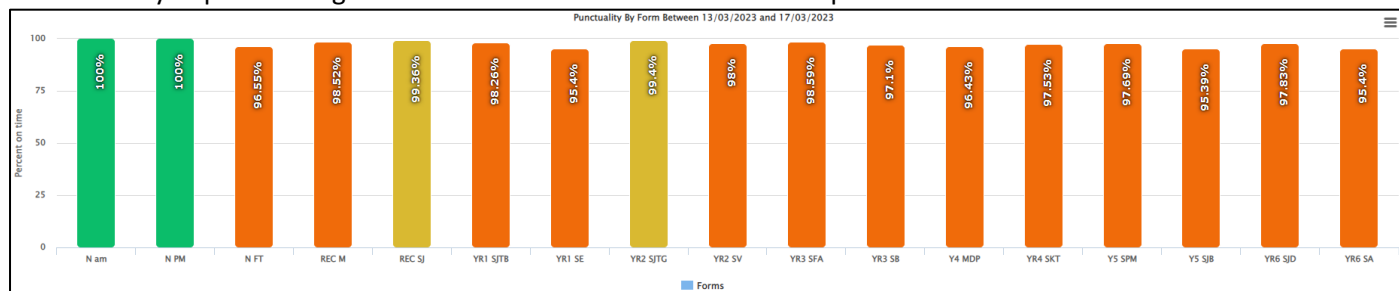
Parent App:

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.



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 James the Great, both with 99%! Well done.

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

Knights of St Columba - Winning Entries:



By Mariia – Year 2

by Jessica McCormack



By Jessie McCormack – Year 4



By Charlotte – Year 6