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Dear Parents and Carers,



Dress to Act: Lenten Appeal

The Mini-Vinnies led an assembly today inviting all the children to take part in their Lenten appeal. During our weekly assemblies in lent, the children have been called to 'Give, Act, Pray'. Reflecting on this, the Mini-Vinnies wanted to 'Act' by helping others. They have chosen to support [AFRIL](#): Action for Refugees in Lewisham. AFRIL's services aim to meet the real needs of asylum seekers, vulnerable migrants and refugees in south east London. The Mini-Vinnies ask that on [Thursday 30th March](#), all the children come to school in their own clothes, in one of the colours on the AFRIL logo. We ask that the children come dressed in something [green](#), [blue](#), [red](#), [purple](#) and/or [yellow](#) and [donate £1 to the appeal](#).

This week, St Bernadette class and St Elizabeth class led their key stage in worship, with two fabulous class assemblies. Thank you once again to all the parents for making such an effort to attend the assemblies this term.

Holy Week

Next week will be the school's Holy Week. We will take time every day with the children to stop and reflect on the Lord's Passion in the most important time of our liturgical year. Each year group will present an assembly to their Key Stage on the following:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Palm Sunday	Last Supper	Stations of the Cross	Penitential Service	Whole School Mass 9:30am
Reception & Year 3	Year 1 & 5	Year 2 & 6	Year 4	

Unfortunately, we are not inviting parents to these assemblies. You are more than welcome to join us at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday at 9:30am for Mass. Please sit either on the side pews or at the back of the church.

The Way of the Cross

Every class Nursery to Year 6, has been allocated a station of the cross. Each class has been asked to explore this station and what it means. The children have been asked to represent the station creatively. The children can represent the station in any way they wish, for example through photography, natural materials or painting. They could also add words, phrases and prayers. There is no expected way to create the station, it is open to their interpretation, which means there will be 15 different ideas displayed in 15 distinctive ways.

The art work has been displayed in designated communal areas of the school in preparation for next week. Each class will be given a time slot over the next week, in which to walk the way of the cross, stopping and looking at each station and how the children across the school have depicted the stations.

The parish have been invited to come and walk the stations next **Friday after school between 5-6:30pm**. If you would like to join us, please book a place with the office. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Winifred's Spring Concert

You are all warmly invited to our concert today at 4pm.

Parent / Carer End of term Survey



Please find here the [link for the parent / carer survey](#) for the Spring term. I am, as always, very keen to know what is in your opinion going well and what could be better. I am always very grateful for the responses I have received. I do take all the comments on board and as a school we are committed to ensuring that the school serves all the children and their families well. Please find attached a word version of the same survey if you would prefer to complete it that way.

Sustainability Term

Today, we had our toy and book swap event. All the donations were laid out in our hall and each year group was able to go and spend some time looking at the books before choosing one to take home. The books that were not taken home, will be rehomed in our new outdoor library. You may have noticed two little sheds have been positioned under the canopy on the playground. The idea is that these will be filled with books. During play and lunch the children will be able to access them and enjoy a book. Children will also be able to swap books by bring ones they no longer want/need at home and take new titles home from the library. Thank you to all of you who donated the books, toys or costumes. You would not have known that the books were pre-loved, the majority were pristine!



Friends of St Winifred's:

Easter Egg Hunt -

🐣🐣🐣 The annual Easter Egg hunt is in 1 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!**

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
2pm – 2:45pm
Thursday 30th 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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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.

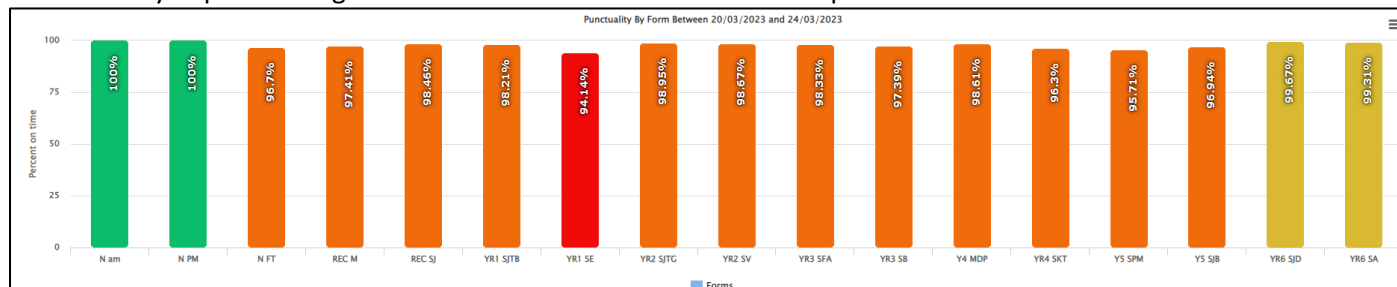
Parent App:

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 Year 6, both classes with 99%! Well done.

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,

Claire Gillespie