



25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been incredibly busy! We started the week with Trinity Laban musical theatre students performing 'Seussical the Musical' to KS2. The children were completely enthralled by the performance. It was a joy to see the sheer delight on the children's faces throughout the performance.

On Tuesday Year 2 had their scooter training. They were trained on how to ride their scooters safely and were taken out of school to practice. They all passed with flying colours. They now know how to keep themselves safe when using their scooters.

We also had many trips this week. Nursery went to visit Woodlands Farm on Shooters Hill, Year 5 went to Creekside Discover Centre and Year 4 went to Northbrook Park. They all had a brilliant time, whilst developing their Scientific knowledge at the same time. It is fantastic to have the children on trips again.

This week the children have had a huge range of STEM activities, culminating in a fantastic Science and Maths fair today in the main hall. The Year 5 and 6 children led the activities in the hall for EYs and KS1 children.



Today, was Bling your Bike day. It was great to see all the children come to school with their bikes and scooters decorated. The winner is will be announced next week. As you know today marks the end of the first week of the [Big Walk and Wheel](#) campaign promoting active travel. During this week and next the children have been learning about active travel, whilst taking part in the school's competition, recording their journeys to school daily. Don't forget that next week we are inviting all the children to come to school on Friday dressed as an eco-superhero. We also ask for a charitable donation for [CAFOD's](#) Walk Against Hunger campaign.



Parent / Carer End of term Survey



On Monday I sent you all an email with the [parent / carer survey](#) for the Spring term. I am very keen to know what is in your opinion going well and what could be better. I am very grateful for the responses I have already 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.

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.

Palm Sunday	Last Supper	Penitential Service	Stations of the Cross
Reception & Year 3	Year 1 & 5	Year 4	Year 2 & 6

Every class Reception to Year 6, has been allocated a station of the cross. Each class has been asked to explore this station and what it means. Then 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 add words, phrases and prayers if you wish to. There is no expected way to create the station, it is open to their interpretation, which means there will be 14 different ideas displayed in 14 distinctive ways.



The art work will be displayed in designated communal areas of the school. Once installed, each class will be given a time slot, 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.

On Friday 1st April, we will celebrate Easter in school with the Easter egg hunt and other lovely activities.



Little Wandle: Letters and Sounds Revised Meeting: Tuesday 29th March 9:30am



Parents of children in Early Years and KS1 are invited to a meeting about [Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised](#), our new phonics programme. Our aim is to explain how the system works and how best to support the children at home with their phonics learning. The parents meeting will be on Tuesday 29th March at 9:30am on [zoom](#). Please see the attached flyer. Do not worry if you are unable to make this date, we will share the resources following the meeting and set another date in the new term.

Parent Governor Elections

After Easter, I will be writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for two parent governors and there is currently one vacancy.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with skills in finance. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor, attend free induction training. Please use this time to think about whether you would like to stand for election after the Easter holidays and look out for the email with all the information after the holidays.

Covid Update

As you know, all Covid restrictions have been removed by the government and there is no legal need to isolate now after a positive test. The guidance states "Stay at home if you can and avoid contact with other people". Therefore, as a school we are remaining cautious and are asking children and staff, who test positive, to stay at home. We ask that if anyone tests positive that they do not return to school until they have had two negative lateral flows tests, 24hours apart from day 5. We are maintaining this in place until Easter, as we do have vulnerable members of our community, that we would like to keep safe.

Friends of St Winifred's

The Easter eggs are arriving in school! Every child receives an egg, so we really do rely on many donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Please see the flyer attached. Parents of children with allergies have been contacted regarding appropriate substitutes, please respond to the office please.



After school clubs Summer Term for year 1 - 6 (after the Easter holiday)

Yesterday we sent you all a [google form](#) in order to sign up to a variety of new clubs starting after the Easter holidays. We have really tried to source a broad range of clubs, as suggested in your feedback. Please respond by Monday if you would like your child to participate in one of the many clubs on offer.

Library Books

Please could you check whether you have any school library books that need to be returned to the school and bring them back before the end of term. If your child has borrowed any this term from the main school library, please ask them to drop them back to the library.

Also, can I recommend that you join the public library, if you have not already. It is free and such a great resource to use with the children. Please visit the [Lewisham website](#) to find the closest library to you.

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 1st September 2018 and 31st 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.

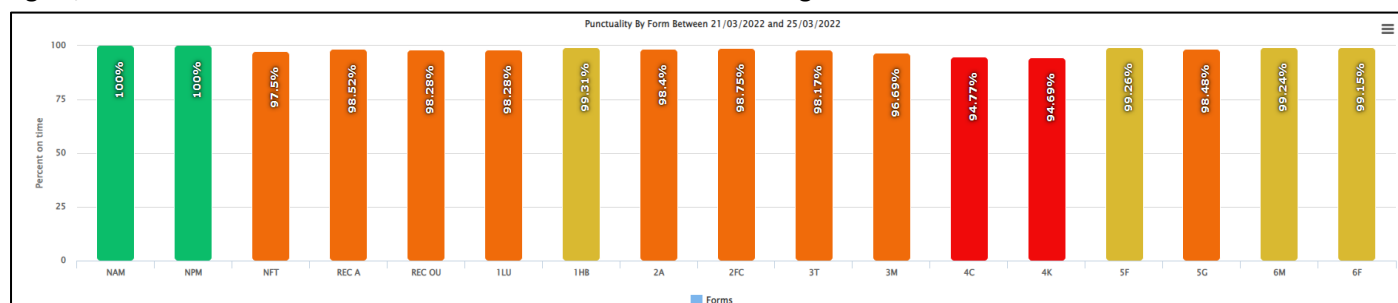
After School	4pm – 4:45pm	Thursday 31st March
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All parents are entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision but some may qualify for the 30 hours free provision. If you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours provision you should apply for an eligibility 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 1st April 2022.

Punctuality:

Again, this week 12 classes were above 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: 1HB! Well done to the 1HB on 99.3%! 5F, 6M and 6F also had 99%+, a fantastic effort.

St Winifred's Peace Garden

The Mini Vinnies would like to thank you all for all the plant donations. They are staying after school to plant them in the garden. If you would still like to donate, they would greatly receive any more donations of plants to develop the area.



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 send supermarket deliveries to the school for the foodbank. Your generosity is overwhelming.

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.



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