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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter No 26

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Dear Parents and Carers,

April

17th: Children return to school

Easter Egg Hunt

What a fantastic day it has been! Every class has participated in the annual Friends of St Winifred's egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who has donated eggs, money for eggs or their time to make the event such a success. The children had a fantastic time!



Holy Week

This week we celebrated 'Holy Week' in school. Each Year group led an assembly to prepare us for Easter. The assemblies were solemn, reverent and very moving. We thank Father Emeka who came and joined us for the Year 6 stations of the cross. Today, we ended the week by gathering for a whole school mass at our parish church. Thank you to all the parents / carers who came to join us.

The Way of the Cross

This evening we look forward to welcoming parents and the parish to come and walk the children's creative stations **today 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.

Mrs Barnard's Retirement

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Barnard. Mrs Barnard has worked at St Winifred's as a TA for 30 years. We thank her for her many years of service. We will all miss her greatly.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Mrs Dickerson (formerly Ms Darren – Yr2), who got married at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday. We wish her and her now husband a long and happy marriage.

St Winifred's Spring Concert

A huge thank you to Mr Howell, Ms Killick, the music teachers and all the children for the wonderful Spring Concert last Friday. It was such a fantastic event. The children and staff worked incredibly hard to prepare for it. Thank you again to all the parents and carers who attended, we hope you too enjoyed it as much as we did. Another thank you to the ladies who provided the refreshments – it was very kind of you all to support the school in this way. We look forward to the summer concert!

Choir

Ms Killick and the choir also serenaded us on Wednesday evening, showcasing all the songs they had been learning this term. Well done choir!

Dress to Act: Lenten Appeal

Thank you to everyone who came dressed to school in their own clothes on Thursday. The Mini-Vinnies counted all the money today and we have raised **£330** for **AFRIL**. THANK YOU!



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.



Golden Achievers

On Wednesday, we celebrated the Golden Achiever of this half term. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

Class	Name	Reason
St Peter	Milania Hartley	For always being enthusiastic at trying new activities.
St Mary	Harmony Melis	For always trying her best and for being a great friend. Her confidence is beaming.
St Joseph	Azariah Adeola Ariyo	For making such progress not only in her learning, but by being super sensible.
St Elizabeth	Akachukwu Uzoma	For working very hard and making great progress in phonics and reading.
St John B.	Tamia-Danielle Powell-Higgins	For her excellent participation in every lesson. Also, for her amazing listening skills and trying so hard in her work.
St James	Thiago Bejarano Montoya	For working so hard this term in all areas of the curriculum, including his homework.
St Veronica	Ire Olawunmi	For excellent progress in writing and great effort in all subjects.
St Francis	Scarlett Gauci	For always being willing to try her best and being supportive to her classmates.
St Bernadette	Findlay Adam-Hau	For his amazing resilience in all subjects; an all-rounder in his ability to be organised and presenting his work neatly. He always offers his help to keep the classroom activities in order.
St Kateri	Arthur Sarjeant	For being kind and considerate to everyone, all of the time. A true role model.
St Martin	Christopher Doyle	For a wonderful growth in confidence and showing his curiosity and love of learning in all lessons.
St Paul M	Jimoh Busari	For improvement in his writing. For always engaging with his learning even when it is difficult, for being resilient when times are hard and for keeping a sense of perspective and a sense of humour at all times.
St Josephine	Eve West	For excelling her personal swimming skills over the past two weeks
St Juan D	Jaallini Kirupakaran	For working hard at school and at home.
St Alphonsa	Ellie Maguire	For excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum and a fabulous 'can do' attitude.

Friends of St Winifred's:

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who donated and volunteered to make the Easter Egg Hunt a big success today in spite of the weather! It's always been a tradition that every child goes home with an egg or treat and we are so glad we were able to continue this year with your support!



The Friend of St Winifred's need your help to raise funds and it's FREE!

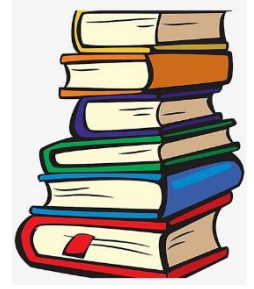
As part of the upcoming Summer Fair, we have approached Reeds Rain to assist with some free advertising and in the process earn a little money back for the school. You have all no doubt seen various advertising boards in people's front gardens, advertising other school fairs or Christmas events, well this time it's our turn. If you could find some space in your front garden and put up a Reeds Rain/St Winifred's Summer Fair advertising board, no bigger than a standard For Sale sign, Reeds Rain will donate money for each board. We need 75 houses to sign up and Reeds Rain will give the Friends of St Winifred's £1500, which could go towards new school equipment, school excursions or other items which all our children will benefit from.

If you'd be happy to help, then please email stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com with your name and address and we will be in touch!

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

Outdoor Library

Our swap shop library will be open after Easter! Children will be able to access it during break times and lunch times. They may also bring books from home and swap them for books they have not read. We hope that the children very much enjoy using it.



School Library Books

If your child has borrowed a book from the school library, please could you ensure that they return it after Easter. We have over 100 books that are overdue.

Free School Meals

All children at the moment from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals'. Please check on the [link to see if you are entitled to 'Pupil Premium Free School Meals'](#), this gives you more benefits i.e. free trips etc.

Polite Reminder:

We have received a few complaints from our neighbours on Kimbolton Close regarding the behaviour of some of the parents / carers from our school. Please could I ask you all to be respectful of our neighbours when walking through the estate and/or when parking. I do not know who has upset them, but I do know it is a very small proportion of our school community. Please remember that we are all representatives of this wonderful school.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes - Lenten Lunches.

This weekend we have this year's final Lenten Lunch in the church hall, after 11am mass hosted by the Father's Prayer group. Please do come along even if you are not at that mass at around 12 Noon and spend time chatting with other parishioners whilst enjoying some delicious soup and bread.

There is no charge but as well as enjoying the fellowship, there is the opportunity to make a donation to the Turkey Syria earthquake appeal. We should remember that many people who suffered in this natural disaster would see even a simple soup lunch as a luxury.

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.

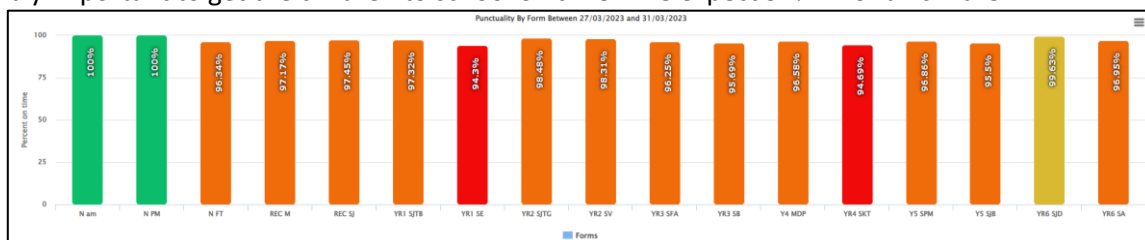
Parent App:

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 Juan Diego class 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,
I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter,
Kind regards
Claire Gillespie