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Newsletter No 28

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Young Marketeers

We are taking part in the [Young Marketeers programme](#), an initiative run by [School Food Matters](#). Last week, they came into school and launched the project with the KS2 children. They spoke to the children about food surplus and explained how we would be growing food at school in our kitchen garden and selling it at Borough Market in October.

This week, four children attended a training day at Borough Market. They were given a tour of the market and shown what is needed to be a market trader. They were also given tips and techniques for planting their seeds and tending to their crops by the Blue Peter Gardener, Chris Collins. Later this term, Chris Collins will come into school and check in with the children and their garden. All proceeds from the Young Marketeers sales will go to a local food charity, which reduces food waste and redistributes food to people in need.

King Charles III Coronation

Please find attached an invitation for the children to the Kings Coronation. On Friday 5th May we are inviting the children to come dressed for the coronation. This may be red, white or blue or their fanciest party clothes. If you would like your child to have school dinner instead of a packed lunch on this day, please contact the school office, please see menu attached.



NEU Industrial Action



As you know, there is one further date planned: **Tuesday 2nd May**. For further information regarding the rationale for the strike please visit the [NEU website](#).

As indicated on the letter, before and after school clubs will continue as normal.

Absence Clarification: As on the previous dates the strike will be 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.*

The following classes will be open:

Tuesday 2nd May	
St Mary – Reception	St Veronica – Year 2
St Bernadette – Year 3	St Francis – Year 3
St Josephine – Year 5	

May

- 1st: Bank Holiday
- 2nd: Industrial Action
- 5th: King Charles III coronation
- 8th: Bank Holiday
- 9th – 12th: Year 6 SATs
- 15th – 19th: Road Safety Week
- 17th: Woodlands Farm Trip -St Mary
- 19th: Woodlands Farm Trip – St Joseph
- 19th – 22nd: Year 6 School Journey
- 22nd – 26th: Other Faiths Week
- 29th – 2nd June: Half Term

June

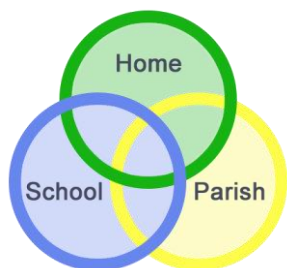
- 5th : INSET day
- 10th -11th – Holy Communion - OLOL
- 13th : Hall Place Trip - Nursery
- 19th – 23rd: Sports Week (Sports Day TBC)
- 23rd: Year 2 London Aquarium Trip
- 28th: School Photographer
- 30th: Summer Concert

July

- 4th: Year 2 Trip to Leads Castle
- 8th: Summer Fair
- 10th -14th: London Rivers Week
- 12th: Leavers Production
- 19th: Leavers BBQ
- 20th: Leavers' Mass 9:30am
- 21st: End of Term

Attending Mass

In order to nurture our relationship with Fr Emeka and the parish, this term the children in their year groups will all be attending the parish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This will also help them learn the parts of the mass and the responses. If you would like to accompany your child when they go to mass, please talk to your class teacher, as help walking the children to church would be very much appreciated.



May	June	July
18 th : Year 4	8 th : Year 6	6 th : Early Years
25 th : Year 5	15 th : Year 3	20 th : Year 6 Leavers Whole School
	22 nd : Year 2	
	29 th : Year 1	

Class Assemblies:

This term, we would like to invite you all to attend your child's class assembly. When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy or in the foyer of the main hall. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.

Thank you to all the parents, who attended St Kateri's class assembly on Wednesday. The children did an excellent job, sharing their knowledge on the digestive track and Beowulf.

May		June	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
3 rd St Francis Assisi (Yr 3)	4 th St Joseph (Rec)	14 th : Year 6 School Journey	15 th St Veronica (Yr 2)
10 th St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	11 th : John the Baptist (Yr 1)		22 nd St Mary (Rec)
17 th : St Martin (Yr 4)	18 th : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)	28 th St Bernadette (Yr 3)	
24 th : St Josephine B. (Yr 5)	25 th : St James (Yr 2)		

Happy News:

Happy News is a new, free weekly news leaflet for kids and teens, reporting a round up of 5 feel-good, uplifting, funny and inspiring stories from around the globe every Wednesday. Doesn't it seem like it's all doom and gloom in the world? Yet good things are happening all around us – we just don't hear about them. It is completely free to download. Find out more about Happy News and the Be Happy Hub here: www.behappyresources.co.uk/happy-news

Girls Football

Please see flyer attached.

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.

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.

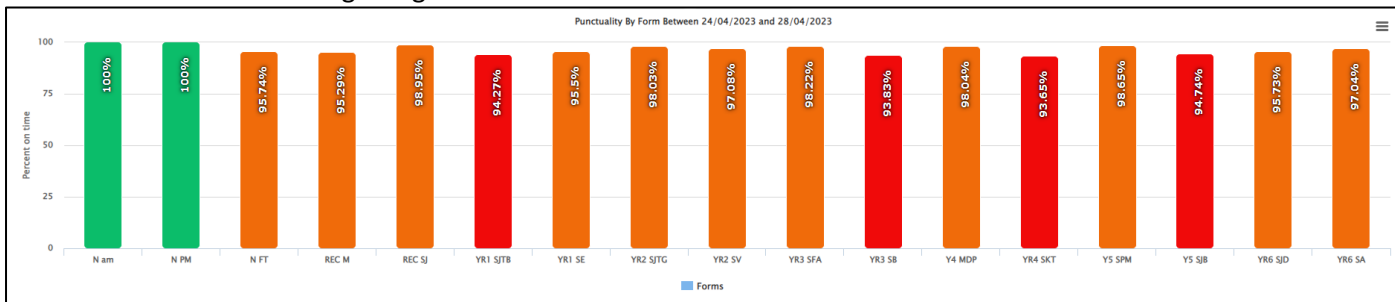
Parent App:

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 was not the best week for us in terms of getting into school on time.



This week's winner is St Joseph with 98.95%! 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,

Kind regards
Claire Gillespie