



Committed to Safeguarding

Nursery through to Year 6
Newstead Road,
Lee,
London
SE12 0SJ

Tel: 0208 857 8792

Headteacher: Ms Claire Gillespie

Deputy: Mrs Michelle Carey
Assistant: Ms Annette Gordon

Email: admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk

Web site: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk>

Newsletter No 3

21st September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Assemblies and Mass:

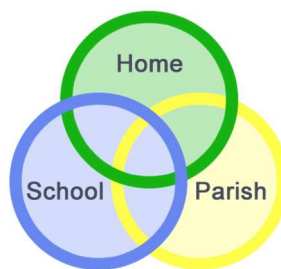
You are all warmly invited to attend your child's class assembly in school or accompany your child's class to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Assemblies:

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.

Mass:

In order to continue 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.



September:

- 27th: Meet the teaching team 3:30pm or 5pm
- 27th : Community Conversations
- 28th : Yr 5 & 6 Football Festival
- 27th: Year 1 trip to Manor House Gardens
- 28th: Year 6 trip to High Elms Country Park
- 29th : Secondary Workshop – pre-booked

October: Black History Month

- 2nd: St Veronica trip to St Paul's Cathedral
- 3rd: St James trip to St Paul's Cathedral
- 3rd : St Bernadette trip to Bank of England
- 5th: National Poetry Day
- 6th: School Photographer – Individuals
- 10th: World Mental Health Day
- 12th: St Francis trip to Bank of England
- 13th: Harvest Festival
- 17th : Nursery Autumn Walk

23rd – 27th: Half Term

September			November		
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am
27 th St Bernadette (Yr 3)		28 th : Year 4	1 st : Year 6		2 nd : Year 2
October			8 th : St Josephine (Yr 5)	9 th : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am	15 th St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	16 th : John the Baptist (Yr 1)	23 rd Year 1
4 th St Francis Assisi (Yr 3)	5 th : St James the Great (Yr2)	5 th : Year 6			
11 th : St Martin (Yr 4)	12 th St Veronica (Yr 2)	12 th : Year 5			
18 th St Kateri (Yr 4)		19 th : Year 3			

Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15th January 2024. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Tuesday 17th October	Tuesday 26th September	Wednesday 4th October
Wednesday 8th November	Wednesday 11th October	Thursday 2nd November
Monday 27th November	Monday 13th November	Friday 24th November
Tuesday 9th January	Thursday 7th December	Wednesday 13th December

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

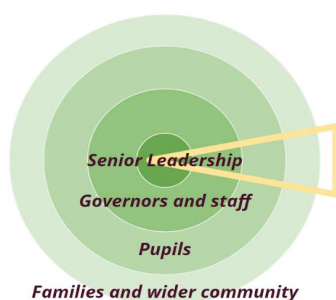
Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2024. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2023. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website.

Meet the Teaching Team:

You should have all received an email last week, inviting you all to a Meet the Teaching Team meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 3:30pm or 5pm in your child's classroom.

We are running the same session twice, one just after home time and the other later in the evening, with the aim of trying to accommodate as many families as possible. Please do try to attend to get all the information regarding the routines and curriculum expectations for your child's year group. The home school agreement, behaviour policy and online safety policy, will also be discussed.



Community Conversations

At 4pm, before or after your meet the teaching team meeting, we will be hosting Citizens UK to launch our Community Conversations initiative. This is an initiative that aims to involve parents and the whole school in tackling racial inequality in our schools, neighbourhoods and wider community. It involves a series of guided conversations about race, which were piloted in five Lewisham schools over the last year. These conversations will occur at least once a term and will be facilitated with support from the national charity Citizens UK.

Image 1: Cross-section of school community involved, starting with families, in opposition to a top-down model

South London
citizens

Black History Month

October is **Black History Month 2023**. This year's theme is 'Saluting our sisters'. It is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. In their classes the children will be learning about and celebrating black women in history.

B: M2023
DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten. That is why, this year, we will be celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women. [Black History Month Website](#)

Ms Killick, our History lead, has emailed you all asking for help. She would like to find an army of volunteers from amongst carers and/or parents to come in and read a traditional tale to groups of children or re – tell a favourite story from their childhood. If you would be happy to get involved – send Ms Killick an email or find her at the end of the day on the playground. skillick@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk

School Meals

Please let the school office know if you want your child to have school dinners. All school meals are free for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. If your child is packed lunch or school dinner, they are to have that all week. Unfortunately, children cannot change between school lunch and packed lunch during the week.

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 94.75% (DfE expects 95%)

Punctuality this week has been varied! We expect all year groups to be above 97%!



This week's winner is Saint Mary class again! St Elizabeth and St Alphonsa you can do better!

Parent App:

Please download if you haven't already! From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children and report absence. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



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.

Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



St_winifreds_lee



@stwinifredslee

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie