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**WINIFRED'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter No 31

18th May, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Events this week

Today, our Friends ran a cake sale for all classes.

**Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donations**, they were delicious. There are lots left over to be sold after school so remember to bring some money if you would like to buy them.

This week all our year 6 pupils took their SATs tests. The children worked extremely hard and we are all very proud of them. They had a fun afternoon in the park to celebrate.

All our pupils from Nursery to Year 2 took part in Drama 4 all African workshops on Wednesday. These were really good fun and children loved taking part.

### Mr Johnson

Lots of you have been asking about Alex, our wonderful premises manager. He went into hospital for surgery on Monday. This went really well and Alex is now at home making a speedy recovery. He will be off work for a couple of months but will be back fit and well after the summer holiday. Thank you for all your kind wishes.

### Thanksgiving celebration for our beautiful school

**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am**, we will be holding a whole school celebration in thanksgiving for the completion of our school building. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter in our school playground, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to walk around the school. Come and join us for this very special celebration. There will be parties in school for all classes in the afternoon. We are asking you to donate an item of food for your child's class party. Class teachers will let you know what is most needed.

### Notes for your diary

**25<sup>th</sup> May 10am** - Whole school celebration in thanksgiving for the completion of our school building. You are all invited.

**21<sup>st</sup> June** – Secondary Transfer meeting for year 5 parents and carers

We are really looking forward to this special service and would love to see you all celebrating this huge mile stone with us. Children are asked to wear smart summer uniform and school will close at the usual time.

### **Before and after school**

Pupils are allowed to come in to the playground from 8.30 each morning. The playground quickly fills up and we have lots of very young siblings who also wait in the playground. Our pupils know that this is not playtime but a time to have a chat with their friends and wait in a calm manner for the bell to ring. Please ensure that your child is not running around, scooting or using any climbing apparatus. These rules are in place to keep our pupils safe. If your child is below year 5 and you are leaving them before the bell rings, please ensure that you have asked another parent/carer to keep an eye on them. There is always a member of staff on duty, but often at the gate.

Please keep younger children with you in the playground until it is time to line up. Please inform a member of staff if there is any problem involving another pupil. It is never acceptable for a parent or carer to challenge another pupil regarding behaviour (please see our Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors) Link:

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/code-of-conduct-for-parents-carers-visitors/>

I have also had visits from neighbours who were very upset because some of our children have been running in to their gardens and picking their flowers and breaking them. They have found this particularly upsetting because parents and carers are allowing this to happen.

### **Uniform and Haircuts**

Please support us by ensuring that your child adheres to our uniform policy. Pupils are not allowed to have extreme haircuts. I have been really disappointed to see that a number of our pupils have been allowed to go against our rules and have their hair shaved at the sides and long at the top.

Pupils are expected to wear ties if they are wearing white shirts unless the weather becomes extremely hot. Boots are not allowed during the summer term. We do allow **black** trainers to encourage children to be active during playtimes; however pupils are not allowed to wear trainers in any other colours. (Please see our uniform policy)

Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

### **St. Winifred's RC Primary June Screen Challenge**

Next week, children will be told in assembly, all about a special challenge we are setting them.

The challenge is called 'My only screen is sunscreen', and will involve the children trying not to use screens of any kind for as many days in June as possible (the only allowable exceptions will be during school time and homework time). The rules of the challenge will be clearly explained in a pack that each child will receive.

The concept is not to ban the use of screens, but to encourage children to voluntarily replace the use of screens with something more beneficial or interesting - the packs will include lots of suggestions for alternative activities. Children will of course have free choice here and it will be up to them how many days they can go screen free!

The Challenge pack will include a sponsorship calendar for June. The children can colour in each day they are screen free. We suggest 20p for a week day, 50p for a Saturday or a Sunday, but amounts will be left to the sponsor's discretion.

We hope you will support us in this challenge, it may lead to some beneficial changes in lifestyle for some children, and we hope to raise money from the sponsorship which we will be donating to the NSPCC. After half term the NSPCC will be coming to school to lead assemblies for all our pupils and to run workshops for all our Year 5 and 6 pupils. We will also be asking the children to think of other creative ways we can raise money to support this very worthwhile charity.

## **Wool Appeal**

We seem to have started a knitting and weaving craze in our school. This is really wonderful to see and clearly to be encouraged. If you have any unwanted wool at home, we would be able to make really good use of it.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes parish**

#### **First Communion Programme 2017/18**

The next session will be tomorrow Saturday 19th May. The children will be in the church and the parents in the hall, both at 10:00am. Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the sessions can start and finish on time; teas and coffees will be available in the hall from 9:45am.

We will be covering Chapter 4 "God's Word".

### **Events organised by Parents & Friends**

#### **Cake Glorious Cake**

Thank you to all who donated cakes for this morning's cake sale, the children's faces were pictures when the cake arrived in their classrooms. Yet another event that could not be done without the kindness and generosity of friends, parents and carers of the school. Any leftovers will be for sale in the playground after school.

#### **Volunteers required: Summer School Disco**

The DJ is booked and the stage is set for the summer school disco will be held on Friday 8th June in the main hall; Infants: 4:30pm - 5:45pm (Reception to year 2); Juniors: 6:15 - 7:30pm (Year 3 to year 6). Thank you to those who have so far volunteered. Without volunteer helpers the event can't go ahead so we need your help for the event - please let us know at [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com) if you are able to help and at which disco you would like to help at.

#### **Family Fun Day - Host a Peter James Board.**

Coming up on Saturday 14th July 2018. Once again Peter James Estate Agents will be sponsoring the event and we are looking for at least 100 parents, carers friends of the school to host an estate agent board outside their house for six weeks. If you'd be happy to have a board please let us know at [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com). Thank you to those who have already offered.



### Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Total: 61 children who arrived late for their learning this week. Well done to Reception C with no lates this week.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	98%	0	Year 2CL	98%	7	Year 4T	97%	11
Reception B	93%	7	Year 2FM	98%	6	Year 4L	95%	6
Year 1 A	97%	9	Year 3U	96%	4	Year 5K	99%	4
Year 1 D	99%	2	Year 3A	97%	2	Year 5/6F	95%	1
						Year 6M	97%	2

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the wedding, the cup final and the sunshine.

Margaret Hanrahan