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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

St Winifred's Summer Concert

You are all warmly invited to our concert today at 4pm in the main hall. If your child is performing, they will remain in school until the start.

Family Fun Day – 8th July:

Only one week to go until our summer fair! **The Family Fun Day will be taking place next Saturday at 3pm - please do come along, socialise, meet other parents, have a drink and support the school.**

The children will get to enjoy a bouncy castle from the brilliant Epic Inflatables, play hook a duck, try to pick the lucky door key with Reeds Rains, buy a new cuddly toy from our beloved £1 soft toy stall, get tattoos, play Beat the Goalie, eat cakes, ice lollies and sweets, while parents and carers can enjoy browsing stalls from local small businesses (flowers, beauty products, art, hair accessories), sipping an Aperol Spritz, beer or soft drink, eating a hot dog or a selection from our buffet, and trying your luck in the bottle tombola.

This year we are having a **cashless event with all payments made with card readers or via QR code**. Please download the **Sum Up Pay** App ahead of the day to ensure that you can pay easily. If there are any problems or concerns on the day there will be a Friends stall where we will do our best to sort out anyone having difficulties paying electronically.

We do still need the help of our wonderful community to pull it all off though! We still require:

- A couple more volunteers to help out during the fair, especially with the latter half of the fair from 4pm onwards.

- The loan of any gazebos you may have (we will take good care of them and get them back to you!)
- Donations of food and cakes on the day
- Donations of bottles, any type at all as long as they are unopened.
- Filling up and returning of sweetie cones.

We can't wait to see you there and celebrate the end of the school year all together.

School Photographer:



We hope that you have had a chance to look online at the photos taken on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing them all, when they're delivered to school.

We have decided to split the photographer into two days next academic year. Individual and sibling photos will be taken on the 6th October 2023 and the class photos will be taken in the summer term.

<u>June</u>
30 th : Summer Concert
<u>July</u>
4 th : Year 2 Trip to Leeds Castle
4 th : Year 1, St Elizabeth - Cutty Sark Trip
5 th : Industrial Action
6 th : Year 1, St Elizabeth - Cutty Sark Trip
7 th : Industrial Action
11 th : Reception Greenwich Cinema
8 th : Summer Fair – Family Fun Day
10 th -14 th : London Rivers Week
12 th : Leavers Production
19 th : Leavers BBQ
20 th : Leavers' Mass 9:30am
21 st : End of Term



NEU Industrial Action

As you know, there are further dates planned **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July**. 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:

Wednesday 5 th July	Friday 7 th July
St Mary - Reception	St Mary – Reception St Veronica – Year 2
St Veronica – Year 2	St Francis – Year 3
St Josephine – Year 5	St Josephine – Year 5

Length of School Day Consultation:

Wow! I have had 133 responses! I very much appreciate the comments you are all making. I am going to keep the survey open until Friday 7th July. To allow everyone the chance to respond. I will then share the outcome with you all, so that you can all have plenty of time to make arrangements for September.

In accordance with '[Minimum expectation on length of the school week: information note](#)', from the DfE in March 2022, schools from September 2023, must deliver 32.5 hours a week. We currently deliver 31.25 hours a week, short by 15 minutes a day. Therefore, the school day must be 15 minutes longer in September 2023. Lewisham have stressed that the timings of the day, must remain within the school street stated times.

Staff and wrap around care provisions are also being consulted on these two options, to start in September:

Option	Gate Open	EYFS	Gate Open	KS1 & 2
1	8:40	8:45-3:15	8:35	8:45-3:15
2	8:55	9:00-3:30	8:50	9:00-3:30

Please follow this link to the [google form](#) or use the attached proforma attached to register your preference.

Water Bottles

There has been a growing number of Prime Bottles and Air Up bottles coming into school.

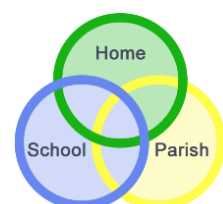
Prime's recommended retail price is £2 per bottle. It can either be a hydration drink or an energy drink. The energy drink includes caffeine and is not suitable for children. Can I please ask that Prime bottles no longer come into school. School policy also only allows water to be drunk during the school day. I know that some children are using the empty bottles, as their water bottles, but it is very hard to know if it is just water in there.



'AirUp' bottles are sold for at least £30 (some go up to £50), and then there is the added cost of the flavour pods at £5 a pack. The children are also swapping the pods and there has been a few disagreements between children, as to who the pods belong to.

We are also really concerned that there is a status associated with these costly items and that this is placing financial pressure on parents/carers, in a cost of living crisis. Just like other branding is not permitted on clothing, as it creates an environment of inequality, we ask that these bottles no longer come into school. We do not want our children and their parents/carers to be placed under unnecessary pressure to buy these expensive items. If we see the bottles in school, they will be confiscated from the children and can be collected from the office by an adult. We hope that you all can understand this decision.

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.

July
6 th : Early Years
20 th : Year 6 Leavers: Whole School

Dad's Space:

Dads Space is a group set up for Lewisham fathers, who would like to speak to other like-minded dads in a safe space, to explore all things fatherhood or general advice about any other worries they may have. This will be taking place from **30th June 2023 at St Laurence Church, SE6 2TS, 10:30am – 12:30pm**. Please see the attached flyer.

Our Lady of Lourdes events

Sunday Coffee Morning

Our team of volunteers will be serving coffee, tea and biscuits etc. this Sunday (2nd July) after 9am Mass in the church hall. Please pop in and enjoy a drink, a chat and some fellowship time with your friends and others in our parish community.

LOLO Community chorus

The Chorus will be performing an “eclectic mix of music from Verdi, Elvis, Mozart, Fats Waller and beyond” this Sunday 2nd July at 4pm in the church. Please do come along and support this parish event – there will be refreshments in the hall afterward. Please see flyer/poster 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.

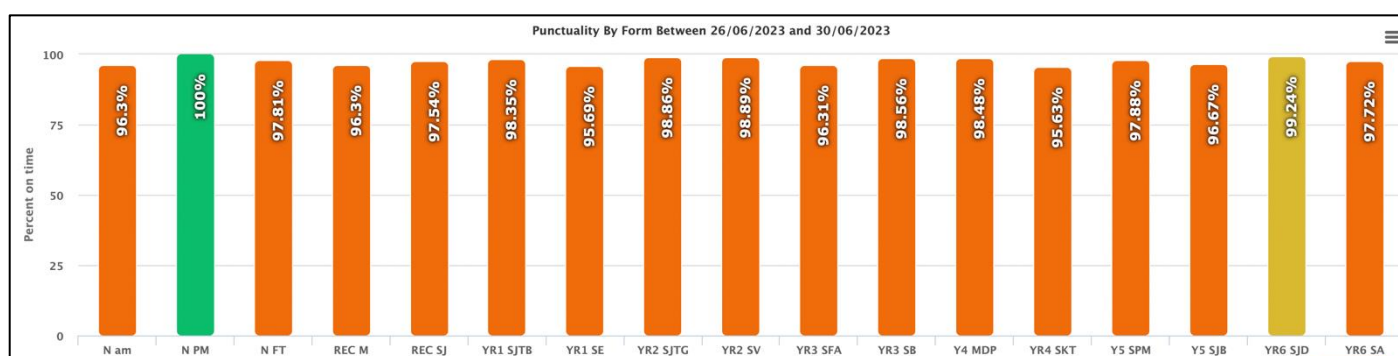
Parent App:

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. Thank you!



This week's winners is St Juan Diego with 99%! Closely followed by St John the Baptist, St James the Great, St Veronica, St Bernadette and St Martin, all with 98%! A great week for many!

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