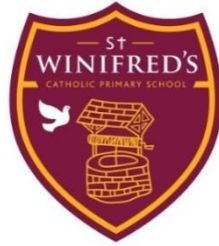


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**Newsletter No 36**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Events this week**

On Monday, our Nursery pupils took part in lots of fun sports activities in the park.

On Tuesday, we had a really fantastic sports day for the rest of our pupils. It was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us. We held all our

main school events on the same day to ensure that parents and carers only needed to book one day off work.

We were extremely proud of all our Year 6 pupils who organised and ran all of the events. They had a practice in the morning with the junior children and then they did a brilliant job with all of our younger pupils in the afternoon. All of the children loved their picnic lunch and their lollies.

On Thursday, our Year 5 girls went to St Ursula's College for a taste of secondary school technology. They had a fantastic time using sewing machines, laser cutters, 3D printers and they baked cookies. This was a lovely introduction to secondary school for them.

Also on Thursday, our Nursery children went on a strawberry picking visit and had a ride on a train. They were very excited about their experience and had lots of strawberries to take home.

Lots of our classes went to our local parks for sports lessons this week.

Today, 4/5L and 5T went to a Gamelan music workshop at the Horniman Museum. We were really lucky to have been allocated these sessions as they are hugely oversubscribed.

**Lots of Dates for your diary**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Summer BBQ 6-8pm at Junior site**

**School Mass – Our Lady of Lourdes Church – 10.15 – 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**New Nursery and Reception parents/carers' meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm**

**Current Reception and Yr 1 parents/carers' meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm**

**End of year reports going home – 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Parent/teacher meetings 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July 4-6 pm both sites**

**Year 6 Performance - 18<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm**

**Year 6 Disco 18<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30 – 9**

**Year 6 Leavers' Mass 19<sup>th</sup> July 7pm**

**Last day of term 20<sup>th</sup> July - finish at normal time**



Our Friends organisation deserves a massive Thank You for the fantastic discos they organised last Friday. The children had a brilliant time

### **School start and finish times**

We will be continuing with the current arrangements throughout the next academic year. I am aware that a number of children are arriving late each morning at both sites. It is really important that all children are in school and ready to go to class as soon as the bell rings (by 8.45 at the Junior site and 9.15 at the Infant site). Please support us by leaving home a little earlier in the mornings. I am really impressed with all of our 4/5L pupils as they have all managed to arrive on time throughout the week.

### **Class Organisation for 2017/18**

I am sure that by now, you all know about your child's teacher for next year. We will be organising lots of opportunities for children to spend time with their new teacher before the end of term. We will run 'Meet your child's teacher' meetings for parents and carers at the beginning of September.

At a time when several thousand teachers are leaving the profession every year and so many schools do not have enough teachers for September, we are extremely blessed to have excellent teachers throughout our school. We also have a number of very highly motivated teachers who are continually developing their practice through very high level training including MAs and Senior Leadership qualifications. We create a supportive environment to nurture and retain our staff and ensure they are valued as outstanding professionals. This will ensure the very best for all our pupils.

Each year, classes are organised in order to ensure that each class is taught by the professional who will best meet the needs of every child and provide the best possible experience for them. This may not be what you had hoped for but is based on a thorough knowledge of children and staff throughout the school.

I would urge you not to use WhatsApp to discuss your views on classes for next year or on staff as I have huge concerns about losing excellent staff and upsetting professionals who are utterly dedicated to our children. I am happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns with you and put everything possible in place to meet your child's need but am not prepared to change classes.

### **Sponsored Events**

Next week, all children will be taking part in a sponsored activity to raise money for our school. This will be used to pay for play and sports resources, theatre groups and workshops to enhance and enrich our provision. The children in each class have chosen the activities for their sponsored event and each child brought a sponsor form home last week. These do not need to be returned until after the activities have taken place. Thank you for your support.

### **Meeting for new Nursery and Reception parents and carers**

We will be holding a meeting for new Nursery and Reception parents/carers, on 26th June at 7pm at the Newstead site. This will be an opportunity to find out about starting school and to meet other parents and carers. A crèche will be provided.

### **Meeting for Current Reception and Year 1 parents and carers**

We will be holding a meeting for current Reception and Year 1 parents/carers, on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm at the Newstead site. This will be an opportunity to find out about transition to this site and to ask any questions. A crèche will be provided.

### **1st Communion Programme**

This weekend (Sat 24th and Sun 25th) 34 children of our parish will be making their 1st Communions. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they make this next step in their faith.

Rehearsals, please note:



for those children making their 1st communion at the Saturday 24th Mass at 6:30pm, the rehearsal is at 6:30pm on Friday 23rd in the church;

for those children making their 1st communion at the Sunday 25th Mass at 9:00am, the rehearsal is at 10:00am Saturday 24th in the church:

for those children making their 1st communion at the Sunday 25th Mass at 11:00am, the rehearsal is at 11:00am Saturday 24th in the church.

Also just to remind you that there will be the Mass of Celebration for all of the children who made their 1st Communion as part of the regular 11:00 Mass on Sunday 2nd July followed by refreshments in the hall, where they will receive their certificates. Please remember what items of refreshments your family agreed to bring to this.

### **Message from the Friends**

The summer discos last Friday were a huge success! More than 240 kids hit the dance floor and had great fun. A big thank you to the fantastic team of volunteers who helped on the day. The PTA couldn't have done it without you! We've raised £728.48 for the school.

FANTASY HOUSE COMPETITION – Please return all drawings for the Peter James Fantasy Home competition by MONDAY 26 June. The pictures will be posted on PJ's page on Facebook next week so go online and "like" your favourite. The image with most likes on Facebook will be announced at the Summer BBQ on 14 July. The winner will get a goody bag with drawing materials, a book and some sweets!

SPECTACULAR SUMMER BBQ: Come join us on 14 July for a fun filled Summer BBQ from 6pm-8pm at the Junior school! This will be a great opportunity to get parents, carers and kids together to say good-bye to the school before the summer holiday. You will taste premium meats from one of our local butchers and enjoy a full licensed bar. We will be running entertainment stalls for the kids, a bouncy castle and soft play.

WE NEED YOU: We will need volunteers to help us run the stalls, bar and barbecue as well as salads and cake donations. If you can help please let us know via [stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com) or let one of the Friends know.

DONATION DAY: Thursday 29 June is donation day for the bottle and jam jar tombola! Please bring in full bottles of wine, shampoo, ketchup, olive oil, bubble bath, lemonade, champagne! Large, medium or small; glass or plastic anything goes as long as it is in a bottle. If you have empty jam jars or glass containers please fill them in with small toys, chocolate, hair clips or maybe Lego cards! Please drop any donations in to school offices or look out for the Friends in the infant and junior playground at drop off.

RAFFLE PRIZES: We will run a raffle during the event and are collecting prize donations. We already got some amazing treats for you, including: London Eye Tickets, Bouncy castle hire vouchers, Mandarin lessons, Dance lessons and cinema tickets. If you have or know someone who has something to donate (e.g an unwanted gift) or perhaps you run a local business that would be able to support the BBQ please let us know. You can bring your donations in to the school offices. Thank you!



## Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Total 55 late children throughout the school. Congratulations to 4/5L with no late children and well done to Reception B, 5T and 4K with 100% attendance.

<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	99%	2	Year 2T	97%	3	Year 4K	100%	7
Reception B	100%	2	Year 2F	99%	3	Year4/5 L	99%	0
Year 1 A	97%	4	Year 3U	96%	7	Year 5T	100%	3
Year 1 R	93%	5	Year 3A	98%	10	Year 6M	98%	3
						Year 6F	98%	3

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Margaret Hanrahan