



16th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, the Year 6 leavers presented their production of 'Shakespeare Rocks'. The children were fantastic. I am sure that Year 6 parents are as proud of the children, as all of us. A huge thank you to the Year 6 teaching team, Ms Miller, Ms Falconer, Ms Eaton, Mrs O'Malley, Mr Howell and Ms Sandy for supporting the children to put on such a wonderful performance.

On Thursday, Ms Murphy and Mrs Abbs hosted a celebration for the Holy Communicants. The children all came with their holy communion outfits and were presented with a momento from the school, to congratulate them on making this step in their own journey of faith. Another thank you to Ms Murphy and Mrs Abbs, our catechists, for preparing the children for this special sacrament.

Today, we had a very special assembly where the winners of the 'Make it Happen' app designs were revealed. The team from JP Morgan were very impressed by the standard of the entries. Emmanuella (Yr 4) and Layla (Yr 3) were the runner-ups and were given a book as a prize. Dominic (Yr 3), had the winning entry and won a HD tablet and a book. He was also shown his app design. He has given feedback and we will be sent information on how to download and use his app.

Weather Next Week

As I am sure you are all aware, next week the temperatures are set to soar. I am going to send a separate letter this evening with this information, I am proposing three choices:

1. The school will remain open for anyone who wants / needs to send their children in.
2. Parents can collect their children at 1:30pm after lunch
3. Parents can keep their children at home all day.

If you feel you can keep your child cooler and safer at home, we will provide online learning on Google Classroom for the two days. All children should return on Wednesday.

The children who come into school **MUST** come into school with either their PE kits or their summer uniform, without ties, jumpers or coats. Loose, light coloured clothing and sunhats with wide brims. They also must come into school with a water bottle and sun cream applied. We will do our best to keep them cool and in the shade.

Whole School Mass

Next Wednesday, we are delighted that we will all be celebrating mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Due to covid restrictions and social distancing, we have not celebrated mass this year as a school. Next year, we hope to be able to celebrate mass regularly and develop our links with Fr Emeka and Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

July:

18th: Chartwells Taster
Session 2:50pm – 3:15pm
21st: Last day of term
Class Parties
Own clothes day

Assistant Head Teacher

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Ms Gordon, as our assistant head teacher. She will start her new role in September. We wish her all the best and are sure she will be a fantastic addition to the senior leadership team.

Wedding Bells

A huge congratulations to Ms Foster, who got married last week. May she and her husband have a long and happy marriage. Ms Foster will be known as Mrs Foster-Lewis.

Class Parties:

On Thursday 21st, we ask that the children come to school in their own clothes for their class parties. Your class teachers will be in touch regarding details about snacks on the day.

Class teachers 2022/23:

Today, you will also be receiving a letter informing you what class your child will be in next year and who their class teacher will be.

Chartwells Taster Session:

On Monday, the kitchen team will be on the playground at home time, offering samples of school lunches. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Summer Fair

Thank you ever so much to everyone, who came to the summer fair on Saturday. It was a fantastic day. The sun was shining and it was just glorious. It was so lovely to open the gates and welcome the school community in. It was long overdue and much needed. We hope that it is the first of many. A huge thank you to the Friends of St Winifred's. Like Aoife said on the day, they are a 'small but mighty' team, who worked tirelessly to put on such a great day for our children. I cannot thank them enough.

Message from the Friends:

The Friends of St Winifred's would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated in the Summer Family Fair last weekend. Please see the list of our sponsors and more thank yous in our newsletter attached.

The fair raised a whopping £3626 for the school, as well as raising funds £375 for DigDeep Africa. The Year 6 Enterprise Stalls raised £507 alone from an initial £60 investment and these funds will be spent on celebrations for the Year 6 Leavers.

We are very keen to be completely transparent about where all Funds raised are being spent and hope to update you with the spending for this year by the end of term next week.

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you!

Before and After School Clubs

All before and after school clubs have now finished for this term, except for Chess Club. Chess club will have their last session next Tuesday.

Reports 2022

Everyone now should have had their child's end of year report. Please return the reply slip at your earliest convenience. If you would like to meet with the teacher to discuss anything from the report, please arrange that with your child's teacher directly.

Feedback:

It is almost the end of term and the end of my first year as headteacher of St Winifred's. I would really like you to provide me with feedback to two questions.

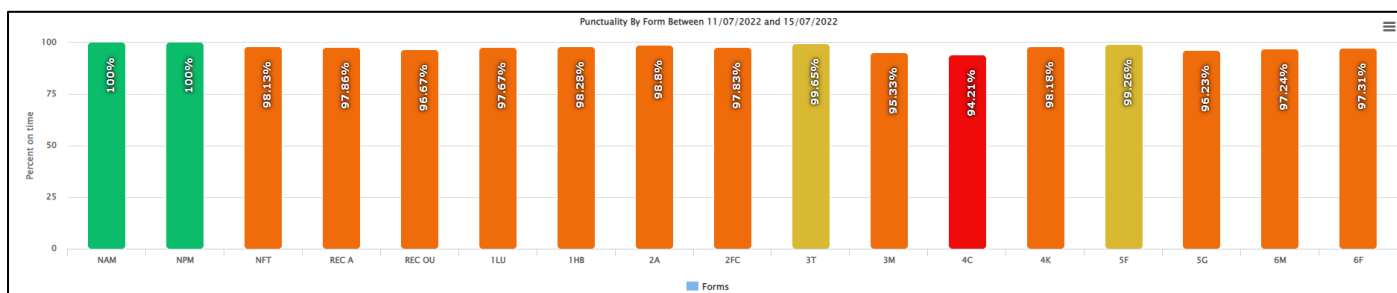
1. What has been going well?
2. What could be even better?

Please find the proforma with these two questions attached or use the [google form](#). I would like as many of you to respond as possible. I am very eager to listen to parent/carers voices. You can email it back or if you prefer, hand it in to the school office. You can even remain anonymous if you wish. By the end of term, I hope to be able to share the responses I have had with you.



Punctuality:

Punctuality much improved this week. The gates are open from 8:30am – 8:45am. Please ensure that your children are here on time.



This week's winner is 3& and 5F both with 99%+!

Our Lady of Lourdes Chorus Diary date

The next performance by our Chorus will be on Sunday 17th July at 4pm in the church. The main work in the programme will be Faure's Requiem along with some other pieces. Please put this date in your diary now. Please see the attached poster.

Food Bank

Please be reminded that the school's foodbank is open. If you would like to access it, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, all donations will be greatly received, especially now after the holidays as stocks are looking a little low.

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. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/thewednesdaywordwebsite/>

Parent App:

Do not forget to download the Scholarpack App.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie

