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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Photographer: Friday 6th October

On Friday 6th October, Vancols the school photographers will be in school. This will be for individual and siblings in school of the children from Nursery to Year 6, which will take place during the school day. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform. If you would like a family group of your children with siblings not of school age taken, please come to the ICT suite from 8.35 am



Parent / Carer Evenings:



It is almost time for this term's open evenings. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's attainment and progress.

Tuesday 17th October - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

Thursday 19th October - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

Signing in sheets will be available next week. You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception area inside the double doors (by the fish tank). If you cannot pop in to sign up, then call the school office after 9.30am and before 2.30pm and we will do our best to accommodate you. Do not contact the class teacher to arrange an appointment, as the booking in sheets are being kept in the office.

You can make an appointment for a 10-minute discussion with your child's teacher, in your child's classroom. You will also be able to spend time looking at your child's work before your appointment if you arrive a bit earlier. **In order to ensure you don't have to wait, teachers will use timers. It is really important that appointments do not overrun but if you need more time then you are welcome to arrange a follow up meeting.**

Early Years Door:

After reviewing the way the Nursery and Reception children have been entering school, the EYFS doors will open at 8.35am, same as the main school.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Mike at Eyekon Computing LTD (5 Burnt Ash Hill) for fixing the 5 IPADS in the Early Years classes. Mike, very kindly, supported the school by giving us a very large discount!



October: Black History Month

2nd: St James trip to St Paul's Cathedral

3rd: St Veronica trip to St Paul's Cathedral

3rd: St Bernadette trip to Bank of England

4th: Borough Market Sale Day

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

17th and 19th: Parent Evenings

23rd – 27th: Half Term

Harvest Assembly:

On Friday 13th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Assembly. We are very much looking forward to it. Fr Emeka will be joining us on this special day. The children have been busy preparing work and songs to share at the assembly.

We will be collecting for our school foodbank and the parish foodbank at Our Lady of Lourdes. Could we please ask you to bring in the following donations:

Nursery: Tinned vegetables

Reception: Tinned tomatoes

Year 1; Baked beans

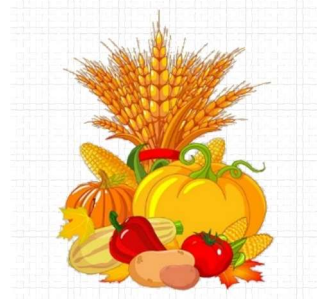
Year 3: Breakfast cereals

Year 5: Biscuits

Year 2: Pasta

Year 4: Rice

Year 6: Sugar



Meet the Teaching Team:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend this week's meeting. We hope that you found it beneficial to meet with your class teachers.

Community Conversations

Thank you to those parents who came to our launch of Community Conversations in partnership with Citizens UK's. 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. There will be further conversations over this academic year, if you would like to participate, please let me know.

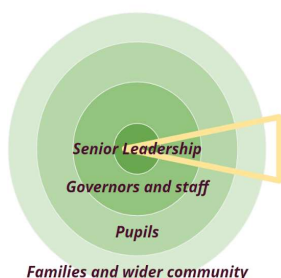


Image 1: Cross-section of school community involved, starting with families, in opposition to a top-down model

Black History Month

Next week October begins, as does **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.



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

Donation request for Early Years

If anyone has any cushions, children's waterproof anoraks and trousers (aged 3,4, 5 and 6) or wellies they are not in need of, please could Early Years have them.



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	Wednesday 11th October	Wednesday 4th October
Wednesday 8th November	Monday 13th November	Thursday 2nd November
Monday 27th November	Thursday 7th December	Friday 24th November
Tuesday 9th January		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.

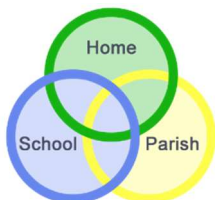
Class Assemblies and Mass:

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.

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

School Meals



Please let the school office know if you want your child to have school dinner on **Thursday 5th October**. The special menu is attached.

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: 95.7% (DfE expects 95%)

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



This week's winner is Early Years!! Look at those green bars! A very good week, keep it up! Year 6 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



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@stwinifredslee

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie