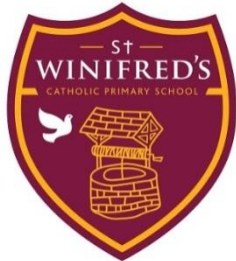


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to attend the Zoom 'Meet the New Head Teacher Meetings'. It was very strange to speak to you all in that way, but I hope that you all found it beneficial. I definitely found it to be a positive experience. Many questions were asked and it did raise issues that need to be addressed. I will be working on them and will notify you all as things are put into place.

I met with Father Emeka this week to discuss re-establishing the school's links to the parish. As you are all aware, due to Covid, the school's involvement in the parish was stopped. We discussed special assemblies, school masses, and the Holy Communion preparation. Please continue to read the newsletter, as we are planning to begin after the autumn half term.

Social Media:

I shared in the meetings this week that I have created a Facebook, Instagram and Twitter account for the school. My intention is to share all of the wonderful things that take place in school. Using social media I will be able to share photos and videos with you all of children's work, lessons, displays, assemblies, workshops and trips. I will also be able to post reminders about things that are going on in school. I think this is a fantastic tool to reach many of you instantly. If you use these platforms, please do follow / like our page, so that our posts appear on your newsfeed.

In order to share photos/videos of the children, I have attached a letter. It explains that your child's image may be used on school social media sites, the website or on other school publicity e.g. the school prospectus. If you would rather your child **not** be included in photos and videos, please return the letter to the school. We will then know which children not to include in our posts.



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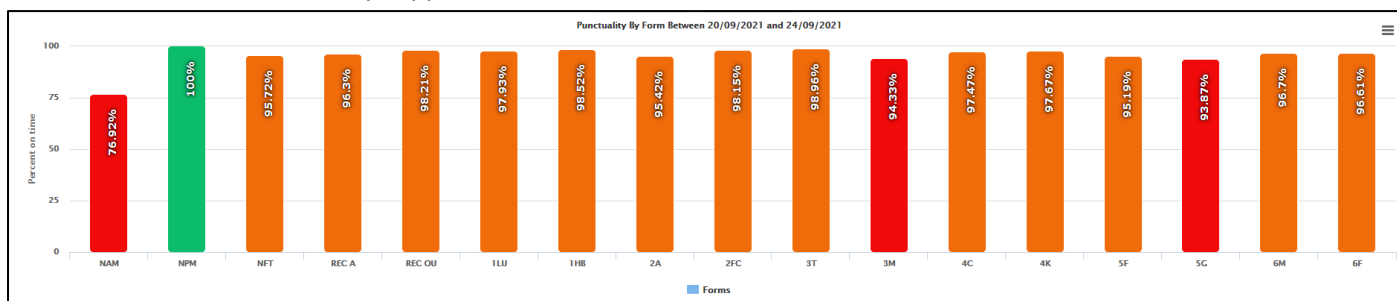


Year 6 Leavers' Mass

As many of you know, last year's Year 6, missed out on their last week of primary school, due to their 'bubble' bursting. Father Emeka has kindly agreed to say mass for these children and their families. If you had a child in last year's Year 6, or know families that did, please look out for an email regarding this, as the details will be emailed to them directly.

Punctuality:

As you all know, I am incredibly keen for all of our children to be in class, ready to learn at 8:45am. The gates are open from 8:30am. As you are all aware, at 8:45am, I am ringing the school bell and then closing the gate. I use a digital watch, which is accurate, to ensure the bell is rung precisely at 8:45am. My intention is not to upset the children and parents / carers, my aim is to stress how vital it is to be on time. I spoke about it this week in my meetings with you all and I discussed it with the children in our whole school assembly, being late regularly equates to lost learning time. If you arrive once the gate has closed, you will be asked to escort your child to the school office. May I please remind parents / carers that the ladies in the office are not to blame for your child's lateness. Please speak to the office staff courteously, they are recording the late children on my request. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have been very supportive of this new initiative.



This graph shows the punctuality for this week, as I'm sure you would agree, there is room for improvement. I did explain to the children that there would be a prize for the best class of the week. This week's winner is: **3T!** Well done to 3T. Let's see who can win it next week!

Home Time:

Could I please remind parents collecting children from the Early Years playground to please walk around the buildings by the MUGA. Please do not use the school hall as a shortcut. Also, once you have collected your child / children, please do not allow them to play on the timber trail. We have noticed that too many children are playing there at the end of the day, making it unsafe.

Diocese Mass:

Southwark Diocese has planned to celebrate Mass on Friday 1st October at St George's Cathedral. All Headteachers, Chairs of Governors and 4 children from every Catholic school in the diocese have been invited. Next Friday, I will be attending, with a child from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Christmas Theatre Visits:

We have reserved tickets for all of the children from Reception to Year 6 to go to the theatre leading up to Christmas. We have also booked for a theatre group to come into school for the Nursery. This is incredibly exciting and something for the children and us, to look forward to. The letters will be going home soon, please look out for them.

Year 6 School Journey:

We are delighted to have provisionally booked for a Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight. If your child is in Year 6, please look out for the letter regarding this.

Volunteer Days at the Ringway Woodland Garden

The Ringway Woodland Garden are looking for volunteers, to primarily work in the woodland area clearing and tidying to make room for new trees and hedges. If you would like to, feel free to drop in any time between 11am and 2pm on Sunday the 26th September and Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th of October.

Dr Bike:

On Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th September, Dr Bike will be in school from 10am to 3pm servicing the children's bikes. If your child has a bike and you would like it checked, please bring it into school clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If you have any parts that need replacing/fitting, please bring them in, and Dr Bike will be able to fit them for you.

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/>

Applying to start primary school 2022

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2022 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Secondary Transfers etc

Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class, please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day on which the exam or visit takes place.

Link for applying for Lewisham secondary schools: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/completing-an-application-form>

PLEASE NOTE THAT: you must apply online for a secondary school place by 11.59pm on 31 October 2021

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.

Lewisham Music

Please follow this link to access new music opportunities:

<https://mailchi.mp/3daffc5bad75/upcoming-projects-5379355?e=cd1b53fba5>

Our Lady of Lourdes parish news

Please find attached a copy of this week's parish newsletter – if you would like to receive a weekly copy directly PLEASE MAIL lee@rcaos.org.uk asking to be added to the circulation list

Thank you

Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Claire Gillespie

