



7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very busy week at St Winifred's. We enjoyed two lovely class assemblies led by St Francis class and by St James the Great class. They led their Key Stage in prayer and shared all the work they had been doing in class. Some children had even memorised their lines and were able to deliver them faultlessly. Very impressive from Years 2 and 3!

Yesterday, was National Poetry Day and in their classes the children have been reading, performing and writing their own poems. Ask your child to share the poetry they have been reading in class.

The Mini Marathon

Congratulations to eight of our children who completed the TCS Mini London Marathon, which took place on Saturday 1st October – the day before the TCS London Marathon, fundraising for our school! The children experienced the thrill of crossing the world-famous Finish Line on The Mall before being awarded their medals. Some even appeared on the BBC! This week the children came to school with their medals and photos. The 2023 TCS Mini London Marathon will be back on Saturday 22nd April next year – so if you did not take part this year, there's not long to wait until the next one!

October: Black History Month

10th: World Mental Health Day
11th: Nursery trip- Manor House
12th: St Elizabeth trip – Pizza express
13th: Yr 6 Secondary Application Support (ICT Suite) 3:15pm
14th: Harvest Festival
18th - 20th: Parents' Evening Meetings
19th: Cake Sale
20th: Yr 2 trip – St Paul's Cathedral
21st: Last day of the half term
31st: Autumn 2 Term Starts

Pledge to Tackle Race Inequalities In Education (TRIIE)



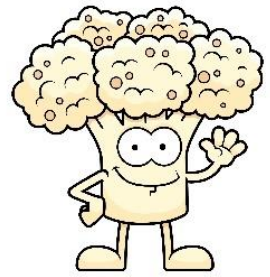
expectations of them.

We at St Winifred's continue to be committed to the [pledge](#) we made with the other Lewisham schools to [tackle race inequalities in education](#). The governors have formed a Race Equality working party, where we will be using the Lewisham Race Equality Toolkit to help us focus our work. The toolkit and its questions have been developed to ensure that governors are asking targeted questions about the school's: Curriculum, Leadership, Relationships with pupils, Parent and community engagement. This will ensure that every child is seen, valued and challenged to do their very best by staff that have the highest

I, senior leaders, governors and all the staff are committed to this pledge. Many of us will also be attending racial literacy training this year. The aim of this training is to provide us with information that will make using a shared language, embedding and sustaining the learnt practices easier across the board.

Cauliflower Cards

Today your child will be going home with their Christmas Card design and order form. I emailed a letter yesterday, which explains the process fully and includes all the links you need. If you like the design and would like to have the artwork printed as a Christmas Card then you can follow the instructions on the order form and pay for it online on [Cauliflower Cards](#). There is no obligation to buy.



If you choose to order, please keep the artwork safe (flat, not crumpled) then return it and the order form to the office. It all must be returned by Tuesday 18th October. We will then send them off and the cards will be delivered to us at the beginning of December.

Open Evenings:



I sent an email on Wednesday, explaining the arrangements 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 18th October- 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

Thursday 20th October - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

St Veronica Class: Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th

St Kateri Class: Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November (After half term)

Signing in sheets are now available. You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception area at the back of the office inside the double doors. 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.**

Black History Month:

This month we are celebrating [Black History Month](#). This year one of our school development priorities is to continue to develop our current curriculum and ensure that it reflects and celebrates our community's culture and history. We will teach Black History all year round. We strongly believe that black history is British history and the teaching of it should not be designated to a single month.

"Schools have a wonderful opportunity to be part of the national celebrations and events to honour the too-often unheralded accomplishments of Black Britons in every area of endeavour throughout history. We will pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of the Black community who have strived to make Britain what it is today".

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

Thank you to all of you who have very kindly offered to come into school and share your migration story with the children. We look forward to these visits this month.

Here is a list of the themes, people and books that the children will be inspired by this month:

Early Years: Food

- 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Brown and 'JoJo and GranGran Calaloo Soup'
- Tasting different fruits from around the world
- Cooking some delicious traditional cuisines such as Caribbean dumplings and Ethiopian spiced breads (H'mbasha).

Year 1:

- Pattan's Pumpkin, a traditional flood story from Southern India by Chintra Soundar, Frane Lessac. The themes of determination and perseverance will be explored in the story of Pattan and this will be related to the stories of real men and women from black, South Asian and mixed heritage backgrounds.
- The children will explore traditional textile patterns and designs. They will be using inspirational stories from Black History to create collages representing their dream careers and future aspirations.
- Traditional music and songs from Southern India including some lullabies in the Tamil language.
- In Science when learning about the importance of exercise and movement in keeping our bodies and minds healthy, Young British black and mixed heritage sports stars including Emma Raducanu, Marcus Rashford and Dina Asher-Smith will be used as case studies.

Year 2: Black achievers in Britain

- Focusing on Black Britons who are achievers and inspire people i.e. Jessica Ennis, Stormzy, Charlene White, Valerie Bloom
- The children will create a big class book of their biographies and art work for the display.
- In Dance the Anansi stories will be explored.

Year 3: Black Music

- Looking at how Black music over the last 100 years has shaped the basis of nearly all modern-day music.
- Children will listen, discuss, sing and write about a range of genres: Jazz, Blues, Soul, Pop, Reggae
- They will pay special attention to the meaning of '3 little birds' and 'Redemption Song' as they learn to sing them.

Year 4:

- Role of black soldiers in WWII,
- Theme of Freedom through 'Tar Beach' by Faith Ringgold
- Faith Ringgold's art in particular her watercolour paintings

Year 5:

- Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly and illustrated by Laura Freeman in which children learn about the achievements and determination of four iconic women in the space race as part of their science topic.
- Researching Inspirational People - including Carter G Woodson & Samuel Coleridge- Taylor
- How black history month started.
- The work of Jean Michel Basquiat in art.

Year 6:

- Art-still life composition of Caribbean fruits
- Poetry appreciation (Guided Reading)- Maya Angelou, Karl Nova and John Agard
- Writing – Letters, diary entries, poetry and writing a speech linked to 'The Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah
- History- The Windrush Generation-A focus on their experience and the positive cultural impact on Britain
- Geography- a comparison of Britain and the Caribbean

In addition to this, all children will be learning about and playing African music. Early Years will be learning songs from Ghana. Year 1 and Key Stage 2 will be learning how to play the djembe and learn about its development in west Africa in the great Malian Empire. The children will also explore African dance in their PE lessons.

Please ask your children about what they are learning in school.

Friends of St Winifred's

It's time for our first cake sale of the year on [WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER](#), which will take place straight after school in the playground. All donations of cakes are greatly appreciated but no nuts please! Donations can be dropped off at the school on the 19th. Most items will be £1 and we can only take cash! Come and enjoy a sweet treat while raising money for the school! (Please see the flyer attached)

We are also looking ahead to Christmas and are asking for your support in obtaining some great raffle prizes! If you have a contact at a local business, who would be willing to donate a voucher or item for the raffle, in exchange for some advertising and Christmas cheer, then please let us know!

Harvest Assembly:

On Friday 14th 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

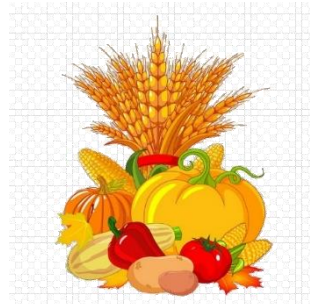
Year 3: Breakfast cereals

Year 5: Biscuits

Year 2: Pasta

Year 4: Rice

Year 6: Sugar



Reception 2023:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023 (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) 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 2023. 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
Monday 10 th October Wednesday 19 th October Tuesday 22 nd November Thursday 15 th December	Tuesday 8 th November Thursday 1 st December Wednesday 4 th January	Wednesday 2 nd November Thursday 17 th November Wednesday 7 th December Monday 9 th January

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2023 can now be made on line.

Volunteers:

Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. 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.

Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2023. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2022. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website and [sign up to receive weekly emails about applying for a secondary school place](#). If you need any help with the online application please join us at 3:15pm on Thursday 13th October and we will help you.

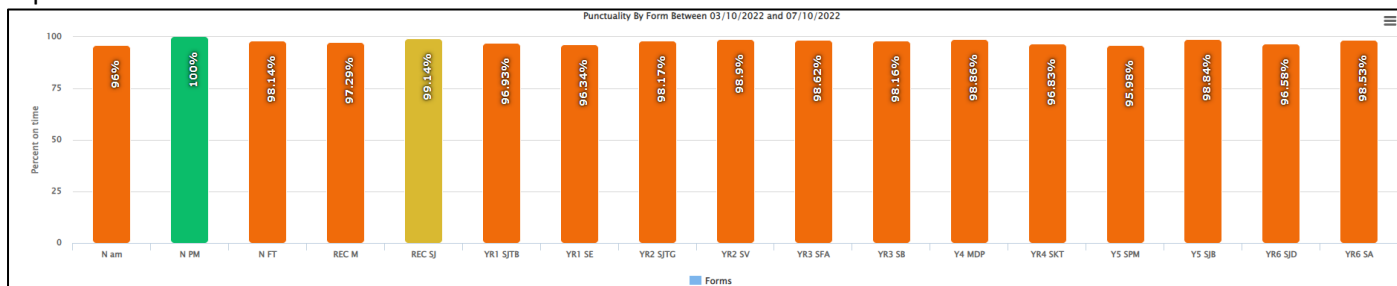
Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. **Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school** or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class, please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day on which the exam or visit takes place. Open Days / evenings for secondary schools have started. Please look at the secondary schools' websites for date. The dates for all Lewisham schools can be found [here](#).

Uniforms/ Lost Property

Under the canopy on the main playground is all the lost property from this year! When we find jumpers / cardigans and coats at the end of play and lunch, we always look for names in order to return it to the child. However, we cannot if names are not in the clothes. **PLEASE** write your child's name in all of their clothing.

Punctuality:

Punctuality slipped across the school this week. It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.



This week's winners are Saint Joseph, with 99.14%!

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:

We use the email we sent to all the parents who have not downloaded the ScholarPack App to help with the setup. Within the email is the code needed to access your child's information on the app. From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



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