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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were very fortunate to have two great visitors to talk to us this week, in Black History Month. Elsa Pascal is a local resident and a parent of one of the staff members at St Winifred's. She originates from Dominica and has written and published poetry and stories about life in the Caribbean. She shared her poetry with us in assembly and then worked with children in Early Years and KS1.

We were also lucky to be visited by Sharie Omoragbon, who is the mother of Zach in reception. She is of Afro - Caribbean heritage and leads the Equalities team at a local council. Sharie spoke to Years 4-6 about her own background and black inventors and their impact on our lives.

This week, St Elizabeth Class went to Blackheath to Pizza Express to make pizzas and the Nursery went to Manor Park Gardens. The children had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to accompany the children and staff on these trips.

We enjoyed another two lovely class assemblies led by St Bernadette class and by St Veronica class. They led their Key Stage in prayer and shared all the work they had been doing in class.

Harvest Assembly:

Today we celebrated our Harvest Assembly. We were joined by Fr Emeka and had such a wonderful celebration. Thank you to Father for joining us in our first celebration of this school year. Thank you to all of you who donated so generously to our Harvest appeal. We were overwhelmed by the amount of goods the children brought into school. All the food will be shared between our school food bank and the Our Lady of Lourdes foodbank. Please visit our social media sites to see all the photos of this wonderful celebration.

Lastly a huge thank you to everyone involved in this celebration:

- ❖ Mrs Abbs who organised this fantastic assembly for us
- ❖ Mr Howell, who prepared the children with the singing of the hymns, the playing of Ukuleles and accompanied the children on the piano
- ❖ Mr Cunningham and the Mini Vinnies, who gave up their time to collect and display all the donations.
- ❖ The children, who read so beautifully
- ❖ The Ukulele club for performing
- ❖ To all the children and adults of the school for participating incredibly during the assembly; listening attentively and singing wholeheartedly!

What a fantastic way to end the week!

October: Black History Month

18th - 20th: Parents' Evening Meetings

18th: Yr3 trip – Bank of England

19th: Cake Sale

20th: Yr 2 trip – St Paul's Cathedral

21st: Yr 4 trip – Tower of London

Last day of the half term

Half Term

31st: Autumn 2 Term Starts

November

3rd: St Winifred's Day



Cauliflower Cards

Thank you to everyone who has returned the children's order forms. So far, the school will receive just over £150 in commission. If you like your child's 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:



Next week you have the 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)

Many of you have already signed 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.**

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!

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
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.

Our Lady of Lourdes

A group of volunteers will be running the coffee morning after 9am mass this Sunday, 16th October. Please do stay after mass to join with our friends within the parish family.

After School Clubs:

If your child is attending a before or after school club, all fees are now available on parent pay for the term.

Half Term Fun

Please see the attached flyer from Boppin Bunnies.

Volunteers:

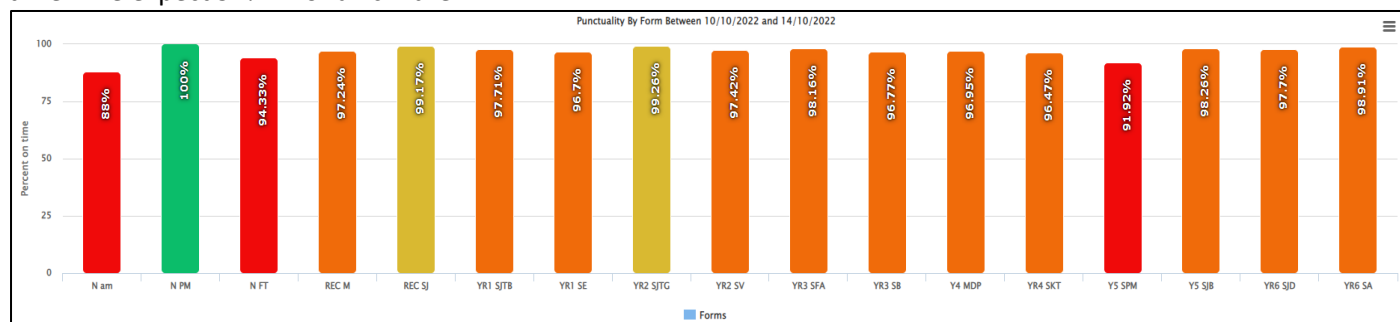
Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey (mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, 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 do contact the school.

Punctuality:

Punctuality is being greatly affected by the roadworks on the south circular. I am hopeful that when they finish at the end of October (please God) that punctuality will improve. 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 and St James the Great, with 99+!

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:

If you need any help with downloading the app, please do not hesitate to ask us. Many parents in the school use it to update our records and to inform the office of absence.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie