

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term. It was lovely to see all the children returning to school refreshed and ready to learn.

This week we began having assemblies again together in the school hall. On Monday I lead the children in the Head Teachers assembly; Mr Howell leads the children on Tuesday with a singing assembly and on Friday the teachers lead Merit Assembly. These are fantastic opportunities to gather together in worship as a school community, for prayer and liturgy. On the days we do not gather in the school hall, the children will gather in prayer and liturgy in their classrooms with their class teacher.

Please remember that we will be having an **INSET day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, we will see you all on Tuesday.

### November:

6<sup>th</sup>: Garden Volunteers

**8<sup>th</sup>: INSET day**

22<sup>nd</sup>: Cake Sale and AGM

### Golden Achievers



Today, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated our Golden Achievers. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements from last half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

Class	Name	Reason
RA	Aoife Conroy	For being a really helpful and kind member of the class
ROU	Eva Morris	For being always ready to learn, having fantastic listening skills and trying her best
1LU	Kris Paliulis	For always trying his very best and making excellent progress in his writing
1HB	Jack Popham	For fantastic participation on the carpet, great listening and a helpful attitude
2A	Joachim Daza Niedzwiedz	For always saying good morning to the adults and having a super attitude to work
2FC	Jeffrey Owusu-Ansah	For good focus and lovely presentation in his work
3M	Florence Diggins-	For showing determination in her maths and not giving up
3T	Isaiah Wood	For a perfect learning attitude - continually striving to do his best
4K	Keeva Bishop	For great resilience and perseverance and for always being smiley
4C	Gabriel Alves Neves	For always having a hard-working attitude
5G	Shakeeran Sasikumar	For always being so positive about his learning in every lesson, his excellent behaviour and great attitude.
5F	Daisy Honour	For a great attitude to her learning and good progress.
6M	Taitum O'Hare-Durling	working hard in all areas of her learning and as a result has made some great strides in her learning
6F	Joanna Uvieghara	For having an excellent attitude and commitment to her learning.

## **Forest of Promises**

This week the children have been busy learning about COP26 and how we can all do something to look after God's wonderful creation. WWF have invited schools across the UK to form a Forest of Promises. The children of St Winifred's have all written their own promise on a leaf and have created a 'tree of promises', which will form part of the WWF's forest. Our tree shows how we are going to do everything we can to combat climate change. Please ask your child what their pledge was. We will be sharing images of our tree on our social media platforms.

## **Before and After School Sports Clubs**

Thank you to the 105 people that responded to our survey on Sports clubs! We were really impressed with the level of engagement. We hope to be able to offer the after school clubs with you all soon.

## **Reception 2022:**

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2022 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days after the October half term. 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 9 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December

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>

I am keen to make sure that our school information is shared with as many prospective parents as possible. I attach a flyer regarding our open days. Please feel free to share it with anyone you know that may have a child starting school in September 2022. I have also shared that same flyer on our social media platforms, please feel free to share and repost the advert.

## **Friends of St Winifred's Cake Sale:**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November the friends will be hosting their first event of the year, a cake sale, straight after school. Please could you bring individual donations of cake/muffin/biscuits, so there is no cutting involved. The cake sale will be followed by the AGM at 4pm. There will be more information next half term regarding this event. Please see the 3 attached flyers.

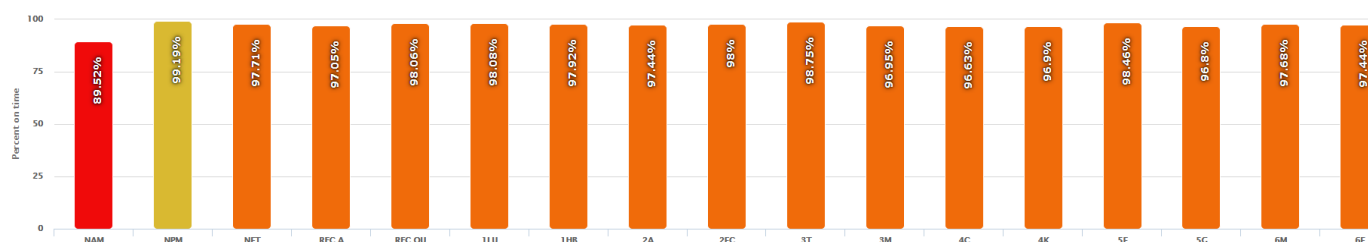
If you would like more information or would like to offer your services please contact the Friends via email:

[stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com](mailto:stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com)



## **Punctuality:**

This week there has been a sustained improvement with punctuality. Thank you all for your commitment and support with this matter.



This graph shows the punctuality for this week. This week's winner is: 3T! Well done to 3T! Let's see who can win it next week!

### **School Dinner Money – Nursery, years 3 - 6**

The cost of school meals for this half term is £78.20/£2.30 per day/£11.50 per week.

This is payable via ParentPay in advance half termly or weekly, but not in arrears. If you are experiencing difficulties please come and talk to us so we can support you.

### **Christmas**

Many of you have asked me about plans for Christmas celebrations. Staff and I are busy planning lots of lovely events and when we have all the dates confirmed, we will share them with you. Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year and we will do everything we can to make sure the children have a fabulous Advent at school; filled with everything they didn't have last year due to the pandemic and school closures. If the Covid-19 guidance remains the same, our aim is for the children to prepare Christmas nativities / Carol Concerts and invite you all along to watch the performances. More information will follow nearer the time.

### **Lend a helping hand: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

The school is creating a kitchen garden in the old caretaker garden. Last term parents helped build raised beds out of old pallets. They will be filled with soil and used by classes to grow fruit and vegetables. We have received a grant for tools, greenhouse and shed to complete it.

We have a few more raised beds to make, that will go around the rest of the school, so there are more growing areas.

Could you help us build the beds? We have the last session on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November between 9am and midday. If you can help, please come with protective gloves plus drills, saws or hammers. Refreshments are provided.

### **Parent App:**

If you have not downloaded the app yet, please do so. I have had really positive feedback from parents who have started using it. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



### **Social Media:**

As you all know, I have created a Facebook, Instagram and Twitter account for the school. If you have not started following us, it's not too late to do so! I have been sharing lots of the children's wonderful work from Black History Month.

If you would rather your child **not** be included in photos and videos, please return the letter to the school or send a request via the Scholar Pack app. We will then know which children not to include in our posts.



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### **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/>

### **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>

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter, it really is very much appreciated.

Claire Gillespie

