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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see all the children again looking so smart and ready to learn. I am amazed at how much they have all grown!

Our Nursery and Reception pupils are settling in really well and it is wonderful to welcome so many new families to our school community. A number of pupils have also joined our older classes and are settling in really well. Please look out for our new families and help them to feel welcome.

We are all looking forward to another very busy and exciting school year.

Core Values

This year we are having a really big focus on our core values as a faith school. All classes will be looking at a different value each half term to ensure there is a clear understanding of what our values mean and to ensure that we are living out these values each day in all that we do and say. This half term we are looking at how we care for others. In our collective worship today, we considered different ways of caring for others. We looked again at the story of the Good Samaritan and talked about going out of our way to care for others and to show them dignity and respect. Please talk to your child about this so we can all work together.

Parking

Please care for our neighbours by parking with consideration. Please ensure that you do not park across driveways or in our local estates when dropping off or picking up your child. Our local estates are not public areas and therefore parking of unauthorised vehicles is against the law. I have been advised by residents that these areas will be

Notes for your diary

17th Sept – **Meet the teacher**

5.30 – 6 pm– Nursery and Reception

6.15 – 6.45 pm year 1, 4 & 5

7 – 7.30 pm Year 2, 3 & 6

17th Sept 7.30pm The Friends of St Winifred's
Annual General Meeting

regularly patrolled at pick up and drop off times and tickets will be issued. This is a great way in which you can show your child that caring for others is something we all need to do in many different ways each day.

It is great to see so many of our pupils using sustainable transport to travel to and from school. If your child is cycling to school, please ensure that they remember to wear their helmet. We will be encouraging our pupils to take part in 'Bike to School week 2019' from 23rd until the 27th September. Full details on Bike to School Week can be found on the following link: <https://bikeability.org.uk/bikeability-club/bike-to-school-week/>

School Meals 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.

If you are new to ParentPay, we will be refreshing the data on ParentPay next week, we will let you know when this has been done so you can then email us to request your login details – so watch this space!

Packed lunches

Please ensure that you follow our school 'Packed lunch policy' when preparing your child's lunch – web site link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/dinner-time/packed-lunch-policy/>

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.

Meet your child's teacher

We will be holding class meetings for all parents and carers of pupils in all classes on Tuesday 17th September. These meetings will give you an opportunity to find out about class routines, homework etc. Meetings for parents and carers of pupils from Nursery and Reception will be held from 5.30 – 6pm, year 1, 4 and 5 meetings will be from 6.15 to 6.45 and the meeting for parents and carers of pupils from year 2, 3 and 6 will be from 7.00 to 7.30.

Following each meeting you are invited to go to the main school hall to sample the food which is provided for school dinners.

At 7.30 there will be refreshments in the small hall and you are all invited to join us for the Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Winifred's. This meeting is for parents and carers of children in all classes and will last no more than 30 minutes.

The Friends have done an amazing job in bringing our school community together for many wonderful events during the past year. They have also raised a huge amount of money to support our children. Please come along and support their incredible efforts to enrich the experiences provided in our schools for your child.

We will be holding parent/teacher individual meetings on 5th and 7th November and will send out details nearer to the time.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we start our new school year, please support your child by ensuring they are in school before the bell is rung each morning. Lots of our pupils are arriving late every day and missing the beginning of their learning. All classes, including Nursery and Reception, are expected to start their school day at 8.45.

After School Clubs Year 1 - 6

The selection form has been sent out by email and a paper copy has been given to your child. Please return this by 3pm today 6th September.

Lewisham Survey

“Lewisham Council want to hear from parents about their experiences of trying to find childcare in the borough, from the early years up to breakfast and after school clubs.

Please follow this link:

- www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LewishamParents

The survey is in its final week, and takes just 5-10 minutes to complete.

All parents who complete the survey will be entered into a PRIZE DRAW to win shopping vouchers worth £100!

*We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this survey with parents you work with. The deadline for parents to complete it is **Monday 16th September.** “*

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Uniformed groups – 21st Lewisham North

We have a thriving community and growing numbers in our Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. However in order to maintain and continue these, the groups all need volunteers (i.e. You) to support them. There are opportunities for both leaders and committee representatives. The attached letter provides more details. If you feel you can support them in any way and would like some more information please make initial contact by email to 21stInscouts@gmail.com . Thank you.

It is church parade this Sunday (8th Sept) for 21st Lewisham North beavers, cubs and scouts and 1st Lee south Guides and Brownies – please meet in the church at 8.45 . The guides will be running the coffee morning in the church hall after Mass so please do come in and join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Chorus news:

We hope you have all had a great summer holiday and are fully rested and ready to start preparations for the Christmas Concert which will be on Sunday 15th December at 4pm in the church. Rehearsals start in the church and Monday 9th September at 8pm and will be a more informal first session this term to which it would be great for you to encourage new members to come along. We will talk a little about the chorus, its aims to reach a broad range of musical abilities and how we learn, practise and perform. There will also be an opportunity for new and old members to ask questions.

Please remember that we are not "the church choir" but see ourselves more as a community choir and so one of our key aims is to build up the relationship between us as we learn together to improve our singing and musical skills.

Justice & Peace Group news:

Peace Day - 21 September. This day has been adopted by the UN as an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence.

This year is the 20th anniversary of Peace Day. Building upon the success of previous Peace Days and hoping to encourage as many as people as possible to take action to reduce violence in our own communities and across the world, the theme of the day this year is

‘Who will you make peace with?’

We hope that the parish and friends will come together on Saturday 21 September 2019 to ‘speak up for peace’, in support of the organisation Peace One Day which has been working to raise awareness of Peace Day for 20 years.

We shall gather at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee London SE12 0AE, to share together short items that have inspired us, of prose or poetry, songs or music, or our own thoughts and prayers from 10:30 until 12 noon. We shall end by observing one minute of silence for peace at noon. All are welcome.

Please do think about what you can share with us. It need only be very short. Even those of us who do not wish to speak, our time to bear witness is very powerful.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church so please add your name if you can, so that we have an idea of how many would like to speak or attend.

Date: Saturday 21 September 2019

Time: 10:30 – 12 noon

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, London SE12 0AE

***** MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS *****

Welcome back to all our St Winifred's families and a very warm welcome to the new families joining us this year. We hope you all had a relaxing break and a well-earned rest.

Our Family Fun Day at the end of term was a huge success - with your help we raised over £6,300 for the school. The Friends and Miss Hanrahan will be discussing how that money will be used and we will let you know how your money has helped the school and our children.

The Friends have been working on plans for this year's events and we are hoping to celebrate the start of the new school year with a Welcome BBQ. We hope you will be able to take the opportunity to join us with other St Winifred's families, friends and staff for a bite to eat and a drink at the bar. We are working on the date for this event but it is likely to be held at the school on a Friday from 6pm so that as many parents and children as possible can come along. Date and details to follow!

If you are interested in joining the Friends or want to know more about what we do, please get in touch at stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan