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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday our Friends organised a fantastic Festive night and it was wonderful that so many of you were able to attend. We were also able to donate lots of surplus sausages and rolls to the 999club to support homeless people in our local area.

On Tuesday, all our year 4 and 5 pupils took part in Supersonics workshops led by students from Trinity School of Music. The children were really inspired by these gifted musicians.

Thank you so much for supporting our 'Resilience Day' on Wednesday. The children looked amazing and clearly went to a great deal of effort. You raised £282 for 999Club which will support homeless people in our local area.

On Thursday, our Mini Vinnie group went to help the Salvation Army to pack Christmas food parcels for those in need.

Also, some of our pupils who attend Young Explorers After School Club went to The Evelina Children's Hospital with their families. They had been working together to write stories for children who are in hospital and these have been published in a beautiful book. They took these books to the children on behalf of the group. This was a really thoughtful act and we are so proud of all our pupils who were involved in this project.

Eleven of our Year 5 pupils went to the Blackheath Halls to take part in the Turning of the Year Concert. We had a very small group due to illness but they were amazing!

And.. of course, our Christmas plays have been taking place throughout the week and it has been great that we have had a full hall for each performance. The children have thoroughly enjoyed performing and this experience really enriches their learning in so many ways. All our classes go to see four other dress rehearsals with their classes and where possible, teachers choose those involving siblings. We do not allow parents to take pupils out of class to watch their sibling's performance unless the pupil has just finished their performance and is going home.

Free puppet show "The Elves and The Shoemaker"

This year in collaboration with Greenwich West Community and Art Centre a local group is presenting a puppet show "The Elves and The Shoemaker" in association with Tom Neil to our community hub at 33 Wildwood Close, SE120ST

The show is free of charge to local children and their parents and will take place at 4pm on 13th December.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Tree Collection Saturday 7th Dec 9.30am-11am

15th December Parish Carol service 4pm In Church

17th December – Class Christmas parties

19th December – Children's Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper for Jimmy Day

Break up for Christmas Holiday 3pm



"The classic story is brought to life this season in a wonder-filled new version for 2-7 year olds. Presented in a relaxed environment, with specially composed live music and with puppets from around the world. It is a perfect treat for the family".

This is a group of volunteering neighbours, who deliver community events every year, free boxercise for children during summer holidays, trips for elderly, provisions for a youth club and coffee mornings to our local community. They want to bring the wider community together to celebrate the festive period as well as introduce neighbours to each other.

General Election 12th December

Our small hall will be used as a polling station for the general election on 12th December. This will not impact on the school as we will ensure this area is restricted throughout the day, however all the scooters and bikes will have to be stored in the area near the school animal enclosures. Little Gremlins will use our main hall for before and after school club on that day.

Christmas Dinner

The kitchen will be serving a Traditional Festive meal for the children on Thursday 19th December. **If your child usually has a packed lunch**, please return the slip that will be sent out next week so we can inform the kitchen of the correct number of meals to cook. If your child usually has a school meal they will automatically have this festive meal so there is no need to book.

Festive Menu link <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/LEW-PRI-FESTIVE-LUNCH-19.pdf>

Applying to start primary school for September 2020

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2020 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

[The deadline for applying for a primary school place is 15 January 2020](#)

Christmas performances

	Small Hall		Main Hall	
9th December	1UB	1.15pm	4F	2pm
10th December			5K	2pm
11th December	2M	1.15pm	6M	2pm
13th December	2A	1.15pm	5G	2pm
16th December			6F	2pm

Attendance for this week

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception A	98%	Year 3F	94%
Reception CO	96%	Year 4F	99%
Year 1LO	98%	Year 4C	92%
Year 1UB	88%	Year 5K	86%
Year 2A	65%	Year 5G	98%
Year 2M	90%	Year 6F	93%
Year 3T	90%	Year 6M	90%

FUSS Christmas Fair

This Saturday is the Christmas Fair on Staplehurst Road outside of Hither Green Station.

It is organised by us FUSS, the Friends and Users of Staplehurst Road Shops to bring about Community Cohesion, give

people a chance to shop local and support local crafters and businesses and to be a festive day before the turning on of the Christmas tree light outside Hither Green Station which we also organise. The fair has 66 stalls this year so there is lots of choice for Christmas presents.

Any money that FUSS raises from the fair goes back into the local community, paying for the planters on Staplehurst Road, Street trees and providing funds for other community initiatives where possible.

Father Christmas will be in the Station Hotel as well as face painting, we will have local musicians entertaining us and a visit from the Fire brigade and a Peel Car. Link for poster: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Fuss.pdf>

Lewisham Council proposed road changes

Here is a link showing the proposed road changes:

<https://streetbuilder.io/lewishamandleegreen/blog?share=draft-trial-location-map>

This is a link to the petition:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=33&RPID=50016203&HPID=50016203>

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Uniformed sections

This Sunday (8th Dec) is church parade for 21st Lewisham North Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and 1st Lee South Guides and Brownies. Please meet in the church at 8.45am wearing smart uniform. Let a leader know if you are unable to make it. The Brownies will be providing coffee morning after the 9:00am Mass

Coffee morning after Sunday 9:00am Mass (and this week after the 11:00am Mass as well – see below)

Whether you attend the 9:00am Mass or turn up early for the 11:00am Mass on Sundays, please do come and in and join us in the church hall after the 9:00am Mass for tea, coffee, biscuits, squash and a chat. This week the Brownies are providing refreshments after the 9:00am Mass.

Christmas Craft sales.

There will be a Christmas Craft Sale following each of the Masses over the weekend, 7th-8th December. We will be in the church hall along with a festive raffle and refreshments so come along and buy your lovely homemade gifts and help raise money for our parish.

Parish Christmas Concert.

The Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas concert will be on Sunday 15th December here in the church at 4pm and will last around 1 hour with refreshments to follow in the Hall. As usual the programme will be a mix of familiar carols and Christmas songs that are less well known along with some seasonal reflections. There will of course be an opportunity for you to join in the singing of a number of the popular standards to make sure you are in good cheer and voice for the main Christmas services later in the month. Please do come along to this very popular seasonal concert and bring your friends and family. A retiring collection will be taken for Christmas charities and to defray some Chorus costs. Please see poster attached and please do display if possible.

Rehearsals for the chorus members continue on Monday 9th December at 8pm in the church.

Community Carol Singing: The Chorus have been invited back again this year to two local pubs to lead community carol singing which in the past has always been a great fun evening and an opportunity to meet friends and family in a social setting and get in the Christmas spirit.

The dates for your diary are:

Monday 16th December at 7pm in the Lord Northbrook, 116 Burnt Ash Road, SE12 8PU just DOWN the hill from the church and Thursday 19th December at 7-30pm in the Crown Tavern, 117 Burnt Ash Hill SE12 0AJ - just UP the hill from the church.

Community Carol poster: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Christmas-2019-beer-and-carols-poster.pdf>

Christmas Concert poster: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Christmas-concert-2019.pdf>



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

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and came to support us on our first ever Family Festive Evening.

We managed to raise a staggering £1512.68. We are so grateful for all the support and help! Thank you to those who purchased their Christmas Tree through The Friends of St Winifred's!

We welcome you to collect your tree on

Saturday 7th December between 9.30am - 11am from

St Winifred's Catholic Primary School (Staff Car Park), Newstead Road, SE12 0SJ.

Thank you again for choosing to buy your tree through the PTA, we value your support tremendously!

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, from the perfect Christmas gift, your turkey and/or pantomime tickets - you could be raising a free donation for the school?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, the Disney Store, the Trainline, Sainsbury's and many more! It doesn't cost you a penny extra and is totally secure! It's really simple. All you have to do is:

Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostwinifredslee and sign up for free and start shopping!

All profit made will be used to further the education for all our children.

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan