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**WINIFRED'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Committed to Safeguarding**

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## Newsletter No 20

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**Dear Parents and Carers**

### Events this week

This week, lots of our pupils have been on educational visits which have greatly enriched and enhanced their learning.

On Wednesday, Year 1A visited Pizza

Express to make pizzas. This has enabled them to consolidate their learning about materials in science as well as their maths learning about fractions. They also had a lovely visit to St Mary's church. Year 5k visited The Royal Observatory to learn about 'The Universe on your Doorstep' to enable the children to consolidate their topic focus for the spring term.

On Thursday, Year 6 had an amazing opportunity to see a performance of Romeo and Juliet at The Albany Theatre. The children said that this was excellent and it has really enabled them to consolidate their understanding of the play.

Also on Thursday, our Nursery pupils visited Lee Fire Station to support their learning about 'people who help us'. They were all very excited and had a lovely time.

Today, all our Year 4 pupils are visiting London Zoo to experience a Rainforest workshop to enrich their learning across the curriculum this half term.

Our Year 5 pupils had a very special film evening on Thursday to celebrate Harry Potter day.

Year 5F pupils have started their swimming lessons this week.

### The Friends of St Winifred's

Earlier this week, we sent out information to you regarding a special meeting being held on 27<sup>th</sup> February. This is an Extraordinary General Meeting to see if we can get enough committee members to ensure that decisions are made in the correct manner.

### Notes for your diary

#### **27<sup>th</sup> February 7pm – 8pm Friends EGM**

6<sup>th</sup> March Parent/carer and teacher meetings 3.30 – 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> March Parent/carer and teacher meetings 4.30 – 7pm

This is an amazing organisation run by really busy parents to help our school community. They do so much to unite our community as well as to raise money to enrich the provision for our pupils. Sometimes they really struggle to organise events because they need more members and volunteers. Please think about whether you might be able to support this group by becoming a committee member or a Flexible. This is a wonderful opportunity to make friends and really get involved in the life of the school community. It would be great if you could come along to the meeting to find out what is involved. There will be refreshments and we will provide a crèche if this would make it easier for you to attend. Please see below, in the Friends section for more information.

### **Faith Buddies**

To enhance our RE and PHSE curriculum, straight after half term we are going to start a 'Faith Buddies' system in school; whereby children in different year groups come together to share prayers with each other, and have conversations about these prayers; themselves, and their lives.

The children will also be encouraged to ask each other open ended questions, and will be given simple prompt sheets to help them practise conversational skills. They will be given the opportunity to talk about prayers and the importance of prayer in 2019.

What would they like to pray for? Peace, harmony, friendship, justice, love?

This session will also include buddy reading time, where they read their normal reading books to each other and share reading skills.

The sessions will take place in supervised class time.

It is hoped that we can strengthen and build upon the close relationships between our older and younger children in this way, as well as promoting the importance of prayer.

All we ask is for you to encourage your child to write a prayer in their reading journal or on a piece of paper attached to their PACT book. It can be as simple or as complex as the child wishes; a well-known prayer, or a new made-up prayer, ready to share with another child. If they forget to bring a prayer on a particular day...no stress, they can use the school prayer, or a prayer from one of our many prayer books.



### **Operation Encompass**

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when this is the case and the information received will be used to make sure the right support is available for children and their families.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Dedicated Safeguarding Lead, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact one of our school's Designated Safeguarding Leads and we will be happy to discuss this further. We will be adding more information on our web site later on.

## Our Lady of Lourdes parish

### 1st Communion Programme 2018/19 – Our Lady of Lourdes Lee

The next session will be on Saturday 2nd March 2019, for the children in the church and for the parents in the hall, both at 10:00am. Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the sessions can start and finish on time; teas and coffees will be available in the hall from 9:45am.

## Message from the Friends

### Cake sale - TODAY - FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY

The children will be getting cake in class today for £1 to raise money for the school. Thank you for your generous donations and wonderful contributions! We had so many cakes we'll be selling some after school - keep an eye out for the year 6s on the cake stall!

Containers will be available for collection at the stall.

### Family Bingo Night - FRIDAY 1st MARCH

Family Bingo Night is back! Put the date in your diary! More details to follow shortly.

We are still looking to stock up on fabulous prizes so if you have anything you can donate please leave it with the office or get in touch and we can collect locally. Thank you!

## **THE FRIENDS RE-LAUNCH and EGM \*\*\*EVERYONE WELCOME\*\*\***

27th February 2019 at 7pm

St Winifred's Catholic Primary School, Newstead Road

You should have received an email this week about the Friends re-launch. The Friends of St Winifred's School is a registered charity that is set up to advance education through school and parent relationships, supporting activities or providing facilities for our school. As a parent, guardian or member of staff, you are already a member of the Friends. We are calling this meeting to confirm Committee membership and to consider modernising our constitution so that we can run the charity in a better and more efficient way.

As one of our members, we would love you to come along and take the opportunity to find out more about our plans for this year, to meet other members and to have a drink on us! We are really looking forward to seeing you there!

### Attendance

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.**

Class	Attendance	Late	Class	Attendance	Late
Reception C	95%	2	Year 3F	96%	2
Reception BC	96%	2	Year 4T	97%	4
Year 1A	95%	8	Year 4CW	97%	5
Year 1LC	86%	8	Year 5K	93%	4
Year 2A	92%	4	Year 5F	92%	8
Year 2M	98%	3	Year 6F	97%	0
Year 3W	97%	2	Year 6M	92%	5

Wrap up warmly and have a really lovely weekend.  
Margaret Hanrahan