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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, Fr. Emeka came to our school to lead a special service for Ash Wednesday.

Climate Change

I am delighted to tell you about a very exciting project that St Winifred's is taking part in, during the rest of this academic year.

We are looking at how we can become a **Carbon Zero School**. Lewisham Council has agreed to work with our school to support us in developing an action plan to Retrofit our older buildings and to look at a range of ways in which we can cut our carbon emission. This is a very expensive project, fully funded by the borough and we are very privileged to be the chosen school.

Through this project we will be aiming:

- to make our school a model of sustainability which will then inspire other schools.
- to help each of our pupils to become ambassadors beyond the school to help make our world more sustainable.

This project began today, with assemblies for all pupils from Years 1 to 6, led by our project manager Harry Patikas, who is an architect with extensive experience in this area.

He has then led workshops throughout the day for Year 6 pupils to engage them in thinking about climate change and what action we can take to make a difference.

Harry will lead a series of workshops for Year 6 during the coming weeks to enable these pupils to work with sophisticated technology and gain a deep understanding of this whole area.

Dates for your diary

5th March – World book day

10th & 12th March Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings

Don't forget to sign up for your appointment.



Pupils will be thinking about how climate change affects other people. They will also write letters to politicians in the UK to tell them about the work we are doing at St. Winifred's and how urgent it is that they make new laws to quickly reduce carbon emissions.

They will look at the flows of energy, water and food into and out of our school and will be doing a model-making workshop called "the baked potato challenge". They will have opportunities to use sophisticated thermal imaging equipment. They will also be looking at air quality around the school and in the classrooms, they will pressure test classrooms with a giant fan and finally will work together to measure the energy and comfort of our school.

We have chosen Year 6 as the key group for this work because they will be able to engage at a high level and inspire the rest of the school. They will also be able to leave a legacy in our school as well as being able to take their learning to their new schools.

Harry will develop an action plan for our school which will set out clear measures we can put in place to reduce our carbon emission. Much of this will involve making changes to our older buildings to reduce heat loss but will also look at all other areas. We would have to find funding for any alterations to buildings as this would not be covered by the project but it would be really helpful to know which areas would make a difference.

All our pupils will be involved in working and leading a range of initiatives to reduce our carbon use and there will also be workshops for parents and carers. At the end of this project, in July, we will have a special assembly to share our action plan and share our progress with our whole school community. This will also be attended by some VIPs.

We are delighted to be taking part in this project and feel confident that it will really inspire our pupils to understand that each of us can do our bit to make our world a better place for everyone.

Wednesday Word

Link for the Wednesday Word: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Wednesday-word.pdf>

School Meals Nursery (full time), years 3 – 6

The cost of school meals for the next half term is £66.70/£2.30 per day/£11.50 per week – from 25th February – 3rd April. 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.

Lewisham music Easter programme

Lewisham Music is running a fantastic holiday course over 2 days during the Easter break with the return of **Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8 who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion) at Grade 1 standard and above)**. The course costs £50 (£15 concessions) and will run on **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 April from 10am-3.30pm** at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham. For further information and to apply please visit www.lewishammusic.org/LJO

Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings

All classes

Tuesday 10th March – 4.30 – 7 pm

Thursday 12th March – 3.30 – 6 pm

You can sign up for your preferred time on the appointment sheets in the office reception area inside the double doors. If you cannot pop in to sign up, then call the school office after 9.30am and before 2.45pm and we will do our best to accommodate you.

You can make an appointment for a 10 minute discussion with your child's teacher. 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. There will be crèche facilities during these meetings.

World Book Day, Thursday 5th March 2020

We are delighted to celebrate World Book Day once again. We would love to see the children dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 5th March.

Please do not buy an outfit as it would be excellent to see as many **home-made costumes** as possible – even if this is just a head-dress or props. For inspiration go to:

<http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>

There will be a prize per key stage for most inventive homemade costume!

We are encouraging children to recycle and reuse as much as they can so on World Book Day we will host a book swap event for years 1-6. Have a look at home for any unwanted books. You can bring up to 6 books in and swap for the same amount you have brought in. Please bring them to class 3F.

Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a book review competition with some lovely book prizes.

Finally, £1 World Book Day tokens will be given out to all children on 5th March.

We are looking forward to this day we hope you are too.

Attendance for this week

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception A	99%	Year 3F	96%
Reception CO	97%	Year 4F	95%
Year 1LO	97%	Year 4C	96%
Year 1UB	98%	Year 5K	99%
Year 2A	96%	Year 5G	97%
Year 2M	93%	Year 6F	96%
Year 3T	98%	Year 6M	92%

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

1st Holy Communion programme – The next meeting is tomorrow Saturday 29th February. It is for the children only and they should meet in the church for a 10:00am start. They will be covering Chapter 8 “Fruit of the Vine”.

Coffee morning after Sunday 9:00am Mass

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.

Lenten Lunches – Sunday 1st March

As we are now in Lent we are resuming our very popular “Lenten Lunches” to raise funds for a variety of charitable causes. This week the Chorus will be providing the soups, breads and fruit for our community. Please do come along and support us from 12:00 midday in the church hall. All are welcome.

The Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please do save the date of Sunday 29th March at 4pm in the church for our next performance, where we shall be presenting Faure's Requiem, along with two or three other well-known and appropriate pieces. The Chorus rehearsals are back on following the half-term holiday and they continue at 8pm in the church on Monday 2nd March.



The Friends of St Winifred's - PTA

PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

An opportunity has come up to join our PTA committee as Treasurer. We are welcoming applications and/or suggestions up until the 21st February via our email stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com

If you require a description of the position or would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact us on the email address above.

All the best,

The Friends of St Winifred's

PTA All profit made goes towards furthering the education of our children and building a strong and inclusive school community

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan