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WINIFRED'S
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great celebration for World book day yesterday. The children looked amazing and really enjoyed lots of fun reading activities. Thank you so much for supporting this event.

Thank you also for making time to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. I hope that you found this meeting informative and supportive.

Lent Pocket Money Pledge for Safe Havens

On Wednesday, Fr. Emeka came to our school to lead a special service for Ash Wednesday. A group of our year 6 pupils (Lottie, Comfort, Denise and Elizabeth), shared a lovely idea to help make our local area safer for young people. They asked the other children to pledge a small part of their pocket money to the 'For Jimmy Project' each week during Lent.

This would actually be just four weeks as we break up two weeks before Easter Sunday. I thought this was a wonderful idea as it came from the children and they really want to do something to make a difference to their local area to help children and young people who are in danger.

Today, we are sending out pledge forms (created by our pupils) which can be returned next week – **This is for children in years 1 to 6**. Money can be brought in to class on a weekly basis rather than at the end of term. Pledges can be any small amount your child wants to give if they receive pocket money. They should not feel under any pressure and should only give part of their money. This is a good way to help our children to give something rather than expecting you to do so.

Notes for your diary

Maths Week 18th – 22nd March

20th March - Open morning for parents/carers of pupils from Nursery to Year 2 – to see maths in action in these classes drop off until 10 am

19th March - Evening of maths activities for parents/carers of pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 – from 6.30 – 7.30



Events this week

All pupils from year 2 and year 5 took part in fire safety workshops led by the London Fire Brigade this week. Ask your child about their session and what they have learnt about fire safety. This service is provided for these year groups each year and is excellent.



Yesterday, lots of our pupils from Year 3 and 4, went to Bonus Pastor College to take part in an exciting football tournament. They had a super time and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Our girls came first in their games and our boys came second in theirs. These were amazing results.

I am really trying to improve punctuality in the mornings

Children are expected to arrive at school in time to line up with their class each morning, unless there is an exceptional reason. **Please note that this is a legal requirement and the school is expected to take action to ensure that children are in class on time each day.** Please make sure that you organise your morning routine in order to get your child to school before the bell rings at 8.45.

Being late to school can have a considerable impact on your child's education. School mornings can be very busy but when your child is late for school they are missing out on vital parts of their education and in particular the start of the school day.

If your child arrives 30 minutes after the register has been taken, they will have to be given an unauthorised absence for the whole session. This is the policy of the Local Authority.

The school must be notified if there is a valid reason for late arrival at school.

This is a really important life skill and helps your child understand the value you place on education.

Nursery applications

Nursery applications for children starting in September 2019 (children born between 1/9/15 – 31/8/16) are due by 31st March 2019.

Change of mobile numbers and addresses

Please remember to advise the office of any change to your contact details. It is vitally important that all the details we have are correct and up-to-date.

Great News!! We will be having a special Maths Week from 18th – 22nd March

During this week we will be having a really big maths focus and we want to share this with you.

Maths Events for Parents & Carers : All Welcome

Many adults feel out of touch with how maths is taught 'nowadays'. In response to this, and because we love to promote maths, we have organised two events to give you a feel for maths teaching and learning here at St Winifred's.

Tuesday 19th March 6.30pm – 7.30pm

We will begin with a short introduction in the main hall and then you can spend time visiting classes in years 3 – 6. A group of pupils from each class will be 'doing' maths. Please feel free to talk to them, their class teacher or support staff.

Perhaps you'd like to have a go at some maths yourself or try Year 6 SATS questions? Some Year 6 pupils will be on hand to help you. No pressure – only if you want a challenge!

Wednesday 20th March 9am – 10am

This is an opportunity for Nursery through to Year 2 to showcase their love for maths as they pursue a variety of mathematical activities. It's drop off as normal for your children and, once they're registered, you can move around and watch their maths lessons. Some pupils will be in class, others in the two halls.

Again, please feel free to engage with the pupils, teachers and support staff.

We look forward to seeing you at one or both events.

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

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

The next session will be on Saturday 30th March 2019 at 10:00am. **For this session children & parents will be with the catechists in the church.** Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the session can start and finish on time. We will be covering chapter 3 "Baptism" (and Easter) and this is your reminder to bring a memento of your child's (or maybe even your own) baptism to the session.

Chorus News: The Concert to celebrate our tenth year of performing will be Handel's Messiah and will take place in the church at 7-45pm on Saturday 23rd March. This will be a performance in words and music of the great Oratorio and as usual we will be accompanied by the South Circular Orchestra.

Even if you have never been to a concert like this before, please do come along and support this special occasion in the Chorus' history as it celebrates the joy and community building it has brought to our church. Additionally there are several parents from St Winifred's taking part who would welcome your support.

There is no charge for the performance which should last around 1 hour but there will be a retiring collection. Please also join us afterwards for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Message from the Friends

Family Bingo Night

We have had another fantastic Family Bingo night! We welcomed over 100 people through the door and gave out almost 100 prizes! So thank you all for coming and making it such a great night, for donating gifts, for helping out and for making it such a huge success. A special thank you to our ex-St Winifred's girls who came back to ably assist our Bingo Caller. We were so pleased to see all the lovely comments left at the end of the night - its good to know that everyone had such a good time. It was a wonderful family night for our school community and it raised an impressive *****£730*****



THANK YOU!

 **EASTER EGG HUNT - TUESDAY 2ND APRIL** 

The much anticipated Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year on Tuesday 2nd April. For a small donation, the children are all invited to hunt for Easter Eggs hidden around the school grounds. The children LOVE this event so put the date in your diary and don't forget to send your child in with £1! If your child has special dietary requirements, please speak to Miss Hanrahan or one of the Friends in advance. We wouldn't want anyone to miss out.

The Friends have been working hard to secure donations from a number of fantastic and generous local businesses to help support us this year so we are not currently asking for donations.

Attendance

Class	Attendance	Late	Class	Attendance	Late
Reception C	96%	7	Year 3F	98%	0
Reception BC	97%	5	Year 4T	99%	5
Year 1A	96%	4	Year 4CW	93%	2
Year 1LC	96%	9	Year 5K	94%	3
Year 2A	98%	2	Year 5F	95%	5
Year 2M	99%	2	Year 6F	99%	1
Year 3W	98%	0	Year 6M	92%	1

Have a lovely weekend,

Margaret Hanrahan