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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had a really beautiful Welcome service for all our new pupils and staff. Fr. Emeka led our service along with some of our 6 pupils. It was wonderful to have all our children and staff in the hall together. We would love to have invited parents and carers but we had no room in our hall. We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festivals next week.

Sustainable transport

It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils using sustainable modes of transport for journeys to and from school. October is 'Walk, scoot or cycle to school month'.

We have given every pupil a grid to record their daily journeys. The best classes in upper and lower school will receive prizes at the end of the month. Best individual effort will also be rewarded in each class. Please support the environment by enabling your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school during this month. I have been encouraging children to wear helmets when cycling to school. We have a number of spare helmets which we can give to any child who needs one.

Green Flag Award

I am delighted to inform you that we have again achieved the Eco Green Flag award. An assessor came to school last week to look at all the work we have been doing in this area. She spent a lot of time talking to the children and they were amazing! Green Flag is the highest level of eco award so we are very proud indeed. Now we need a flag pole!

Notes for your diary

Harvest Festival Friday 12th October

Years : 3, 4, 5 and 6 **9.00am**

Years : Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - **2.15 pm**

Parents and carers are invited to join us in our Main school hall for these services.

Parent/Carer meetings with class teachers:

- **Tuesday 6th November** - 4.30 – 7 pm
- **Wednesday 7th November** - 3.15 – 6.05 pm



Mobile Phones

Thank you so much for supporting us by not using your mobile phone in the playground. This is greatly appreciated.

Harvest Festival

As a Right's Respecting School (RRS) we want to enhance understanding that all children have a right to nutritious food and a clean environment so they stay healthy (*article 24 of the UNCRC*).

13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK.

As part of our celebration for Harvest Festival this year, we will be collecting food for our local '**Helping Hands Foodbank**' at St Peter's Church which provides emergency food to local people in crisis.

We will also be collecting for the **Manna Centre**, as usual. This is a centre which provides meals for homeless people in London each day. A large amount of their food each year comes from donations at Harvest Festival. We will also be donating some items to families in need in our school community.

Each class will be collecting one food type (listed below) which is of most benefit to these great causes. We are asking each child to bring one food item to add to their class collection.

Donations of food can be brought into school from next week and the RRS reps will organise the collections for their class. If you would like to make a donation of food, please pick items from the list below.

6M	UHT Fruit Juice
6F	UHT Milk (1 litre)
5K	Toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, shaving cream, shampoo)
5F	Sugar (500g bags)
4CW	Tinned Vegetables
4T	Pasta and pasta sauce
3W	Rice
3A	Tinned Meat
2M	Breakfast Cereals
2A	Tinned Fish
1A and 1CL	Powdered milk
Reception	Tinned Vegetables
Nursery	Tea Bags

We will be having a service at 9.00 on Friday 12th October in the main School hall, for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Please come and join us if you can, 5K will attend our service before going on their educational visit to Creekside. We will have a second service at 2.15 on the same day in the main school hall for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Again, you are very welcome to join us for this event.

Our Friends will be providing refreshments after each service.

Faith Hero

On Friday 19th October we would like to support the Southwark Crisis Fund by asking our pupils to come to school dressed as their Faith Hero (Not Super Hero!). This is an idea which is being promoted in Catholic schools throughout our diocese to raise money for those in great need. We are asking the children to find out about their Faith Hero so that they can share this with their class. This can be a saint but can also be a very good role model or someone who worked to make life better for others. This is a very inclusive idea as it can be a hero from any Faith. We are asking pupils to donate £1 and dress creatively. We don't want to add any extra expense for our families so please do not buy any costumes. We also want to encourage all our pupils to join in so if they are not dressing as their Faith Hero, they must wear uniform. Please see the attached information sheet or Link:

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/faith-hero-day-1.pdf>

Open Evenings

Tuesday 6th November - 4.30 – 7 pm

Wednesday 7th November - 3.15 – 6.05 pm

Signing in sheets will be available from Thursday 1st November.

You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception area at the back of the office 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.

'Harambee for Kenya' charity fund raising

A group of our past pupils who are Scouts and Explorers in our parish group, will be travelling to Kenya in 2020 for the charity "Harambee for Kenya". To help raise funds for the trip the group are having a quiz night on Saturday 13th October, doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (in the hall). Tickets £10. Please come along and bring all of your family and friends! There will be a raffle with great prizes, food and soft drinks and of course a fantastic quiz!

The group are: Bridie and Connie, Matteo and Marco, Patrick, Angus, Sandy and James.

Harambee is Swahili for "all pull together". The UK based charity has set up two safe houses in Kenya for former homeless children. The charity's vision is to take children from the streets to a place of safety where they can sleep, receive medical help, be fed and educated. It is their aim to see these young people become valued members of society. You can find out more about the charity on their website harambeeforkenya.org.

The group will be helping to maintain and improve the safe houses and will also offer help to neighbouring schools to help improve the lives of local children.

Attached poster or Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Scout-poster.pdf>

Applying to start primary school 2018-19

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2019 can now be made on line. Link to our web site:

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/admissions/>

If you live in the borough of Lewisham:

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school/Pages/default.aspx>

If you live in the borough of Greenwich:

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/458/apply_for_a_primary_school_place

If you live in the borough of Bromley:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/13/primary_school_admissions/72/making_an_application_for_primary_school



Our Lady of Lourdes parish

Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes Lee

A reminder that this term's rehearsals have restarted again on Monday evenings in the church at 8pm in preparation for our Christmas concert. It doesn't matter if you were not able to make the first couple of sessions as there is plenty of time to catch up. It seems wrong to talk of Christmas so early - but we need the next few months to rehearse some old and new music. If you have never sung with a choir before then this is a great term to come along for a couple of taster sessions as much of the music will be familiar to you and EVERYONE loves singing Christmas carols and songs. The welcome is of course open to all our current and past members and please do ask friends and family to join. We especially would welcome younger people and more MEN!!

Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Christmas-Generic-Invitation-Poster-GS.pdf>

Message from the Friends

Thanks to all who came to the first Friends of the year on Tuesday evening. It was great to see some new faces and have some new ideas. We are looking forward to a fun year ahead! We have a number of exciting events planned for you before Christmas.

Dates for your diary are:

Friday 12th October 9.30am and 2.45pm – A BIG THANK YOU!

The Friends would like to welcome you in the SEN room (this will be signposted) for tea, coffee and cake after Harvest Festival in the morning and the afternoon. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the continued support for the Friends from children, parents, carers and staff to help us bring together our community and raise funds for the school. We look forward to seeing you there to say THANK YOU.

Friday 9th November – QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 7th December – SCHOOL DISCO

More details to follow!

We also wanted to mention the recent playground incidents at the school. We would like to assure you that the Friends will be supporting the school in its zero tolerance approach to this behaviour and will continue to work with the school towards building a happy, welcoming and inclusive environment for our children. Find us on Facebook - <https://m.facebook.com/friendsofstwinifredslee/about>

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	97%	3	Year 3F	95%	2
Reception BC	99%	3	Year 4T	97%	3
Year 1A	92%	8	Year 4CW	99%	1
Year 1LC	94%	4	Year 5K	99%	4
Year 2A	99%	4	Year 5F	98%	2
Year 2M	98%	3	Year 6F	98%	0
Year 3W	97%	1	Year 6M	99%	3

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan