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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe it is Half Term already!

Please remember that tomorrow is Faith Heroes Dressing up day! We are asking the children to dress up as their faith hero and donate £1 for the Southwark Crises fund. We have told the children that it is not an 'own clothes day'- so it is Faith Heroes or school uniform. We are also asking the children to research their 'Faith Hero' so that they can share this with their class. Please see the attached information.

During the past couple of weeks, all our classes have been on really exciting educational visits which have deepened their learning across the curriculum.

Our Nursery pupils went to Bromley to build their class bears.

Our reception pupils went to Woodlands farm to learn about autumn.

Our Year 1 pupils went to our local Library and park.

Year 2 went to Festival Hall for a bright Sparks Concert performance by the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Year 3 went to the Horniman Museum to deepen their learning about Egyptian history.

Year 4 went to Chislehurst Caves to enhance their learning about World War 2.

Notes for your diary

Inset - Monday 29th October

First day back Tuesday 30th October

Friday 2nd November Mass to Celebrate the feast day of St Winifred

All classes from Year 1 – 6

10.30 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church – You are all welcome to join us. You are also welcome to bring along your child if they are in Reception or Nursery.

Parent/Carer meetings with class teachers:

Reception classes – Year 6

Tuesday 6th November - 4.30 – 7 pm

Wednesday 7th November - 3.15 – 6.05 pm

Nursery

Monday 5th November - 3:15 - 5:45pm

Wednesday 7th November - 3:15 - 6:05pm

Quiz night - Friday 16th November



Year 5 went to Creekside Discover Centre to look at local history and rivers and Year 6 went on a great adventure on the London eye and a river cruise to deepen their learning in geography and Literacy.

This half term the children have also had some very special experiences in school which have really enriched and deepened their learning in a range of areas. Artists from Bow Arts Consortium have been working in each class to support development of drawing throughout the school. The children have really enjoyed this experience and have benefited greatly.

A story teller came in last week to work with each class on the theme of Black History Month. The children loved this experience and it has supported their understanding of cultural diversity.

On Tuesday, Students from Trinity School of Music came to perform for all our pupils in years 4 and 5. These are very gifted musicians and it is a huge privilege to welcome them to our school.

Good Bye!

Tomorrow we will be saying 'Good Bye' to Mrs Stevens. She has worked in our school for over 10 years and we will all miss her terribly. Mrs Stevens is retiring to allow herself time to support her family. We are incredibly grateful for all that she has done for St Winifred's and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Lewisham Libraries

I would like to draw your attention to proposed plans to make further cuts to Library services in the borough. This is a dreadful shame and will impact on so many families. Please see the following link for the full minutes as provided by the MH Library Users Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_T8yax3EYlplk-Q6gTXyXcfHpvP8UI8Q/view
Visiting our libraries regularly with your children is the best way to highlight the need for this service.

Sustainable Transport

Thank you supporting your child to use sustainable transport throughout October. Please encourage your child to return the record which they have been keeping so that I can sort out prizes.

If your child is cycling to school, please ensure that they wear a helmet as this could prevent a really serious head injury. **Also, if your child cycles to school on his/her own, please insist that they come straight to school and go straight home at the end of the day. I have had reports of our pupils cycling around the estate, up and down grass banks, doing stunts and not showing awareness of danger from cars. Many of these pupils are also not wearing helmets.**

Open Evenings

Reception classes – Year 6

Tuesday 6th November - 4.30 – 7 pm

Wednesday 7th November - 3.15 – 6.05 pm

Nursery

Monday 5th November - 3:15 - 5:45pm

Wednesday 7th November - 3:15 - 6:05pm

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.

Applying to start primary school 2019-20

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

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

Please check that your child has their correct scooter at home. We have a distressed child who has had their scooter taken by mistake and would be very grateful if it was returned as soon as possible before the half term.

After School Clubs

Payments can now be made on ParentPay.

Lee Green Open Studio

Please support our local Art Open Studio weekends. Link: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/open-studio.pdf>

Threshold Theatre

Link to a Family run Performing Arts School : <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Threshold-Theatre.pdf>

New school menu

Please follow this link to see the new menu: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/LEW-Autumn-Winter-2018.pdf>

Glendale Football League News

We would like to offer a big thank you to Mr Oliver Rennalls and Mr John Fowler for volunteering to manage the Year 6 football team on Saturdays.

Last Saturday, the boys started their season well, though with mixed beginnings, beating John Ball 2-0, but afterwards losing 0-2 to All saints.

Also, a big thank you to Mr Graham Little for volunteering to manage the Girls' team. They will start their matches the Saturday after half-term.

We still do NOT have managers for either a Year 5 boys' or a Year 4 boys' team. These matches are meant to start after half term. Without volunteers however, we shall not be able to compete.

As a reminder, the manager would only be expected to manage one team, so only every other Saturday, 9.30 - 11.30am on Blackheath.

If you can help, please email Mr Toynton; rtoynton2.209@lgflmail.org

As a footnote, parents of children who are playing MUST accompany their child. No manager or coach is responsible for your child whilst playing on Blackheath. A kind hearted parent had to stay behind with a stranded child last week and wait for the parent of the stranded child to eventually turn up at the end well after the matches were over.



Our Lady of Lourdes parish

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

The dates for next year's 1st Communions will be Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2019. Registration forms for the programme will again be available from Father Emeka after this weekend's Masses and the next weekends as well. Forms need to be returned , with a copy of the Baptismal Certificate, to Father Emeka by Sunday 21st October.

There will be a meeting for parents only on Thursday 8th November at 7:30pm in the church hall.

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

*****QUIZ NIGHT*****

16th NOVEMBER

Don't forget to start brushing up on your general knowledge and pop culture ready for the Quiz Night.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO 16th NOVEMBER. This is to avoid a quiz clash with another school!

Tickets will go on sale after half term!

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.

Have a lovely half term.

Margaret Hanrahan