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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday, 5K had a fantastic opportunity to go to the Royal Academy of Arts for an exhibition, talk and a brilliant workshop on the diverse art of the region of Oceania.

Today we went to church for a really special Mass to celebrate the feast of St Winifred. This was a really lovely service and the children were superb as always.

Please remember in your prayers:

Please remember Fr. Emeka's brother who sadly passed away in a tragic accident last week. Please remember also, Mrs Keane's sister who passed away very suddenly on Tuesday. This is a really difficult time for both families and we are all keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

Traffic on Manor Lane

Roads around schools often become very congested at drop off and pick up times. Please be patient with other drivers to ensure everybody has a safe and stress free journey.

Open Evenings

We are very sorry but we have had to make changes to

Notes for your diary

Parent/Carer meetings with class teachers:

Reception BC- Year 6

Tuesday 6th November - 4.30 – 6.50 pm Wednesday 7th November - 3.15 – 5.55 pm

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Mindfulness and resilience session for parents and carers -21^{st} November 6.30-7.30-in hall - crèche provided

Quiz night - Friday 16th November Christmas Fayre — 24th November 12 — 3pm





















meeting times and days for some of our classes due to unforeseen events. I hope this will not cause inconvenience for you or your family. If you cannot manage any of the new times, you are very welcome to contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

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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 2.30pm 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.

Mindfulness and Resilience

We are aware of the growing need to provide all our pupils with additional emotional support to enable them to become strong and resilient in order to cope with life's challenges. We have targeted this as an area for development this year and are working on a range of ways to give all our children the best support.

One of our strategies is to provide weekly 'Mindfulness and Resilience' sessions for all our pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 this half term. These will begin next Friday and each class will have a 45 min session. We hope that this will really boost confidence for our pupils, help them to manage anxiety and help them to deal with future challenges.

The trainers do not work with younger pupils but will run training for our staff to support all classes.

They will also be running a training session for all parents and carers to share strategies for supporting children in developing resilience and managing anxiety. This will take place on 21st November from 6.30 to 7.30 in the hall and we will be providing a crèche. Our Friends will be providing refreshments after the session to give you an opportunity to talk with other parents and carers. So please come along and join us for a really interesting session.

We really hope this will have a very positive impact for all our pupils.

Half Term Hair Check!

Please check your child and the whole family for any signs of nits/head lice to stop any preventable transfer from one child to another. Thank you.

Dinner Money - Nursery/year 3 - 6

Dinners for this half term from 30th October until 21st December are £85.80 or £2.20perday/£11per week. Dinners are payable either in advance, daily or weekly but not in arrears. Please ensure you are up to date from last half term. If you are unsure if you have credits or are in arrears, please contact the office.

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.

There will be a parents only meeting on Thursday 8th November at 7:30pm in the church hall, for those parents who have enrolled their children onto this year's programme.

On Saturday 10th November there will be the first session 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.

The 6:30pm Mass on Saturday evening (10th November) will also be the Mass of enrolment where the children on the programme will be introduced.

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

<u>Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fayre</u> will be on Saturday 24th November 12 -3 p.m. in the St Winifred's main hall. Please see poster attached. There is a focus on collecting good quality toiletries for that stall this weekend and bottles for the "bottle stall" the weekend after but please do make other contributions for the other stalls as and when your circumstances allow.

All donations of gifts, bottles, prizes etc. should be handed in to the church please. Sales of the "squares" for the main raffle will be on sale after each Mass this weekend.

Message from the Friends

We have two exciting events coming up for you this term:

QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 16th November 7.30pm

The ever popular quiz returns!

Tickets are £10 in advance and £12 on the door and include snacks, fish and chips/ veggie option and a bottle of wine for your table! Licensed bar available.

Please check book bags for the form which needs to be returned to the office with payment by 13th November. Look out for the posters around the school for more details or ask one of the Friends. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Quiz Flyer: http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/friendssnewletter/





















DISCO!!! - Friday 7th December

***Volunteers needed ***

Reception, years 1 & 2 - 4.30pm - 5.45pm*

Yrs 3 to 6 - 6.15pm - 7.30pm*

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered already. We still more of you, so if you are able to spare a couple of hours, please let us know by sending your email address and mobile number to the class rep or to the Friends at stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com. Please note that volunteers will need to arrive 15 minutes before the disco starts. Regrettably, we cannot accommodate volunteers with younger siblings.

Entertainment this year will be provided by BONKERZ! Check them out here: https://en-

<u>gb.facebook.com/BonkerzEntertainment/</u> Expect great music, dancing, competitions, bubbles and more!

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	94%	3	Year 3F	94%	2
Reception BC	91%	3	Year 4T	98%	5
Year 1A	98%	3	Year 4CW	98%	3
Year 1LC	96%	8	Year 5K	99%	4
Year 2A	97%	5	Year 5F	99%	2
Year 2M	94%	2	Year 6F	95%	1
Year 3W	98%	4	Year 6M	96%	1

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan