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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term and half way through the school year already!

It has been an extremely busy and eventful half term and on Monday, I handed over the keys to our Effingham road site. It feels very strange that we no longer have access to the building but I don't miss the parking fees and tickets.

Events this week

Our Year 1 pupils went on some lovely local walks this week to look at different kinds of houses. On Thursday, our Reception classes had a great time on their visit to the National Maritime Museum to discover all about treasures of the sea.

On Monday, a group of performers from Trinity Laban came to our school to run amazing workshops on 'Sketches of Spain' for all our Year 3 pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience. They then followed this up with a visit to the Blackheath concert halls to see the Sketches of Spain concert.

On Wednesday, Freshwater Theatre came in to school to run excellent workshops on Florence Nightingale for all our Year 2 pupils. They really loved this experience.

Last Saturday, our Year 5 football team became League Champions, having won every match throughout the season. Our year 6 team became runners up in their age group. We are so proud of all our pupils who have been representing our school each Saturday, in spite of wet and freezing weather.

This morning, Sonya Gannon from Drumbeat, led a really good session for parents and carers on anxiety. This was very well attended and feedback was really positive. We will be running an evening session as soon as we can for parents/ carers who were unable to attend today.

Notes for your diary

Return after half term – Monday 19th February

6th March Parent/carer and teacher meetings 3.30 – 6

7th March Parent/carer and teacher meetings 4.30 - 7



Dealing with concerns and issues

If your child tells you that another child has hurt or upset them or another pupil at school, please talk to staff to ensure this is dealt with appropriately. It is never appropriate for you to discuss this with the other child's parent or to tell the child off in the playground. It is also really inappropriate to report this on WhatsApp or to email other parents. These reports often turn out to be inaccurate and one-sided. Sometimes children can become scapegoats and this should never be encouraged by adults.

World Book Day

1st March is World Book Day. We will be taking part by allowing the children to dress up as a book character. Examples include, Willy Wonka, Matilda, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Cat in the hat, Angelina Ballerina, Gangster granny, Mr Bump, Hetty Feather or Goldilocks.

We will also be having a Great St Winifred's Book Swap, where children can bring in books at home that are no longer wanted to swap for other books.

We look forward to seeing your costumes!

Events organised by Parents & Friends

The Friends would like to join the school in wishing everyone a great half term. The committee has been working hard to bring together events for next term including the Family Bingo Night and Easter Egg Hunt for the Children. It is also starting to think about the biggest fundraising event of the year, the Family Fun Day on 14th July. Last years BBQ raised over £5000 for the school. If you'd like to find out more about the event and maybe get involved in the planning or volunteer on the day please let us know.

The next Friends committee meeting will be on 21st February at 7.30pm in the New Hall and will focus on planning for the FunDay - we'd love to see you there!

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

***** Friday 2nd March 6.15pm - 8pm*****

It doesn't matter if you are 'knock on the door' or 'hit the floor' - family Bingo night is great fun for all the family. We are currently accepting donations for prizes - any unwanted gifts or treats will be gratefully received. If you have a business and can offer any kind of voucher or service, please do get in touch. Donations can be left with the office.

We are also looking for help on the day. We won't need you all night but if you have half an hour to spare we need volunteers to help set up and pack away, to help with the door, the bar and the bingo.

If you can spare half an hour please email us or catch one of us at drop off or pick up.

Save the date! We'll see you there!

Dates for the Diary

2nd March - Family Bingo

27th March - Easter Egg Hunt - we will shortly be looking for Easter Egg Donations to keep all our children happy

18th May - cake sale

14th July Family Fun Day

As always, to find out more please contact us at stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook so please give us a like!

Our Lady of Lourdes parish

First Communion Programme 2017/18

The next session will be on Saturday 24th February. The children will be in the church and 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.

We will be covering Chapter 9 "The Greatest Gift". We will also be confirming which of the three Masses children will be making their 1st Communion at on the weekend of 23rd and 24th June and other items such as ties for the boys and Mass of Celebration planning.

Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Please ensure that your child arrives in the playground in time to line up with their class when the bell is rung. If your child is coming in after their class each day then it is really important that you and your child leave home a little earlier to rectify this problem.

Total 55 late children throughout the school, congratulations to 1D with no lates.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	96%	3	Year 2CL	96%	6	Year 4T	95%	4
Reception B	90%	8	Year 2FM	98%	2	Year 4L	98%	3
Year 1 A	91%	7	Year 3U	96%	5	Year 5K	98%	3
Year 1 D	90%	0	Year 3A	94%	4	Year 5/6F	97%	5
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Have a really lovely half term.

Margaret Hanrahan