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Notes for your diary

Harvest Festival 20th October

Half term 20th October

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have been working really hard this week to organise the rooms in our beautiful new building. The lovely new library, hall and amazing computer room will soon be set up for the children to use.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding while we strive to ensure everything runs safely and efficiently.

We are trying to cut down the time when the main gates are open at the Newstead Road site to ensure the safety of all the children and staff. Please ensure that your child is in school by 8.45 each morning and that they are picked up at 3pm. If you are late dropping your child off then you must take them to the school office. Children arriving late will be taken to class by staff. If you arrive late to pick your child up at the end of the day, you will need to go to the office to pick them up. You can only get to the school office through the main door on Newstead Road.

I am sure you have noticed that our Early Years block has shot up during the last few days. It is developing really well but has been delayed a little by initial unexpected ground work. When digging the foundations a huge amount of concrete was discovered and had to be taken out. This had not shown up in surveys. We are now expecting to be able to move the Nursery and Reception children into their lovely new building by the end of January.

Events this week

On Monday, 5/6F and 6K went to Horton Kirby to study Woodland Habitat to support and enhance their learning in science. Today we took all our pupils from year 1 to 6 to our parish church to celebrate our first Mass of our new school year. It was a really beautiful service and the children were excellent. Our oldest pupils looked after our year 1 pupils and supported them in listening and following the service. Our next service will be a celebration of St Winifred's Feast day on 3rd November at 10.30 in the church. You are all welcome to join us.

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 Lewisham Food bank which is part of a national network of some 350 food banks providing 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
5/6F	UHT Milk (1 litre)
5K	Sugar (500g bags)
4L	Tinned Vegetables
4T	Pasta Sauce

3U Rice

3A Tinned Meat
2CL Breakfast Cereals
2FM Tinned Fish
1A & 1D Powdered milk
Reception Tinned Vegetables

Nursery Tea Bags

We will be having a service at 9.15 on Friday 20th October in the main School hall, for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please come and join us if you can. You are welcome to bring along siblings from the Infant site and drop them to school after the service.

We will have a second service at 2.30 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. Nursery and reception pupils will be taken to the main site for the service by our staff. You can either collect them from the main site at the end of the service or when they are taken back the Effingham Road site. Please inform teaching staff or the office about which you would like to do.

Gold School Games Award

I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved the Gold level Games Award for our sporting initiatives and achievements during the past academic year. This is a very prestigious award and we are extremely proud of this achievement. Please look out for our new logo!

Centre of Excellence Award

Please click on the link to read more about our Centre of excellence for inclusion award. https://iqmaward.com/news/st-winifreds-receives-centre-of-excellence-award/

Christmas Productions

I am including the timetable for our planned class Christmas productions. We will be using three different halls this year so please ensure you come to the correct one.

	EYFS Site	Main Site small hall	Main site big hall
1 st December	Nursery 2.30	-	-
4 th December	Reception C 1.30		-
5 th December	-		3A 2.15



















6 th December	Reception B 1.30	-	3U 2.15
7 th December	-	-	5K 2.00
8 th December	-	1A 2.00	-
11 th December	-	2CL 1.15	4T 2.00
12 th December	-	2FM 1.15	4L 2.00
13 th December	-	1D 2.00	-
14 th December	-	-	6M 2.00
15 th December	-	-	5/6F 2.00

News from the Friends

Thank you to all who attended The Friends AGM on 20th September, we are delighted to tell you that we were able to present the school with a cheque for £10,000. The Chair and Treasurer reports are on this link to the web site: http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/friendssnewletter/

We are always looking for new members to join the committee. Can you spare some time to meet to plan events? Could you sit on the occasional sub-group to help organise a specific event? Do you have great ideas of how to support the school. Events this term will include a quiz night in November, Christmas discos and coffee morning. All ideas welcome.

Alternatively why not sign up as a 'Flexible Friends', parents and carers who we can call upon to help run the event on the day are also there to share the workload and offer support.

If any you would like to join the Committee or s please email stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com. Or come along to our first meeting which will be held in week commencing 9th October (dates in next newsletter) to find out more.

Lewisham Music Newsletter and up and coming events

Please follow this link to read the above: http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/test-post/

Attendance & Punctuality for this week

Total 53 late children throughout the school. Congratulations to Rec C with no late children. Well done to 5K and 6M with 100% attendance.

Class	<u>Attendance</u>	Lates	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception C	93%	0	Year 2CL	97%	4	Year 4T	99%	4
Reception B	89%	1	Year 2FM	95%	3	Year4L	97%	4
Year 1 A	99%	13	Year 3U	93%	4	Year 5K	100%	2
Year 1 D	96%	2	Year 3A	98%	9	Year 5/6F	99%	4
						Year 6M	100%	2

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan

















