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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 1

9th September, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see all the children again looking so smart and ready to learn. I am amazed at how much they have all grown! I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families to wish you many happy years in our school community.

We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting school year.

On Friday 23rd September, the Friends of St Winifred's will be hosting a get together barbeque for parents, carers and children. This will take place in the grass area on the Junior site from 6pm to 8pm and will be a great way to start the school year and to meet lots of other families. So please come along and join us.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Miss Potter and her fiancé who were married during the holiday. Miss Potter is now known as Mrs Underwood.

Dinner Money Year 3 – 6

Dinner money for this half term, covering 6th September until 21st October, is £64.60 or £9.50 per week (£1.90 per day). Please ensure that dinner money is paid either weekly or in advance, **but not in arrears**. If you are experiencing difficulties please come and talk to us so we can support you.

Packed lunches

Please ensure that you follow our school 'Packed lunch policy' when preparing your child's lunch – see the following link on our web site: <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/dinner-time/packed-lunch-policy/> (or attached if you receive a paper copy)

Notes for your diary

21st Sept – Meet the Teacher 6.30 pm Year 1 – Infant site

21st Sept – Meet the Teacher 7.15 pm Years 2 – 6 Junior site

21st Sept 7.45pm The Friends of St Winifred's Annual General Meeting

23rd Sept 6am-8pm – Friends of St Winifred's BBQ

Birthdays

Parents have been asking about whether children are allowed to bring sweets and other treats to share with their class. The school policy has not changed and we do not allow this for the following reasons:

- Many children suffer severe allergies
- It puts parents under unfair pressure
- Many parents want their children to only eat sweets on specific days
- We have healthy school status because we are committed to encouraging healthy choices

Instrument lessons (Junior site)

These will start during the week beginning 19th September and will continue for 10 weeks – finishing on Friday 2nd December.

Confirmation letters went out this week; please return the completed slip as soon as possible as this is required before the children start their tuition.

Clubs

These will start on Monday 19th September and run for 10 weeks – finishing on Friday 2nd December. Selection forms were sent out this week to be returned today; if you have not returned them yet please bring them to the school office on Monday 12th September so that we may allocate places.

Planned Building Work

We are awaiting confirmation regarding a start date for our planned building work. We are hoping to start at half term but will let you know as soon as we are given a firm date.

We have put the plans for our new buildings on our website and we have also included a very exciting 3D walkthrough.

<http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/about/our-planned-building-work/>

Children's safety – Junior site car park

Please do not walk children through the staff car park at any time of the day as it is in constant use.

Year 6 - Permission to walk home alone

If you would like your Year 5 or 6 child to walk to school and/or walk home alone, we will need a letter giving your permission. This is required for the new school year, therefore if you sent one last year we will need another for this year. Following advice from social services, children should not bring keys to school as an adult or older sibling must be home to ensure the safety of primary age children. Children below Year 6 are not allowed to travel alone to and from school on public transport.

Only children who have this permission are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. These must be switched off and given to the office each morning.

Secondary Transfers etc

Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day.

Applying to start Primary School 2017-18

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2017, can now be made. Please see the flyer on the link below (or attached if you receive a paper copy).

Link for admissions information on our web site is <http://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/admissions/>

Meet your child's teacher

On Wednesday 21st September, at 6.30pm, we will be holding a meeting at the Infant site for Year 1 parents. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about how the class will be organised etc. There will be meetings at the Junior site on the same evening at 7.15pm, for all of the classes from Year 2 to 6. These meetings will last about half an hour and crèches will be provided. There will be opportunities for individual meetings after half term.

Following the meeting at the Junior site, there will be refreshments in the hall and you are all invited to join us for the Annual General Meeting of The Friends of St Winifred's. This meeting is for parents and carers of children on both sites and will last no more than 30 minutes. The Friends have done an amazing job in bringing our school community together for many wonderful events during the past year. They have also raised a huge amount of money to support our children. Please come along and support their incredible efforts to enrich the experiences provided in our schools for your child.

Application form to become a member of the PTA, please follow the link on our web site :

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

(or attached if you receive a paper copy)

Attendance & Punctuality

Total lates 16 throughout the school. Congratulations to Reception C, 1R, 2T, 2F, 4/5L and 6F with no lates and 2T, 2F, 3U and 6F with 100% attendance.

<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	97%	0	Year 2T	100%	0	Year 4K	93%	2
Reception B	99%	2	Year 2F	100%	0	Year 4/5L	99%	0
Year 1 A	99%	2	Year 3U	100%	1	Year 5T	96%	3
Year 1 R	97%	0	Year 3A	98%	4	Year 6M	95%	2
						Year 6F	100%	0

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Margaret Hanrahan

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Packed Lunch Policy

Aims

To ensure that all packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school (or on school trips) provide the pupil with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to food served in schools, which is now strictly regulated by national standards.

Rationale

- To make a positive contribution to children's health and Healthy Schools Status.
- To encourage happier and calmer children and young people.
- To promote consistency between packed lunches and food provided by schools which must adhere to national standards set by the government. Please visit www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk for more information.
- To contribute to the self-evaluation for review by Ofsted.

National guidance

The policy was drawn up using a range of national documents including information and a draft policy from the School Food Trust, the Food in schools toolkit (Department of Health) and Food policy in schools – a strategic policy framework for governing bodies (National Governors' Council, (NGC) 2005)

Where, when and to whom the policy applies:

To all pupils, parents and carers providing packed lunches to be consumed within school or on school trips during normal school hours beginning from June 2015.

Food and drink in packed lunches

- The school will provide facilities for pupils bringing in packed lunches and ensure that free, fresh drinking water is readily available at all times.
- The school will work with the pupils to provide appropriate dining room arrangements.
- The school will work with parents to ensure that packed lunches abide by the standards listed below.
- As fridge space is not available in school, pupils are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks where possible to stop the food going off during the Summer.

Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel) every day
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day
- dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage fraise or custard everyday

Packed lunches should not include

- meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned beef and sausages/chipolatas should be included only occasionally.
- snacks such as crisps or cheddars. Instead, include seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice.

Packed lunches MUST not include

- nuts – including peanut butter and Nutella – because of the risk to any other child who may have a severe allergy
- confectionery such as chocolate bars and sweets (fruit strings are considered to be sweets). Cakes and biscuits are allowed but encourage your child to eat these only as part of a balanced meal.
- drinks containing sugar– fresh water is available at all times

Special diets and allergies

The school also recognises that some pupils may require special diets that do not allow for the standards to be met exactly. In this case parents are urged to be responsible in ensuring that packed lunches are as healthy as possible. For these reasons pupils are also not permitted to swap food items.

Please be aware of nut allergies. We recommend you visit the www.allergyinschools.co.uk website for accurate, reliable information on managing allergies in schools.

Reviewed May 2015



Apply online:
closing date for
applications 15 January 2017

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Information about admissions arrangements



Get free email reminders with application tips at:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2017?

If your child permanently lives in the UK and was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you can apply for a Reception place for September 2017.

Now is the time to:

- start looking at your local primary schools both in the borough and those outside;
- visit schools you are interested in;
- carefully consider the admissions criteria for schools you are interested in.

From 1 September 2016 visit our website, www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for everything you need to know about applying for primary school places, including:

- what schools are in Lewisham and which are closest to you
- how to apply
- how decisions are made
- what happens once you have applied
- important dates in the application process.

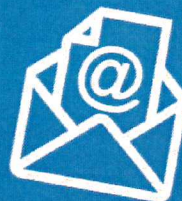
Deciding which schools to apply for

The first step is to decide which schools you would like to apply for. There are many primary schools in the Lewisham borough. Find out about these schools and see which are nearest to you at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryschools

Is my child likely to be offered a place at a school?

Where there are more applicants for a school than places available (oversubscribed), the admissions criteria is used to decide who should be offered a place. The criteria vary from school to school. You should use them to find out whether your child has a good chance of being offered a place at the schools you prefer.

Free email reminders



Sign up to get free emails with reminders, application tips and more at:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

How do I apply?

You should apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You can apply for up to six state schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You list them in order of preference. You can apply online from 1 September 2016 and must apply by the closing date on 15 January 2017.

When will I find out which school my child has been offered a place at?

You will get an email during the evening of National Offer Day, Tuesday 18 April 2017. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.

From 1 September 2016 you can find all the information you need to apply for primary school places at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If you cannot find the information you need, contact us on 020 8314 8282 (9am–12 noon, Monday–Friday).

Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities can get the support they need at local mainstream schools.

If your child has a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan, you need to follow a different process. Find out more at www.lewisham.gov.uk/SENadmissions.



YOUR FRIENDS NEED YOU!



**The Friends of St Winifred's Catholic Primary School
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Wednesday 21 September, Junior School Hall at 7.45 pm
(after meet the teacher meetings)**

Dear parents and carers

We would like to invite you to attend the Friends of St Winifred's AGM taking place immediately after the forthcoming meet the teacher meetings on Wednesday 21 September.

The Friends of St Winifred's are the school's PTA, an organisation whose aim is not only to raise extra funds for the school but to help bring the school community together and to have a good time!

During the AGM we will present a cheque to Miss Hanrahan for the funds, that with your help we raised over the last school year. We will also present a brief Chair and Treasurer report detailing events we have held and what the money raised is spent on. Finally we will elect the new 2016 Committee.

A number of existing members will be stepping down this year due to other commitments and as they have worked on the PTA for a number of years. We really need some new members to keep up the good work. Can you spare some time to meet to plan events? Could you sit on the occasional sub-group to help organise a specific event? Our '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.

Becoming a member of the PTA is really rewarding. It also greatly improves your child's experience of school and has many benefits: It's fun, you will make new friends and meet other members of the school community, you'll feel more connected and you will help create lasting memories for your children.

We'd love to have you on board! If you would like to join the Committee please complete the slip below and return it to stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com by **Monday 19 September**. Alternatively e-mail us with the information or you can hand the slip in to the office. Don't worry if you can't attend the AGM you can still join the PTA by letting us know before the meeting.

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to get in touch at the e-mail address above.

Many thanks as always for your support.

The Friends

Name Childs Class

Contact no & email

I can / cannot attend the AGM

I would like to be (please circle)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

CHAIR

SECRETARY

TREASURER

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