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## Newsletter No 13

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It is really beginning to feel like Christmas in school. All our classes have been busy creating beautiful Christmas displays in their classrooms and we have an amazing Christmas tree in the hall. We will do all that we possibly can to make Christmas extra special in school this year.

### Christmas Dinner and Parties

We will be splitting Christmas dinner over two days to ensure there is plenty of time to get all the children through in a Covid safe manner. If your child usually has a packed lunch, you will need to inform the school office if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on this day. We have attached the menu so that you can decide. All pupils in Reception, year 1 and 2, and those who normally have Free School Meals will be entitled to a free Christmas Dinner.

We are asking you to provide a packed lunch for your child on the day the other classes are having their Christmas dinner. We will also be holding the class Christmas parties over the same two days. We will be asking you for a very small food donation if possible for your child's class. Your child's class teacher will let you know what is required. Packed lunch and parties will be on the same day for your child.

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		
<b>Christmas Dinner</b> Years 2, 3, 5, 6	<b>Home provided packed lunch</b> FT Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4	<b>Christmas class party</b> Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		
<b>Christmas Dinner</b> Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4	<b>Home provided packed lunch</b> Years 2, 3, 5, 6	<b>Christmas class party</b> Years 2, 3, 5, 6

Children can dress in festive wear (no uniform) for the final 3 days of term 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Class teachers would like to take a festive class group photo of the children to send home to you but we would need your written permission. Please see the attached form and let us know if you are happy for this to include your child.

The children will be involved in lots of festive learning and creative Christmas work and your child's class teacher will be posting lots of pictures of their class rooms on 'Google Classroom'.

### **School Term Dates 2021/2022**

Please see the agreed school term dates for the academic year 21/22. We are also re-sending the dates for this current academic year to remind you of the change we have had to make due to local elections in May. Please check the school dates before booking holidays or days out.

### **Carbon Zero Project**

I wanted to share some excellent news regarding our Zero carbon project at St Winifred's.

As you may have heard in the assembly, we are very keen to carry out air quality monitoring of our classrooms (in both the old and new buildings). Preliminary monitoring carried out by RAFT has suggested some high levels of carbon dioxide in classrooms (due to lots of pupils breathing) so we are keen to install sensors throughout the school to monitor the air quality both before and after the retrofit works. We believe that the monitoring information from our school will help to improve air quality in the short term (through behaviour change – opening windows etc) and provide evidence to inform future plans that both RAFT and LBL carry out in the future. There is evidence that high levels of carbon dioxide can impair judgement and affect concentration so we are taking this matter seriously and want to commit to gathering more data.

We have received a quote for the supply and installation of £5,000+vat for a robust monitoring system to be installed across the school. This will be a cloud-based system monitoring temperature, relative humidity and carbon dioxide. I wrote to Lewisham Council and am delighted to report that they have agreed to provide 50% match funding! This is great news for our school and we believe that this will enable us to ensure a healthier environment for all our pupils. We are looking to raise the other £2,500 with your help through a keeping active sponsorship events in school this term. This will be our only fundraising event this term and with 419 pupils on roll I am really hopeful that we could come close to this amount. All pupils will be taking part and the children will be bringing home a sponsor form today. Please do not feel under any pressure to contribute. The events will take place during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Classes will be taking part in the following events:

Nursery - Danceathon	1 CB Spinning/rolling hoop	3F Running lengths of the playground	4C Synchronised catching bean bag	6M Bel-a-Vis
Reception A and OU Danceathon	2 A Ball bouncing	3T Skipping	5K 5K run with 5G	6F Bel-a-Vis
1 LU Skipping	2M Lateral jumping	4F Synchronised catching bean bag	5G 5K run with 5K	

We are also currently looking at submitting a bid for funding through the Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Plan. This would be to begin the Retrofit of Block B Based on the recently prepared Zero Carbon Plan prepared by RAFT. We will keep you updated!

### **School meal menu for week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November (Week 3)**

Please see the attached.

## **Applying to start primary school in September 2021**

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2021 can now be made on line. See attached PDF flyer.

Please also follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

We are not able to invite parents to look around the school before making an application but we have created two virtual tours which you may like to look at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F09m\\_U-vyD4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F09m_U-vyD4&feature=youtu.be) and [https://youtu.be/\\_JBLu9PjgDg](https://youtu.be/_JBLu9PjgDg)

## **Wednesday Word**

Please see the link to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/thewednesdaywordwebsite/>

Have a really lovely weekend.

Margaret Hanrahan

