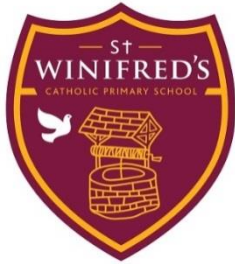


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Retro Fit Carbon Zero Project

It was great that so many of you could join us for our virtual assembly today. This was a first for us and I hope you enjoyed it. We knew it would be very long so we just included our oldest pupils today – and they were a huge credit!

Obviously, our work towards becoming a Carbon Zero School will involve all our pupils now and in the future. We are at the beginning of a very exciting journey to make the future better for everyone and it is wonderful to have your support. We will keep you fully informed along the way. If you were not able to join us we will be letting you know where you can access a recording.

COVID-19

Thank you for all your support in keeping our school COVID free. As numbers of positive case increase in the wider community it is necessary for all of us to look after each other. You can protect our school community in the following ways.

- Please ensure you are socially distancing on and around the school premises
- It is vital that all our Reception and Nursery families support each other by queueing by the wall when picking up or dropping off. Standing by the railings is causing problems for others and they are having to walk along the road which is very dangerous. We are not allowed to put any markings in this area as it is a public highway.
- Please wear a face covering when entering office area or playground and when queueing.
- Please leave the premises as soon as you have picked your child up so we can avoid congestion in the playground. We have put a huge range of measures in place to keep children in year group bubbles throughout the day but this will be a massive waste of effort and resources if children are running around the playground with other year groups at the end of the day. Please remember that this is to keep everyone safe and prevent year groups having to isolate.



- Please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible if your child displays any COVID symptoms and keep them at home. We will be happy to share the advice we have been instructed to follow.
- If your child or somebody in your home tests positive for COVID, it is vital that you inform the school urgently so that we can put measures in place to ensure we reduce the risk of spreading the virus in our community.
- Thank you for your support and patience. We look forward to a time when we can be a welcoming community once more.

Google classroom

All our staff have been working hard on setting up Google Classroom as a remote learning platform for all our pupils. Many of you have already logged on and many of our pupils have already been using this to complete their homework. Class teachers will be keeping you informed on how they are managing this for each class. It is really sensible to logon and start using this as soon as possible so that we can ensure remote learning is ready for any pupils who may need to isolate in the future. Please see the attachment which sets out guidelines for safe use.

Harvest Festival Reminder

Thank you so much for all the donations you have made. I am just leaving this message for any of you who have not had a chance to read it.

This year our Harvest Festival celebrations will have to be very different. Sadly, I am afraid we will not be able to invite you to join us. We will be able to collect our food donations in the main hall and each of our year group bubbles will be able to take turns to have a short prayer service. These will take place over three days in the week before half term. The area will be fully sanitised between each bubble's service.

We are asking each family to donate just one item if they can and this will support one of our special causes. Please do not feel under any pressure. Thank you so much for all the donations we have already received.

We will be collecting food for our local '**Helping Hands Foodbank**' at St Peter's Church which provides emergency food to local people in crisis. They have asked us for lots rice to support their families.

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 through our **School Food Bank**. This is always available to our families so please let us know if you would like to come and take some items to help you out when things are difficult. This is kept very private and we can find a quiet time for you to collect what you need.

Each class will be collecting one food type or toiletry item (listed below) which is of most benefit to these great causes. Donations can be brought into school from next week and we will put them on display in the main hall. If you would like to make a donation, please pick items from the list below.

6M	UHT Fruit Juice UHT Milk (1 litre)
6F	UHT Fruit Juice UHT Milk (1 litre)
5K	Toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, shaving cream, shampoo)
5G	Sugar (500g bags)
4F	Tinned Vegetables
4C	Pasta and pasta sauce
3F	Tinned Meat
3T	Tinned Fish
2M	Rice
2A	Rice
1UB and 1LO	Rice
Reception A and CO	Tinned Fruit
Nursery	Breakfast Cereals

Book bags

We have now received the long-awaited book bags (not the portrait bags yet) **They are £4 each and we would appreciate that you bring the exact amount of cash to the office if you wish to purchase one.**

School meal menu for next week

Please see the attached.

Applying to start primary school 2020 -21

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2021 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

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. Hopefully we will have beautiful autumnal weather..

Margaret Hanrahan

