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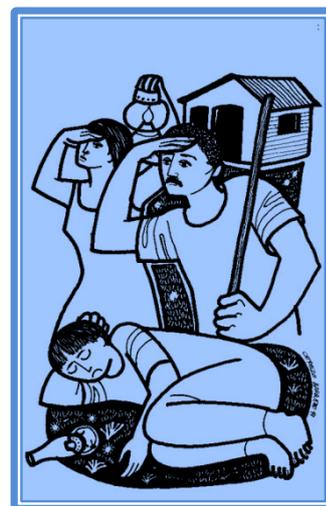
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Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

This week's Gospel announces the beginning of Advent and warns us to always be ready for the coming of the Lord. Just as the children are waiting for Christmas we are also waiting for the time Jesus will come for us. Please remember the true meaning of Christmas at this time and while enjoying all the festivities, keep a place for Jesus in your hearts.



Healthy Living Week

We have some wonderful news following our extremely successful Healthy Living Week. Newham Catering were so impressed by the winning entry in the Healthy Snack Competition that they have asked us if we would serve it as a healthy dessert in the school menu! One or two minor changes need to be made, such as using clear disposable cups rather than skewers and putting the fruit at the bottom to keep it fresh, but otherwise it will be exactly what the children designed! It will even be called the Class 10's Fruitastic and will become a permanent fixture on our school menu. Below are pictures of the winning entry and also of how it might look as a Fruitastic.



Class 10's winning entry



How it might look when served to the children

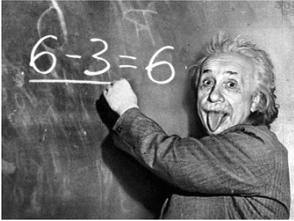
Mrs Thomas

It is with great sadness that we have to pass on the news that Mrs Thomas will be leaving us at Christmas. Mrs Thomas has been at St. Winefride's for almost twelve years and has seen many changes and improvements to the school, which she has played a wonderful part in. She has decided to retire so that she may help look after her grandson and everyone at St. Winefride's wishes her well and we hope she enjoys her time being a full time Granny. If you see her before she goes, please take the time to wish her well. Goodbye Ophelia, have a wonderful Christmas, we will miss you and do keep in touch!



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Inspired Thinking (Quotes Atributed to Albert Einstein)



“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”

Forthcoming Assemblies

Friday 4th Dec – Class
Assembly

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Friday 11th Dec – Classes 1 & 2

Friday 17th Dec – Governor

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

This year's school Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 16th December. There will be the usual choice of a traditional Turkey Christmas meal, or vegetable samosas. This year we are linking this day to our, now annual, *Christmas Jumper Day*. We are asking all the children and staff to dress in a festive style, including but not limited to Christmas Jumpers, so if you don't have a jumper, just dress 'Christmas Style'. Everyone, including the staff will be asked to contribute £1.00, which will go towards paying for the new lectern in St. Stephen's.



Parkrun Scores



Mr McAteer has now completed 44 runs and Mr Savin has finished 5. Mrs Britton, Mrs Patel and Mrs Baladas also completed the Valentines Park Parkrun as they do most weeks. Mrs Whitehorn's

husband Anthony has also completed 5 runs. Any parents/carers who would like their tally mentioned in the newsletter please let Mr Savin know, via the school office. Don't forget there is also a Festive Run being held at the Olympic Park, on Saturday 19th December. Please see the posters around the school for information, we would like to invite as many parents and children as possible to join in on the 19th December.

Abbey Road Studios

Members of the school choir went to a recording session at the world famous Abbey Road Studios to record the official music for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. They were even in the exact studio that the Beatles used! A CD will be produced and made available in the New Year.



St. Wins on the steps of Abbey Road



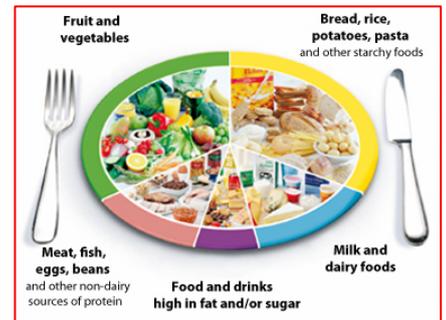
The Beatles on the same steps!



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Cooking in the Curriculum

We are delighted to inform you that three of our teachers, Mrs Herron, Miss Husemann and Mr Harris have attended a training course on 'Cooking in the Curriculum' and are looking forward to sharing their new skills with the rest of the staff and then with the children in the classroom!



Sporting News



We are delighted to let you know that both the Y1 Sports Hall Athletics Team and the Y3/4 Football Team finished in the top 8 of their competitions recently. We are also thrilled to let you know that two of our pupils represented St. Winefride's at the London Schools Judo Championships and Qualifier for British Schools Championships in March 2016. Mercedes won a Gold medal and Shinobi took part in his first competition and showed tremendous skill and ability. Mercedes and Summer also won bronze medals at the Southend International Competition last month. Well done everyone!

Christmas Door Competition

We are holding a Christmas Door Decorating Competition, if you are visiting the school take a look and see how the doors are taking on a festive look. We will be putting pictures of the doors in the newsletter over the next couple of weeks and announcing the winner during the last week of term. As a taster, here is a picture of the Staffroom Door!



Coffee Morning

At Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning this week will be a presentation by Class 7 and also the continuing rehearsals for the Parents Choir, led by Miss Pree.

SATs Evening

Just a reminder that there is a SATs Workshop for the Year 6 children's parents this evening (2/12/15) from 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock.

Gifts for Ghana

You may have heard about Mrs Britton's recent trip to Ghana where she took many generous donations to an under privileged school. If you can spare small items such as pens, pencils, small gifts and generally any item that a young child may like, please bring them in to school so that we may send them on to the children so that they may have a special Christmas!

West Ham United Stadium Tour

As part of our ongoing relationship with the Bobby Moore Foundation, Classes 10 & 11 will be going on a tour of West Ham United's stadium on Friday. They will also take part in a workshop and it looks like it will be a lot of fun!



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Carol Service

The annual St. Winefride's Carol Service, complete with carols, readings and mince pies will be held on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 6:00pm, more details to follow soon.

Christmas Nativity

This year's Christmas Nativity will be held on Thursday 17th December at 1:30pm. On the subject of the Nativity, if you have any unwanted shelwar kameez, would you please bring them in to Miss Lorreto in the School Office so that she may convert them into costumes for the show!



Boots in School

We would like to remind you that all the children should be wearing school shoes while at school! While we understand that the children may like to wear boots etc for their journey to school, they should change into normal shoes once they arrive. Please remember that trainers are not school shoes either! Below is a summary of the uniform requirements.

Black trousers, skirt or tunic

White shirt/blouse

Blue jumper with the school logo (available from school office)

Blue and yellow striped tie

Plain black low heeled shoes

White socks; Black/White Tights (Girls) Black socks (Boys)

The only jewellery allowed are small stud earrings and discreet crosses on chains. No other type of jewellery is allowed.

All jewellery must be removed before taking part in P.E. lessons, both indoor and outdoor, during before and after school sports clubs and when attending swimming lessons

PE Kit: Black shorts or jogging pants, white T-Shirt and black plimsolls for indoor PE Black trainers may be worn for outdoor P.E.

No brightly coloured trainers are to be worn in school. No studded/bladed footwear is to be worn in school

This Week's Prayer

Every week we put a prayer in the newsletter, related to the week's Gospel. Please say the prayer with your children.

Dear Jesus,

During this season when we look back and remember your birth, we are also watching and waiting for your return.

Amen.

God bless you,



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