

# St. Winefride's Newsletter

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## John Prepares for Jesus



This week's Gospel helps to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Just as John was waiting for Jesus, we are now waiting for Christmas and to help put us in the spirit of the season nearly all the doors in the school have been decorated. Keep an eye on the pod for pictures of the doors!

## Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Miss Rogan gave birth to a Baby Boy named James, weighing 11lb 6oz! Congratulations to both Miss Rogan and Mr McAteer!

## Christmas Carol Service

The Annual Christmas Carol Service is being held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. It will begin at 6:00pm and we will also use this event to celebrate the retirement of Mrs Thomas who will be leaving us at Christmas. Mrs Thomas has been at St. Winefride's for almost twelve years so please come along and wish her well and also take part in the Carol Service too. As usual there will be refreshments including mince pies in the Sacristy after the service.

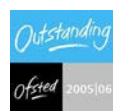


## Brick 2015



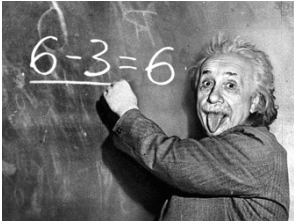
We have been lucky enough to have been allocated 60 tickets for the Brick 2015 Lego event at the ExCel Centre for this Friday. If you would like to go to this exciting event, please leave your name and phone number in the School Office, along with the number of tickets you would

like. Normally these tickets cost between £27 and £37 but we are able to let you have them for ONLY £5.00 each. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please leave your details and you will be contacted as soon as the tickets arrive at the school!



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## Inspired Thinking (Quotes Attributed to Albert Einstein)



***"The more I study science, the more I believe in God."***

### Forthcoming Assemblies

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Classes 1 & 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Governor Assembly

### Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

This year's school Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 is still on 44 runs as he had something more important to do last weekend! Mr Savin is up to 6. Mrs Baladas also completed the Valentines Park Parkrun and was really pleased to run most of it too! Mrs Whitehorn's husband Anthony has 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Lateness in the Morning

There has been a steady number of children arriving late for school, almost every day. From now on there will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) in the reception area every day to check the reasons the children are late. Please continue to make every effort to ensure your children arrive at school on time in the morning.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your children's clothes are labelled! Every item of clothing should have your child's name in/on it. Following last week's newsletter where we included the school uniform list, there will be a uniform inspection this Friday. Please send your children to school wearing the correct uniform.

### Panto Trips

Don't forget the panto trips are coming up fast. Please return any permission slips and money required as soon as possible.

### Coffee Morning

At Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning this week will be a presentation by Class 6 and also the continuing rehearsals for the Parents Choir, led by Miss Pree.



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## 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!

## Christmas Nativity

This year's Christmas Nativity will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Online Safety

New forms regarding Online Safety were issued to pupils and parents some time ago. If we do not receive the forms back then we will be unable to allow your children to use computers, tablets etc at school. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

## Facebook, Social Media etc.!



It has been brought to our attention that many children in the school have access to social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc. We would like to remind parents that the minimum age for these types of social media is usually **13**. Please be very careful when allowing your children to access these sites, the age limit is there for a very good reason, do not ignore it because it 'seems' to be safe, it isn't!

## Medical and Generic Permission Slips

We also sent out new medical and generic permission slips, please return them so that the children may take part in a full range of activities while at school.

## Specialist Tennis Coaching



We have the opportunity to have specialist tennis coaching both before and after school. The sessions will cost between £3.00 and £5.00 (depending on numbers, the more there are the cheaper it gets!). If you are interested in your child attending at any the times below please send your details in to Mr Savin, stating the day and time you would prefer.

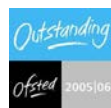
Available days:

Before School: Wednesday or Thursday 8:00am – 8:45am – KS1

After School: Monday 3:30pm -4:15pm – KS2

## Free Membership of LTA

Through our partnership with Tennis Icon we are able to offer free membership of the Lawn Tennis Association. Coach James will be providing details of how to take up this offer soon.



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## After School and Before School Clubs

Please remember that this is the last week of After and Before School Clubs until after Christmas. They will begin again during w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



## Football Shirts

Do you support Arsenal or Chelsea, maybe Manchester United or their noisy neighbours City? If you do please ask Mrs Baladas in the office about how to obtain a replica shirt in a cut price deal!



## School Finishing Time

*Please remember that we will be finishing for Christmas at 1:30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please, make a note in your diary to collect your children at this time on the last day of term!*

## 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,*

*Mr Underwood.*

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