

St. Winefride's Newsletter

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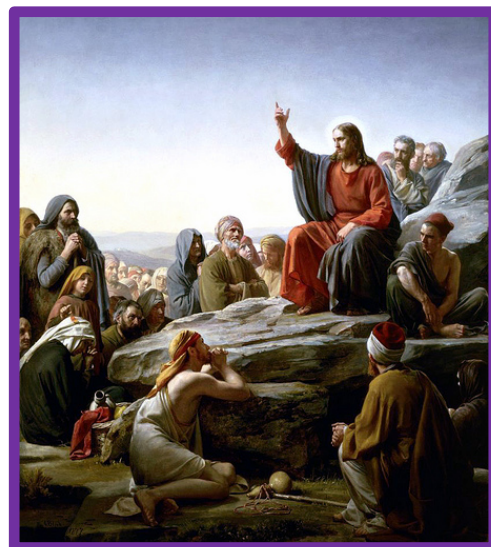
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30th September 2015

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is For Us

In this week's Gospel Jesus told His disciples that "Whoever is not against us is for us." Here at St. Winefride's we take this a step further by believing that ALL our children and staff work together to help everyone do their best. We are sure this will prove to be the case again this year as it has for as long as we remember! To help the staff be even better at helping your children to learn and enjoy their time at St. Winefride's we are having an INSET day this Friday.

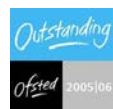


INSET DAY

This Friday we are having an INSET day. This means that the school will be **CLOSED** to the children **so please do not come to school on Friday!** The teachers will of course be in to attend a training session on how to assess the new curriculum. Admittedly not the most immediately exciting subject but vital in helping your children to be able to move on in their studies.

Swimming Lessons

Next week Class 6, the Year 4 children from Class 7 and some of the Year 6 children will be going to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to take part in their swimming lessons. The coach to the Aquatic Centre leaves at 8:25am so the children need to be at school by 8:15am at the latest! This will continue for the next two weeks from Monday 5th October until Friday 16th October. The children who attended the lessons last year enjoyed it immensely and the children, overall, swam further and with better technique than those that attended the previous style of one lesson a week for a term.



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Rugby World Cup

Last week saw the most exciting game of the tournament so far with Wales just edging past England in a thrilling finish to the match. Keep an eye out for your team this week!



Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning



We hosted our annual Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning last Friday, 25th September 2015. Miss Khanom is adding up the proceeds and we will let you know the total very soon. A big thank you to all those who brought in food and helped out on the day.



Before and After School Clubs

Due to the swimming lessons for the next two weeks there will not be any Before School Clubs until Monday 19th October. After School Clubs will continue as normal.

Cardfields

The Year 6 children are back from their trip (they arrived back at school before 3 o'clock on Friday!) and had a wonderful time.



RE Inspection Fun Day

To celebrate our wonderful result in our recent Section 48 RE inspection we are having a celebration of Friday 9th October. We will be having bouncy castles in the playground for the children to enjoy from 1 o'clock. School will finish at the normal time 3:15pm.

Former Pupils Success

Following last week's list of the wonderful achievements by our former pupils we have a couple of corrections and an additional notice, if any of your older children have gone on to university or have found a job they enjoy, please let us know and we will include it in one of our forthcoming newsletters.

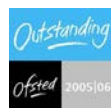
Curtley Yates
Liam Brady
Dylan Nunez

Business Studies at Leeds (not Birmingham!)
Criminology (not Business!) at Manchester
Computer Science at Coventry

Forthcoming Assemblies

Friday 9th Oct – Class 11
Friday 23rd Oct – Black History Assembly
Friday 14th Nov – Class 4
Friday 28th Nov – Class 7
Friday 11th Dec – Classes 1 & 2

Friday 16th Oct – Class 3
Friday 7th Nov – Class 10
Friday 21st Nov – Class 8
Friday 4th Dec – Class
Friday 18th Dec – Gov. Assembly



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Collecting Nursery Children

Mrs Whitehorn has asked us to remind parents to please be patient when collecting children from the Nursery. It is a very small doorway and it takes a little time for the children to be safely dismissed. Thank you.

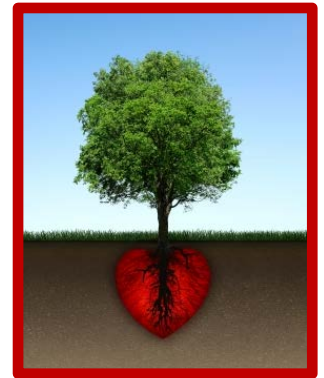
Free School Meals

Even though the London Borough of Newham provides free meals for all children in the borough you still need to apply on line if you feel you are entitled to this benefit. As Newham have to save up £50 million pounds this year it is advisable to make sure you are signed up just in case! It is also rumoured that the Government funding that provides free school meals for Infant children may be under threat so please apply for this online as soon as possible.



A Mother's Love Ministry

One of our parents, Helen Kuba-Kuba, is holding a meeting for women, mainly mothers who want to mingle and make friends. There is a meeting each month where you may read about strong women in the Bible to help build a better relationship with your children and God. Ms Kuba-Kuba will also give health, beauty, children and hair tips. A light lunch is also provided and mothers are free to bring their children if they have no babysitter. The next meeting is on 17th October between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Please contact Helen on 07949 212 927 for more details.



Fantasy Football

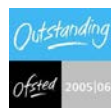


Fantasy Football is back! It will be starting on Saturday 17th October, we are just waiting for the final details so start choosing your team! Remember you may only select three players from any one Premier League team, although after last night I would suggest that, apart from Alexis Sanchez, you avoid any Arsenal players!

Commonwealth Youth Choir

Our Year 6 children performed as the Commonwealth Youth Choir at an event to launch the Commonwealth Youth Orchestra's new initiative: 'Commonwealth Community Heritage, Convening the Constituency of the Commonwealth on a Path to Peace'. - See more at:

<http://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/new-initiative-launched-commonwealth-youth-orchestra-and-choir#sthash.MZW7u1f.dpuf>



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Term Dates for the Academic Year 2015/2016

Just to remind you we are printing the term dates again this week! **Please note that there is an INSET day, where the children do not attend school, on Friday 2nd October 2015.**

Autumn Term – 3rd September 2015 to 18th December 2015.

Half Term break Monday 26th October 2015 to Friday 30th October 2015.

INSET day Friday 2nd October 2015 – School closed to children, staff training day.

Christmas Holiday Starts at 1:30pm Friday 18th December 2015.

Children return to school on Monday 4th January 2016 at 8:55am.

Spring Term – 4th January 2016 to Thursday 24th March 2016.

Half Term break Monday 15th February 2016 to Friday 19th February 2016.

Easter Holiday starts at 1:30pm Thursday 24th March 2016.

Children return to school on Thursday 7th April at 8:55am.

Summer Term – 7th April 2016 to Friday 15th July 2016.

Half Term break Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016.

INSET day Friday 27th May 2016 – School closed to children, staff training day.

Summer Holiday starts at 1:30pm Friday 15th July 2016.



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.

Heavenly Father,

We are thankful to be part of your family. Help us to rejoice and be glad when we see other members of your family doing good things.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God bless you, Mr Underwood.

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