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## The Epiphany of the Lord



This week's Gospel tells us how the wise men travelled to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus. It also shows us how it is best not to believe everything you are told and to look into the feelings behind the sentiments, such as when Herod told the wise men that he wanted to worship the new-born king.

## The Pod

Please keep an eye on the Pod as it will be updated regularly with important information.

## Happy New Year

We hope you all had a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you will see from this newsletter there are lots of exciting and fun packed educational activities coming up for the children during the next term.



## School Uniform

We are delighted to announce that we have found an online supplier for our uniform. It will allow us to expand the items available while helping to reduce the cost to the parents. We will still have many items of uniform available to buy from the office for those parents who are unable to shop online. Please be assured that the uniform is not changing and will remain the same as it is now. One item that will be available is name labels! Please ensure that all your children's clothing is properly labelled to ensure that any lost items may be returned quickly. Please see the uniform list on the back of this newsletter for the uniform requirements. There will be a uniform inspection on Friday so please send your children in wearing the correct uniform.



# St. Winefride's Newsletter



## Inspired Thinking

(Quotes from plays by William Shakespeare)

*“Our doubts are traitors, And make us lose the good we oft might win, By fearing to attempt.”*

*Lucio in Measure for Measure*

## Parkrun Scores and Running in General

Mr McAteer is still on 45 runs due to a sprained ankle while Mr Savin is up to 10 including a run on both Christmas day and New Year Day. He

also collected a medal at the Newham festive run on his birthday! Inspired by these examples and by the children's efforts during Healthy Living Week we are entering four teams in the Great Newham Run Team Marathon in July. Keep an eye for updates and training progress of the teams!



## School Hours

Due to a little confusion at the start of the week here is a reminder of the school opening hours:

School begins at 8:55am; the gates are open from 8:45am.

School finishes at 3:15pm.

The Nursery begins at 8:30am and finishes at 11:30am.

The Before School Clubs and Breakfast Club begin at 8:00am; the gates are open from 7:55am.

After School Clubs will end at 4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

## Panto Trips

The final panto trips have taken place with Class 3 and Class 5 having been to Stratford Theatre Royal to see the very well received production of 'Robin Hood'. We are sure the children enjoyed themselves immensely.

## Class 4 Parents Evening

Class 4's rescheduled Parents Evening will take place next Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:45pm. The letters will go out this week. Be sure to return the slips as soon as possible to secure your appointment time.

## Coffee Morning

Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning will be going ahead as usual this week.

## Gifts for Ghana

Thank you for your generous donations for the children in Ghana. Mrs Britton is delighted to let you know that we sent 27 boxes of gifts to the children. She would also like to thank the school governors for generously paying for the delivery costs for the parcels.



## Parent and Children Surveys

Please take the time to fill in the surveys given out before Christmas. Also please help your children to complete their's too. They may be handed in to the office or your child's teacher.



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## Reception Places

We have wonderful news! This year we are able to offer 60 places to reception children for September. If you know anyone who is thinking of applying for a reception place please encourage them to apply to us! The same entry requirements will still apply but there is obviously a far greater chance of children gaining a place as there are 25% more places.

## Online Safety, Medical and Generic Permission Slips

If you are still to complete these forms please fill them in and return them as soon as possible as your children may not be able to use computing equipment or taste any food until the forms are in!

## Specialist Tennis Coaching

If you are interested in the Tennis Coaching please fill in the forms handed out last week. If you require another form please see Mr Savin. Please remember that the sessions cost £24.00 for the six week course. If you have sent in a completed form please hand in the course fee to the office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.



## After School and Before School Clubs

There are new Before School Clubs starting next week. The children need to re apply for the clubs as they have either changed sport or day. Once they have applied the places will be allocated by the end of the week. Most After School Clubs will begin w/c 18<sup>th</sup> January. Choir places are being reallocated, please wait for a letter inviting your child to attend before turning up!

## Sporting Competitions

Some of our Year 4 children are attending a Sports Hall Athletic Competition tomorrow and Year 6 will have their chance the following Wednesday. We will let you know how they got on next time.

## Bike Training

Once again we will be hosting the Cycle Training in March and June for the Y3, 4, 5 & 6 children. There will also be a 'Dr Bike' session where specialist bicycle mechanics will come in the repair and make ready the children's bikes. More details will follow nearer the time.

## RE & Phase Newsletters

The RE and Phase newsletters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks, please ask your children to give them to you when they are handed out!

## First Holy Communion Lessons

The First holy communion lessons will be starting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## Year 6 Booster Lessons

The booster lessons for Year 6 will commence next Wednesday and Thursday and will finish at 4:15 each day. We have found they are invaluable in giving the children the confidence to do well in their SATs (or whatever they are called now!) at the end of the year.



## Office Admin

Please let us know in advance if someone different is collecting your children at the end of the school day. Also please call the office when your child is absent from school for any reason and lastly please bring in the deposit for the Osmington Bay trip as soon as possible.



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## Upcoming Assemblies and Events

8/1/16 – Certificates only assembly	15/1/16 – Class 5	22/1/16 – Class 9
29/1/16 – Class 3	5/2/16 – Class 4	12/2/16 – Class 8
26/2/16 – Class 7	4/3/16 – Class 6	11/3/16 – Class 1&2
18/3/16 – Music Assembly	25/3/16 – Governors Assembly	
24/6/16 – Summer Fete		

## 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 Lord Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. We are thankful for the Bible which we have been given to lead us to you.*

*Amen.*

*God bless you,*

*Mr Underwood.*

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## ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

The Governors of the school have decided that:-

1. The school uniform should be universal; i.e. that it should be worn by all children in the school.
2. That the school uniform shall consist of the following:
  - Black school 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

***In summer: Optional***

**Girls:** Light sky blue check dress  
**Boys:** Black shorts and white shirt

Before applying for admission to the school, parents/carers are asked to consider their responsibilities in terms of school uniform and support the governors' decision in this respect. Any child not wearing the correct uniform will be given a letter to take home to their parent/carer providing details of the incorrect uniform.

