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## The Son Who Left Home



The Gospel this week reminds us of the tale of the son who left home. We are prompted to remember to treasure what we have rather than to long for what is out of our reach. At St. Winefride's we are lucky that our children are caring and look after each other, for example during the cycle training, Jasmine gave another child a hug and filled them with confidence so that they were able to progress further in the training.

Our children also have many wonderful opportunities, as detailed below, where they are able to meet many important and influential people through their participation in our choirs. We are thankful for these opportunities and hope the children, and their parents, are able to appreciate just how special these events are.

## Choir News and Events

Well, where do we begin? Last Friday our choir, as part of the Commonwealth Youth Choir, attended a special recording session, with the Coldstream Guards, at RAF Northolt. They were there to record a special song that will be played to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on her birthday. While they were there they had a photo taken in front of an iconic 'Spitfire' fighter plane and this picture will now be used in the official Coldstream Guards brochure for the coming year.



Furthermore Major Simon Haw, the director of music for the Band of the Coldstream Guards, Corps of Army Music was so impressed by the children that he has asked for them to be part of many exciting events during the next few months and has 'adopted' them as the official children's choir of the Coldstream Guards. He also visited the Commonwealth Youth Orchestra session on Wednesday and plans to visit as often as he can in the future. Some of the events the children will be taking part in include:

On Monday at 12:00 noon, some of our choir will be singing the Commonwealth Anthem at Horse Guards Parade, accompanying the Coldstream Guards, as the Commonwealth flag is raised for Commonwealth Observance Day. The children



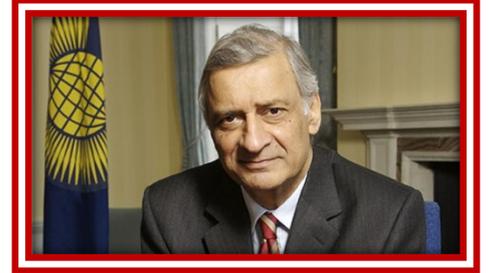
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Ellie Goulding.

will then get to spend time in Wellington Barracks having a look around; this is a very special privilege as these barracks are not usually open to the public.

Also on Monday, another section of the choir will be appearing live on BBC television as they perform for H.M. The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at the Commonwealth Observance Day service at Westminster Abbey. Others in attendance include Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations and



This is followed on Tuesday evening by a visit to Marlborough House to sing the opening anthem at an event hosted by the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Kamallesh Sharma.

Later in the year on 23<sup>rd</sup> April the choir will be performing at Cadogan Hall with the Coldstream Guards and the Grenadier Guards as part of the St. George's Day celebrations and then in June they will be taking part in the 'Beating the Retreat' Military Ceremony, again with the Coldstream Guards.



## Inspired Thinking

### (Quotes from plays by William Shakespeare)

*"This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man."*  
Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3, Polonius



## Mini Vinnies

This week our Mini Vinnies are attending a Mini Vinnies Festival along with all the other schools from the Newham Deanery, we will put some pictures in the newsletter next week!

## Parkrun Scores

Mrs Patel has now completed her first run. If you would like to join in simply go to [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk) and sign up. After that just turn up on Saturday and go for a run, it's as simple as that. Please don't forget to let Mr Savin know if you join up so your scores may be added to the table!

Mr Savin missed out on a

Name	Runs
Mr McAteer	45
Mr Savin	16
Mr Whitehorn	7
Mrs Baladas	4
Mrs Herron	1
Mr Herron	1
Ben Herron	1
James Herron	1
Mrs Patel	1



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Parkrun as he was busy running a 10k race for charity instead!

## Upcoming Assemblies and Events

11/3/16 – Class 1&2 Assembly

18/3/16 – No Assembly

24/3/16 – Governors Assembly

24/6/16 – Summer Fete

## School Uniform Ordering Online

Don't forget that you are now able to order your children's uniform online. In brief you need to do the following:

1. Go to [tesco.com/ues](http://tesco.com/ues).
2. Select 'Newham' from the Local Education Authority tab.
3. Select St. Winefride's from the School tab.
4. Choose which items you would like and order them!
5. Wait just under 14 days and they will be with you!

Remember that it will be our logo that you will receive, not the red one shown in the images. There are also 'normal' unembroidered clothes available if you require them. The site will go live from next Tuesday, at the moment there are a few items showing that will be part of the new staff uniform, so please do not order the blue polo shirt or the fleeces!

## Mr Savin's Sponsored Run

Mr Savin completed his run, there is still time to sponsor him if you would like to, either send the money in with your children to give to their class teacher or pop in to the office and leave a donation there.



## Coffee Morning

This week at Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning Class 7 will be performing their song from last week's assembly.

## Living Eggs

Just in time for Easter our Living Eggs have arrived in school. The eggs have hatched already and the children have been able to witness the speed at which the chicks grow.



## Cycle Confident Training

The Year 5 children have almost completed their training and next week it will be the turn of our Year 3 & 4 children. The Year 3 & 4 children need to bring in their bikes on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March and leave them at school until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Although the Year 3 & 4 course is two sets of two day courses we will not know until the 14<sup>th</sup> which children are in which class so please bring in your bike on Monday.



## Fundraising

Our Lenten fundraising is in full swing and we would like to thank all the parents, children and staff for their fantastic efforts so far. On Wednesdays the staff are preparing some wonderful food for the rest of the staff and have raised over £200 in only two lunch times. A big thank you to everyone who donated to the cause!



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## Great Cafod Balloon Race

As part of our Cafod Events we are having a 'Great Cafod Balloon Race'. For only £2.50 the children may buy a helium balloon which will have their name on a label. The balloons will be released on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 and we will all be excited to see which balloon travels the furthest. In the past balloons have reached as far as France and Germany so good luck to everyone!



## Admin Notices



Finally this week we would like to remind all parents that you must contact the school before 3:00pm if you are going to be late collecting your children. Also please be aware that the School Gate opens at 7:50am for the Breakfast Club. Just a note about our clock, somehow, although it is radio controlled, the clock by the gate is approximately four minutes fast, as soon as we are able we will get it corrected to give an accurate time!

## School Uniform

Some of the children are wearing non regulation school trousers. Please remember that very tight trousers or leggings are not permitted at school. Normal fit trousers only are allowed, please help us by ensuring that your children wear the correct style of trousers.

## Science Week

Next week is Science Week where the children will be taking part in lots of experiments and generally having lots of science based fun. Next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, we are inviting the parents in at 2:30pm to observe the children performing experiments and they will also explain to you what is happening.



## Extra Tennis Session

There will be an extra tennis session on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March as this half term only has five weeks in it! Don't forget to come along if you are in the tennis club!

## Cafod Fundraising Events

Please don't forget to bring back the Cafod Sponsorship forms, and the money you have collected, before Easter as we would like to be able to send off the money as quickly as possible after the Easter holiday. All the children are taking part in a wide variety of events and the class teachers will let you know what your children are doing to raise money (if they haven't done so already).

## 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 Father,*

*We thank you for your unfailing love. We are thankful that even when we stray, you welcome us home with open arms. In Jesus name we pray.*

*Amen.*

*God bless you,*



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