

St. Winefride's Newsletter

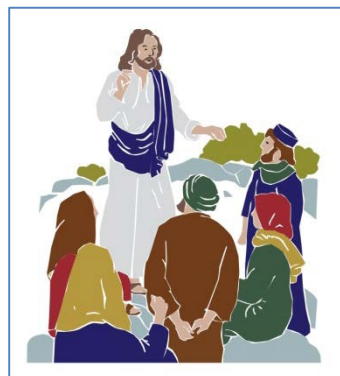
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Jesus is the Christ



An important lesson from this week's Gospel is that we must always try to recognise people for who they really are ourselves, rather than relying on others to tell us. This helps us to treat everyone as an individual, with their individual needs, abilities and skills. Please say the prayer at the end of this newsletter with your children to help us all remember this important lesson.

School Fete

The school fete is tomorrow and hopefully it will stay dry! We can still use some more volunteers if you are available, please contact Mr Duru on 07958678062 if you are able to help.

Please remember that all the children will be dismissed from the church tomorrow. Please collect your children promptly as the staff need to organise the reopening the fete as quickly as possible.

Tickets for the rides and stalls are still available at 50p each. Don't forget the entry fee is £1.00, please have the correct money ready as giving out change makes gaining entry to the fete much slower!

Aspinalls Zoo and Aylesford Priory

We would just like to say how wonderfully well behaved the Reception and Year 6 children were on their respective trips, especially the younger ones who had to deal with weather very similar to today's storms and were cheerful throughout.



Beat the Street

Well done to everyone scanning their Beat the Street tags on the lampposts around Newham. So far we have amassed 590 points with 110 different adults and children using their tags. Keep up the good work. If you do not have a tag or card please ask at the office as we still have some spares.



Tennis Before School Club

Due to the appalling weather we had to cancel today's (23rd June 2016) session. Coach James will be in touch by email to advise you when the replacement session will take place.



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Sports Week and International Week

Next week, 27th June onwards is Sports Week and also International Week. Every child will be taking part in the 'Mile a Day' event where they will be running around our running track and hopefully covering a mile a day! Therefore we would like the children to wear trainers to school everyday next week. Mr Savin is also relaxing the trainers rule to allow any comfortable trainers for the duration of the week!

The children are requested to come to school wearing their PE kit on the day of their main Sports Day.

These are as follows:

Monday Nursery, Class 1 & Class 2
Tuesday Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5
Wednesday Class 9, Class 10 & Class 11
Thursday Class 6, Class 7 & Class 8.

On Friday we will be taking part in the Annual Fr Denis Hall Cup, a football competition held in memory of Father Denis.

The International Day Assembly is on Friday 1st July and the children will be told by their class teachers how they will need to be dressed on the day! Please keep an eye out for the instructions/suggestions.



PGL Residential Trip for next Year's Year 6

There are still a limited number of places available for any current Year 5 children who would like to go on next September's Residential trip to PGL. Follow this link <https://www.pgl.co.uk/> to see the fantastic opportunities available to your children on this trip! The trip takes place from Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September 2016

Upcoming Assemblies, Events and Significant Dates

15/4/16 — No Assembly	22/4/16 — Class 6 (Shakespeare Special)	29/4/16 — Class 3 Assembly
6/5/16 — Class 7 & CAFOD Assembly	13/5/16 — No Assembly	20/5/16 — Class 8 Assembly
27/5/16 — INSET DAY	Half Term Starts Monday 30th May 2016	Half Term Finishes Friday 3rd June
6/6/16 — BACK TO SCHOOL	10/6/16 — Class 5 Assembly	17/6/16 — No Assembly
24/6/16 — Class 4 Assembly & Summer Fete	1/7/16 — International Assembly	8/7/16 — Class 9 & Music Assembly
THURSDAY 14/7/16 — Leavers Performance	15/7/16 — Governors Assembly and Prize Day	15/7/16 — LAST DAY OF TERM

Special events coming up include the Platinum Club trip to the Olympic Park on Tuesday 12th July, keep working hard on earning those Gold letters. The 14th July is especially busy with Class 6 also going to the Olympic Park to take part in the Ineos Go Run For Fun Event, where they will actually be running on the track of the Olympic Stadium. Also on this day we are hosting the Year 2 and Year 6 end of Key Stage parties. Year 2 will have their party in the afternoon and Year 6 will have theirs in the early evening as a replacement for the sleepover, which due to a change in regulations we are unable to hold this year. Of course there will also be the Year 6 leavers performance in the afternoon.

Polite Reminders

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO MISS SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON. If you do not contact the school on the first day of absence then your child will be marked in the register as having an **UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE**. If children have too many unauthorised absences then the Local Authority will investigate the reasons behind these absences. Also it is very important to remember that children should not arrive for school on their own before the gates are open. If they are attending Breakfast Club the gates open at 7:50am.



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Father Sean's Newsletter

We felt that Father Sean's Newsletter this week was particularly relevant to our children and parents and therefore, with his permission we have reproduced the message below:

From Fr. Sean,

As many another Catholic parish can tell you, we are fortunate to be a young parish, peopled by a relatively high number of young people and children. It is the presence of children in a church that often becomes the decisive issue in how successfully a community manages to balance competing needs of people in church and whether therefore people with huge differences can live, worship, and most important of all, act together. So I say again, we are fortunate to have so many children in our church. At the very least it suggests we have a future, but, of course, there is nothing automatic about that. For these children to be our future means that each one of you has to do your bit in supporting the parents of our children in being good parents and genuine role models in faith; whilst parents take seriously the Church's insight that they are the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith, and they have taken a solemn promise at the baptism of their child to bring them up in the practice of their faith. What does that mean in practical everyday terms in church? For parents it means first and most importantly of all, not being shy. Take your right to be in church with your children seriously so that they learn from the off how to be in church. Don't hide at the back. It's understandable but your children will only find alternative entertainment which won't please those around you. May I ask you not to let your children wander around the church alone, and not to go to the toilet or come up for a blessing without you. Come to the children's liturgy on time so as not to be disruptive, and try to be sensitive to what is happening in mass if you have to move around. For the rest of us, our side of the deal is not to judge behaviour from a distance.

The first response to a disruptive child is how you can help and how you can get to know the family a little better. The presence of children always opens the possibility of chaos. We can lessen the chaos by working together to welcome and nurture our children for their good, and the long term good of our parish community.



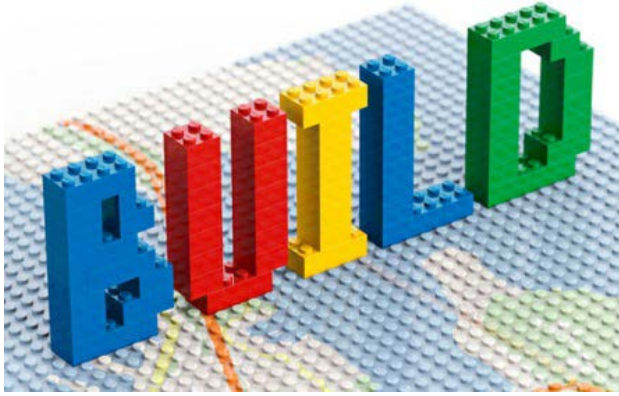
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Build With Chrome

Mr McAteer has found a wonderful online competition involving LEGO. Log on at home to the following site: <http://www.buildwithchrome.com/> and start creating your personal Lego models. Mr McAteer gave out letters to all the children eligible to take part in the competition earlier this week so get online and get creating! There are Lego themed prizes available for the winners!



Fencing Competition

We are delighted to announce that our fencing team narrowly defeated St Antony's in the annual Fencing Competition. A full report and photos will appear here next week.

This Week's Prayer

Our Father,

We thank you for all that you have done for us. We are especially thankful for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, your son. Help us to always show our gratitude and tell others how much you have done for us. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God bless you,

Mr Underwood.

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