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Greater than any man

The Gospel this week told us how Jesus regarded John the Baptist as 'Greater than any man who has ever lived' and yet even the lowliest person in Heaven is greater than John. So what conclusion may we draw from this? We hope that this will inspire everyone at St Winefride's to do their utmost to prepare themselves for the challenges they have in the future, not least for the Year 6 children who face the great leap up to secondary school. It should also remind us all that no matter how well someone else appears to be doing, everyone will be good at something. We all have the chance to excel and at St Winefride's we will do all we can to ensure that every child has the opportunity to do their very best at all times.



Christmas Dates

Please make a note of these special dates in the lead up to Christmas and the New Year:

- 🎄 **Monday 19th Dec.** Christmas Carol Service, begins at 3:30pm in St Stephens Church.
- 🎄 **Tuesday 20th Dec.** School closes at **1:30pm** for Christmas Holidays.
- 🎄 **Tuesday 3rd January 2017** School begins at 8:55am.



Allergy Badges

We have introduced bright yellow 'Allergy Badges' for children going on school trips etc. This is to make sure that children are not inadvertently given food or put in a situation where an allergic reaction may occur. If you notice your child has a badge on when they get home please return them to school the next day, thank you.



Applications for Reception Places

Applications for places in our Reception Classes next year are now open! We now have 60 places available for children to start at St Winefride's in September 2017.

The children must be born between:
01/09/2012 and 31/08/2103

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2017. You may apply at any time before this date, please don't leave it too late!

Please call in at the Main Office for more details.

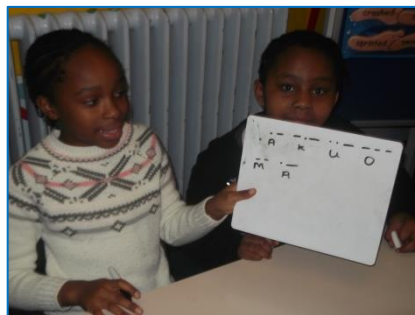
Fr Sean will be available to sign the Certificate of Practice very soon. Please check the parish newsletter for exact dates and times.

Communion Classes

The First Holy Communion Classes for the children will be beginning after Christmas. Fr Sean will be providing details in the Parish Newsletter about the exact start date so keep an eye out!

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

The day was an enormous success with all the children and staff greatly enjoying both the dinner and the wide variety of Christmas Jumpers. We are still counting the doantions and will let you know the total raised, and sent to the Save the Children charity, in the New Year. Thank you to everyone for embracing the day with such tremendous spirit! Here are a few pictures from the day, more will follow in January and will be added to the latest news section of the website soon:



Build with Chrome Christmas Competition



Mr McAteer has organised another 'Build with Chrome' competition, this time with a Christmas theme. To be in with a chance of winning fabulous 'Lego' prizes, log in to www.buildwithchrome and begin designing your own Christmas Lego creation! Follow the instructions on the leaflet handed out

earlier in the week and listed briefly below:

1. You must use the Google Chrome browser
2. Your creation must be Christmas themed.
3. A maximum of 3 entries per child
4. If saving on a USB, the name of the file must contain your name and class (e.g. JohnClass9) or
5. Email your image to: info@st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk with your name and class in the subject bar (e.g. Michael Class 10 Lego Competition)
6. Entries must be in electronic format
7. The Digital Leaders will decide on the winning entries
8. The closing date is the Friday 6th January 2017.



Good Luck!



Pantomime Stars

It's not only our children who are appearing on stage these days, three of our members of staff also got in on the act when everyone went to the panto at the Kenneth More Theatre. Mr Savin, Mr Underwood and Mr Harris were all chosen to be Dame Teasy-Weasy's 'boyfriend' for the show and all three were 'lucky' enough to go on stage and have their photo taken, which we are delighted to reproduce below for you!



Data from the Department for Education

Rather than show you data from the Fischer Family Trust this week, we thought you might like to see this screen shot from the Department for Education's website.

Overall performance at the end of primary school in 2016 - all pupils

School name	Type of school	% of pupils meeting the expected standard	Progress score, description and confidence interval			% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
			Reading	Writing	Maths			
England - all schools		53%				5%	103	103
England - state-funded schools only		53%	0.0	0.0	0.0	5%	103	103
Newham		62%	1.6 Above national average (1.4 to 1.8)	3.2 Above national average (3 to 3.4)	2.9 Above national average (2.7 to 3.1)	7%	103	105
St Winefride's RC Primary School	Maintained School	93%	6.5 Well above national average (4.7 to 8.3)	4 Well above national average (2.2 to 5.8)	2.2 Above national average (0.6 to 3.8)	20%	110	106
St Stephen's Primary School	Maintained School	93%	7.3 Well above national average (5.7 to 8.9)	8.1 Well above national average (6.5 to 9.7)	9.6 Well above national average (8.2 to 11)	38%	111	114
St Antony's RC Primary School	Maintained School	93%	8.7 Well above national average (7.1 to 10.3)	5.2 Well above national average (3.6 to 6.8)	10.6 Well above national average (9.2 to 12)	24%	111	113
Ravenscroft Primary School	Maintained School	93%	5.1 Well above national average (3.5 to 6.7)	6.9 Well above national average (5.3 to 8.5)	5.1 Well above national average (3.7 to 6.5)	5%	107	108
Curwen Primary and Nursery School	Maintained School	92%	4.6 Well above national average (3 to 6.2)	4.8 Well above national average (3.2 to 6.4)	8.3 Well above national average (6.9 to 9.7)	27%	108	112
Tollgate Primary School	Maintained School	92%	6 Well above	4.3 Well above	4.6 Well above	19%	110	109

It shows St Winefride's right at the top of the Newham Primary School League Table for 2016! We are very proud of the effort put in by all the children, staff and parents/ carers at the school to achieve this marvellous result, so a very big well done to everyone at St Winefride's for being the Christmas no.1!

Pupil Premium Registration

One thing that parents and carers could do that would greatly benefit the school is to log on to the following website pps.lqfl.org.uk and register for Pupil Premium this year. For every child that is registered on this website the school receives extra funding that may only be spent on children on this register. It is of great help to both the children and to the school so please take the time to register.



Before and After School Clubs

There will be some different Before and After School Clubs starting in January, although many will remain the same. As some children did not start until quite recently they will be allowed to continue in their current club, if it is still available. Fencing will switch to the morning and due to the demand will be held on two days. Further details will follow in the first week back after the New Year.

Football Shirts for Christmas

If you would like to buy your children a football shirt for Christmas please see Mrs Baladas in the Main Office, as she is able to obtain them for the great price of £25 per Shirt or £30 for Shirts and Shorts!



Year 6 Booster Classes

The Year 6 Booster Classes will begin on Wednesday 11th January and Thursday 12th January. They will take place on Wednesday and Thursday until the Easter Holiday.

Year 6 SATs Evening

There will be a Year 6 SATS evening on Thursday 5th January 2017 5:00pm-6:00pm. There will be the opportunity to ask any questions about the SATs you may have and also the chance to buy some excellent SATs revision books at a discounted price.

Commonwealth Youth Choir

On Wednesday our choir were fortunate enough to be asked to represent the commonwealth Youth Choir at a very prestigious event. We were asked to take part in the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting 2016. As always the children performed and behaved wonderfully so well done to all!

Christmas Carol Service

This year's Christmas Carol Service will be held on Monday 19th December at 3:30pm in St Stephen's Church. The service will be led by the staff of St Winefride's and we would ask as many of you as possible to attend to start the week leading up to Christmas in a truly Holy and peaceful way. We look forward to seeing you there.



Dates for your Diary

Here is the latest assembly list, as you can see the assembly that Class 3 had to cancel has been moved to Friday 13th January 2017. Also Reception's assembly is now due to take place on Friday 20th January 2017.

Fri 2/12/16 Class 6 Assembly	Fri 9/12/16 Reception Assembly CANCELLED due to panto trip	Fri 16/12/16 Christmas Concert 1:30pm
Mon 19/12/16 Carol Service	Tue 20/12/16 Governors Assembly 10:00am	Tue 20/12/16 last day of school before Christmas Break. School Closes at 1:30pm

School closes at 1:30pm Tuesday 20th December 2016

Fri 13/1/17 Class 3 Assembly	Fri 20/1/17 Reception Assembly	Fri 27/1/17 Class 5 Assembly
Fri 3/2/17 Class 9 Assembly	Fri 10/2/17 INSET DAY Children not in school	

Half Term Break Return to school Monday 20th February 2017

Fri 24/2/17 Class 4 Assembly	Fri 3/3/17 Class 8 Assembly and <i>World Book Day</i>	W/c 6/3/17 Cycle Confident level 1 & 2 Training
Fri 10/3/17 Class 7 Assembly	Fri 17/3/17 Class 6 Assembly	Fri 24/3/17 Class 5 Assembly
Fri 31/3/17 Music Assembly	Fri 7/4/17 Governor's Assembly	

The Festive Run at the Olympic Park

Congratulations to Brenden, from Reception, and his stepdad, who participated in the Festive 2k and 5k run on Saturday 10th December at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. They both received medals and a goody bag each, well done gentlemen! In other running news Mr Underwood completed his tenth Parkrun, Mr Savin his 50th and Mr McAteer is still way out in front on 84 runs!



This Week's Prayer

This week please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Father,

As we wait for the day when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, and as we wait for the day when he will come again, fill our hearts with the joy that only you can bring. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God Bless You,

Mr Underwood ¹²⁵

**Don't Forget,
School Finishes at
1:30pm on
Tuesday 20th**



Diocese of Brentwood



December 2016!

