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Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

On the fourth Sunday of Lent we heard how Jesus healed a man who had been born blind. Despite this great miracle there were still those who sought to find fault with Jesus and discredit him. Even when the man who had been healed proclaimed Jesus as a prophet, instead of believing him the Pharisees threw him out as his story did not match what they wanted to believe. We should remember this when we are not believed, even those as clever as the Pharisees may be blind



to the truth, when it does not match their expectations. We should always remain faithful to God and the truth and in this way we will be believed by those who truly matter.

Parents Evening and Reports

This coming Thursday, 6th April 2017 is Parents Evening. The appointment slips will be issued today and appointments will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You will also be receiving your child's Mid-Year Report. Please take the time to read it carefully and to write any comments you would wish to make in the space provided. Newham Catering Services will be offering a taster session from 4.00pm, where you will be able to taste a sample of the food that is on offer to your children. Please be aware that this is not meant to represent a full meal that the children would receive, it is a sample to show the variety and taste of the food.



Please keep sending in the SAINSBURY'S Active Kids Vouchers! Don't be afraid to ask for them when you shop as they will often forget to offer them to you!



Cafod Café Event



Also during Parents Evening the staff will be running a Cafod Café in the Father Denis Room



(next To the Reception Classes). Tea, coffee, cakes and snacks will be available with all proceeds going to our Cafod Lenten Appeal.

Safeguarding Updates

We are seeking clarification from the Local Authority regarding the taking of photographs by parents/carers on the school premises. We fully understand why parents/carers would wish to take photos of their children and we will keep you updated about any changes that the Local authority deem necessary. Please remember, the following changes in practice will take place immediately:

1. The School is a mobile free zone, the use of mobile phones is forbidden in all areas of the school that are accessible to children, **including the playground**. Mobile phones brought into school by the children **MUST** be kept in the School Office.
2. All visitors must sign in at the School Office. Parents attending the Friday Coffee Morning must collect a visitor pass from the School Office.
3. The document ['Keeping Children Safe in Education'](#) will be available in the School Office and also in the waiting area for all parents and visitors to read.

Please do not take offence if you are asked to refrain from using your mobile phone in the school building or playground. This is an over arching rule that everyone must abide by, for the safety of the children.

Communion Classes

The Communion Classes are well underway. We recognise that if you have to collect more than one child that it is impracticable to go home and return less than 30 minutes later, therefore you may wait in the Infant Corridor with your other children until the lessons are over. **However, under no circumstances may food be eaten in this corridor while you are waiting for your children.**



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Parent and Carer Surveys

We have come to the final week of our summary of the Parent/carers surveys. Here at St Winefride's we are exceptionally proud that you feel so positively about all that we do for the children. If you would like to read the full analysis, it is available on our website in the 'Latest News' section, if you are viewing this newsletter on line follow this link:

<http://www.st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk/files/news/parent-carer-analysis-2017.pdf>

This week, we are looking at:

Question 11. 'I receive valuable information about my child's progress'

Yet another 100% response from the parents, not much else to add except the SLT made this one of their main targets after a previous survey and it is particularly satisfying to receive a ringing endorsement from the parents in the category.

Question 12. 'I would recommend this school to another parent.'

Unusually one parent ticked the 'Don't Know' box amid an otherwise extremely positive survey! Apart from this every other parent would recommend St. Winefride's to another parent including a wonderful 75 out of 90 who would 'Strongly Agree' to this question.

Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning

Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning will go ahead as normal the next week, although there will not be a class performance.

Don't forget to collect your visitor pass from the School Office before you come into the hall. Please do not enter the hall by the playground entrance.



Dates for your Diary

Fri 13/1/17 Class 3 Assembly	Fri 20/1/17 Reception Assembly	Monday 23/1/17 School Photographer in
Fri 27/1/17 Class 5 Assembly	Fri 3/2/17 Class 9 Assembly	Fri 10/2/17 INSET DAY Children not in school

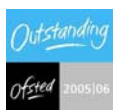
Half Term Break Return to school Monday 20th February 2017

Fri 24/2/17 Class 4 Assembly	Fri 3/3/17 Class 8 Assembly <i>and 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	W/c 20/3/17 Class 3 Balance Bike Training
Fri 24/3/17 Class 5 Assembly	Tue 28/3/17 Infant Prayer Service	Tue 28/3/17 Y4 Reconciliation
Thu 30/3/17 Phase 2 mass in School Hall	Fri 31/3/17 Music Assembly CANCELLED	Fri 7/4/17 Governor's Assembly (inc. Recorder and Choir Performance)

School Finishes at 1:30pm on Friday 7th April 2017

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

Due to funding concerns highlighted previously, it is vital that all parents log on to the following website <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> and see if they qualify 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 also used to register for Free School Meals. Although School Meals are currently free **this is only guaranteed until the end of this school year.** So PLEASE go to the above website and check if you are eligible.



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Newham City Farm

Newham City Farm are running lots of events over Easter, some are next week while we are still at school but many go into our first week off. Have a look at the posters around the school, or squint your eyes and try and read this small version!

Cheerleading at the Olympic Park

Zoe, who came in to run our Cheerleading Day is running a free dance course at the Olympic Park, unfortunately it is next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday while we are still at school but please tell anyone who you know who may want to go along to give it a go!



Newham City Farm

Newham City Farm Easter Events

Tuesday 4 and 11 April	11am - 3.30pm	Be a Farmer for a day - Hands on activity where you can learn more about working on a farm and caring for animals. £40 per person. Please book in advance by emailing Theresa.salmond@newham.gov.uk.
Saturday 8 and 15 April	11am - 3pm	Meet and Greet session - This is your chance to get up close and personal to farm animals.
Sunday 16 April	12pm - 4pm	Easter Trail - An educational activity tracking Easter eggs around the farm. Also includes meet and greet sessions.
Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 April	12pm - 4pm	Play ping pong in the surroundings of the farm.
Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 April	12pm - 4pm	Play ping pong in the surroundings of the farm.
Monday 3 and 10 April	Closed	
Monday 17 April	Open for Bank Holiday	

All activities are free unless stated otherwise but there is a suggested donation of £2 for adults and £1 for children. All groups need to pre-book and are chargeable.

Newham City Farm, Stansfield Road, Beckton, London, E9 5LT.

Limited free parking is available in King George V park, E16 3HR.

Nearest bus routes: 300 / 376 / 282 / 147 / 473 | Nearest DLR Stations: Royal Albert / Prince Regent.

Easter Egg Raffle and Governors Assembly

The Annual Easter Egg Raffle will take place during next Friday's Governors Assembly. Tickets will be on sale from Monday priced at 50p each. They will also be available during the Parents Evening. Friday is the day of our Governors Assembly where children will be awarded our termly Governor Prizes. Please come along to see the children receive their certificates and prizes.



Gladys Elphinstone

Class 8 will be popping along to visit our former pupil Gladys Elphinstone, who recently turned 102! Mr Underwood is also planning to award Gladys a certificate for good behaviour as she never received one while she attended the school because, as she herself admitted, she was a bit of a naughty girl!

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Dear Lord, the difficulties in our life seem small when compared to what others may be facing. Help us not to grumble and complain, but to praise and glorify you in every situation. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

*God Bless You,
Mr Underwood ⁶⁰*



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