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The Salt of the Earth

You may have often heard the phrase, "He is the *salt of the earth*", but have you ever stopped to think what it actually means? Salt is one of the most common things that we find in our food cupboards, so why do we praise someone by telling them they are really ordinary? Well a couple of millennia ago salt was a vital ingredient in both seasoning and preserving food, yet it wasn't quite so easy to produce, so salt was much more sought after commodity, when Jesus told his followers they were the salt of the earth it was in fact very high praise. We are lucky here at St Winefride's that so many of our children and staff are truly the salt of the earth and long may it remain so!



School Uniform



Please remember that the amnesty on coloured trainers expires after half term. Any children wearing coloured trainers to school will be asked to change into their school shoes immediately and a letter will be sent home to their parents/carers reminding them to wear the correct footwear to school.

School Photos

If you missed the deadline for returning the proofs and money to order your photos, fear not! You are still able to order the photos online directly from the photographers. Go to <http://www.braiswick.co.uk/orders/> and follow the instructions and you will be able to proudly look at your children's photos on the mantelpiece for ever more. (Unfortunately the Main Office are unable to help you regarding the photos as the photographers set a specific date to collect the orders from the school and will not be returning until next year!)



Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning



Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning will go ahead as normal the next Friday after half term, with a performance by Class 9. We are also delighted to let you know that John Hopkins, the area manager of Newham Catering and Cleaning Services, will also be in attendance to answer any queries you may have about the children's school lunches. We would like to thank Mr Hopkins for coming in at such short notice and would also like to remind parents that not only do NCCS supply the free school lunches but also have helped out at the Summer Fete, International Week, providing free lunch samples at parents evenings and much more. ***Also remember there will be a slight change to the signing in register, if you would like to take photos, please tick the box next to where you sign in.***

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	Fri 24/3/17 Class 5 Assembly
Fri 31/3/17 Music Assembly	Fri 7/4/17 Governor's Assembly	

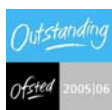
Osmington Bay



Calling all Year 5 parents! If you have requested a place for your child on the Residential Trip to Osmington Bay next September, please bring in the deposit as soon as possible. PGL will only hold places open for a limited time, so please call in at the Main Office to discuss how to pay the deposit and the remaining balance.

School Policies

We are currently in a cycle of updating and renewing various School Policies. If you would like to read any of the policies please go to our website and click on the St Winefride's tab and then scroll down to 'School Policies'. If you are viewing this newsletter online please click [here](#) and this will take you directly to the page. If you do not have internet access a hard copy of all of our policies will be available to view from the Main Office, once they have been updated.



Countess of Wessex String Orchestra

Last Thursday and Friday the children of the Commonwealth Youth Choir accompanied the Countess of Wessex's String Orchestra to the Royal Chapel at the Wellington Barracks to record a CD that will be presented to HM Queen Elizabeth II. As soon as they are available we will let you know how to purchase your own copy!



Communion Classes

The Communion Classes have begun and will be held on alternate Tuesdays until the children complete the programme. There may be some occasions when this order needs to be changed so please keep an eye out for any alterations. 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, so if you have a child in the Communion Classes, 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. Please be considerate and refrain from bringing 'take away food' into school to consume while you are waiting.*



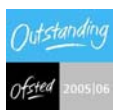
Before School Tennis Club

Unfortunately Coach Ken was stuck in a horrendous traffic jam this morning. It even made the morning news, it was so bad! Tennis Icon are profusely sorry and will provide a makeup lesson early after half term, especially as this is the lesson where they give out the medals and trophies. Coach James has asked us to remind you that some parents need to pay the balance of the fees as quickly as possible. If you still need to finish the payment, please send it in to Mr Savin or bring it along at the first session next time.



Swedish Teachers

Next Half Term we will be visited by some teachers from Sweden, they are coming to see what makes our school so outstanding! We were specially recommended by Newham's School Improvement Officer as one of the schools that they MUST visit to see why our staff are so loyal and enjoy working here so much.



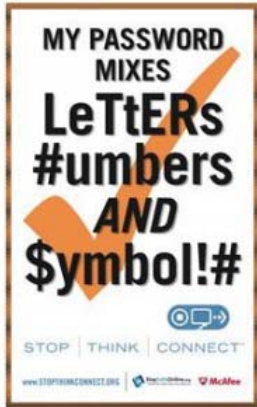
Cycle Training

The forms for this year's Year 5 Cycle Training have been handed out. If your child did not receive one, or has misplaced it, please ask them to see Mr Savin who will reissue them with one. Be as quick as you can as there are only 24 places and they are starting to go quickly!



Assembly and other Event Videos

Mr McAteer has been working very hard to upload lots of videos including the Lego Town Planners event, Reception's Assembly, Class 3's assembly and hopefully by the middle of next week Class 9's Assembly. To view the videos please go to our website and click on the Vimeo button on the home page.



Things to do Over Half Term

Obviously we would suggest going along to your local Parkrun on Saturday, or the Great Run Local at the Olympic on Sunday but as well as all that healthy exercise there is so much more to do over the Half Term break. There is a whole programme of events at the Olympic Park, follow this link to find out more: <http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/news/news-articles/2017/01/play-all-day-during-february-half-term>

There are also lots of FREE museums and galleries throughout London and the local area. There are also a host of events at Newham City Farm and as we are a West Ham Foundation Partner School you can get a 20% discount on the cost of a West Ham Half Term Football Course. See the attached leaflet for details of both of these activities.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Heavenly Father, Our prayer is that we may be the salt of the earth by showing the love of Jesus in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*God Bless You,
Mr Underwood^{go}*

**Don't forget NO SCHOOL
tomorrow!**

