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This Week's Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30)

The Gospel this week told us the Parable of the Gold Bags (or Talents). Although the story is literally about servants taking gold and making more of it for their master, or not in the case of the frightened servant, this is not what Jesus was trying to tell the people. Jesus was telling us that God has given each of us a talent: be it the ability to run fast like Usain Bolt; paint like Leonardo da Vinci or be kind like the children in Class 1D showed in their assembly a couple of weeks ago, and we must use this talent and not bury it like the frightened servant.



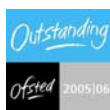
Choir Visit to Christ's College Cambridge



We are delighted to let you know that members of our choir, along with Mrs Aberneithy, Miss Mouttapa and Mr Underwood, visited Christ's College Cambridge on Friday to take part in rehearsals for an event at Christmas. The children had a great time singing with international class musicians.

Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight Runs between 20/11/17 and 03/12/17. It is a wonderful way of introducing children to the concept of saving energy and also money! Please take the time to show your children that you are saving energy by switching off lights when you leave the room and also by telling them that 'Standby' isn't the same as OFF. A very important safety message is to make sure that mobile phones are taken off charge as soon as possible after reaching 100% as some phones may get hot enough to catch fire if overcharged! It will also save you money...



Black History Month Committee

If you would like to join our Black History Month Committee please leave your name and contact details at the School Office. Mr Underwood will be contacting everyone in the near future to organise a meeting.

Christmas Jumper Day is Back!



Not only is it back, but it is back with a bang! On Friday 15th December we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day and the children will also be having their Christmas Dinner too. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better we will also be having our Christmas Carol Service at the Friday Assembly as well! Please do not feel that you have to spend lots of money on a new



Christmas jumper. The children may simply wear Christmas colours, red, green, silver, gold etc. or just wrap a piece of tinsel around their wrist. As usual we would request a £1.00 donation to the Save the Children charity. Also on the 15th December we will be raising money for St Agnes' and St Joseph's Nursery and Primary School in Nigeria. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the choir will be singing Christmas carols, to further help Tina's Amuzie's amazing efforts. Please donate what you are able to afford as you pass the choir singing away at the end of the school day, thank you!

Anti-Bullying Pledge

We would like all our parent/carers, pupils and staff to sign an Anti-Bullying Pledge. The children and staff are doing so this week in school and we would like to ask our parent/carers to do so as well. Attached to the back of this newsletter is a pledge form, you may sign it separately or as many people in the household who wish to may sign it together. Once it is signed please return it to your child's teacher. There will also be pledges available to sign at Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning.

Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning

Please come along for coffee (or tea), biscuits and a chat. Class 4M will also be performing their song from last week's assembly. If there is any topic which you would like to be discussed during the Coffee Morning, please talk to Miss Khanom and she will try to arrange a visitor, or indeed one of the members of staff to come along and discuss the topic. Don't forget the parents' choir will be rehearsing as usual in the run up to their wonderful mini carol concert!



School Uniform



We are delighted to announce that there is another way of ordering school uniform online. You may either follow this link:

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=schools> or go to www.brigade.uk.com and search for St Winefride's in the search box. Don't forget

the uniform is also available from Lucilla's in Ilford and also online at tesco.com/ues.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Dear Father,

Help us to use the talents that you have given us to be what you intended for us to be.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God Bless You,

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