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This Week's Gospel (Luke 24: 35-48)



Now that Easter has passed we learn how Jesus opened the minds of His Disciples, to help them understand that He truly was the Messiah as prophesied by Moses and the prophets. Here at St Winefride's our staff work hard every day helping to open the minds of the children so that they may understand the

intricacies of the lessons they are being taught and helping them to grow in every way.

Gladys Elphinstone

It is with great sadness that we have to pass on the news that Gladys has passed away at the age of 103. Gladys was the oldest surviving pupil of the school and we were lucky enough to be reunited with her a couple of years ago in time for her 101st birthday and the children who met her instantly realised what a wonderful person she was. As mentioned previously, she could recall many fascinating tales of her time at St Winefride's and although we have only got to know her again we will all miss her greatly. Gladys was our second St Winefride's Icon and we will always remember her.



School Uniform and the Hot Weather

The hot weather has arrived at last, at least for a few days. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Uniform Policy, **which is attached to this newsletter**. There have been a couple of minor tweaks in that we have removed the option of grey socks, as very few if any children wear them and also added a note that only plain black tights should be worn with the winter uniform. We would also ask you to consider the weather when sending your children to school. Over the past couple of days the temperature has been in the high 20's Celsius and some children have still been wearing heavy winter coats. Please have a quick glance at the weather forecast when deciding how thick a coat to put on your child in the morning.

Year 6 Cake Sale



Some of our year 6 girls are organising a cake sale for Cafod next Friday. Please send in any donations that you are able to as the girls will be very grateful. We will remind you next week to send your children in with money to buy the cakes!



New School Dinners



As we are sure you will have noticed, we have a new caterer providing the children and staff's school meals at lunchtimes. The company is called ISS and they cater for many schools around the country as well as the military services! Some parent/carers have

enquired at the office, believing that they may have to pay for their children's meals, due to a comment in the ISS brochure. Please be reassured that, currently, **ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCH TIME MEALS ARE FREE** to the children and their parent/carers. We are also aware that some children are changing over to packed lunches as the meals are different to what they have been receiving in the past. We would ask you to try and persevere with the new lunches as we know, from the recommendations of other schools, that the meals from ISS are of the highest quality. The children, ideally, should try out the menu for the whole of the three week cycle and we are sure they will find much that they will enjoy. If your child really does want to forgo their free school meal, we would ask that they do not switch in the middle of the week as this creates problems for the accounting system and they bring a packed lunch for the whole of the week instead. If you would like to read more about ISS please follow this link: <http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/primary-schools/>

St Winefride's Icon No.5 Walter Tull

You may have seen in the news over the Easter holiday that it was the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Second Lieutenant Walter Tull, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment. While this may not seem too newsworthy as many thousands of brave soldiers died during the Great War, Walter was truly a man of great note and dignity. He was one of the first mixed race professional footballers in England, playing for both Tottenham Hotspur and Northampton Town. He would also have played for Rangers in Glasgow as he had been offered a contract to begin after the end of the war. He was also one of the first ever officers in the British Army who was not "*natural born or naturalised British subjects of pure European descent*". Sadly Lt Tull died during the First Battle of Bapaume, his body was never recovered, despite the efforts of, among others, Private Tom Billingham, a former goalkeeper for Leicester Fosse to return him to the British position while under fire. For more information see the Icon posters in school next week or follow this link:

<http://www.big-ideas.org/project/tull100/>



Commemorating the Great War

As the above item showed, we are approaching the centenary of the end of World War I. At the time it was called the Great War or the war to end all wars as it was so horrific. Unfortunately this has not proved to be the case. To help mark this solemn occasion our Governors, led by Miss Monaghan, are asking you to contact us if any of your relatives fell during the hostilities between 1914 and 1918. Indeed if any of your relatives, or friends and neighbours relatives have recollections or mementoes from the war we would be delighted to see them, and to show the children. A local historian is going to help us find any former pupils who may have perished or fought in the war but we would like to include anyone with a link to the school in any capacity, so please do get in touch.



Spare Wool

If you have any spare, unwanted wool, would you be kind enough to send it in to the school office as some of our staff are knitting a special project and desperately need more wool! Thank you.



Breakfast Club

Please note that the Breakfast Club opens its doors at 7:50am each morning. The staff will finish serving by 8:15am AT THE LATEST. If your child arrives after this time the breakfast supplies will have been put away and it causes the staff to have to rush to prepare the hall for the beginning of the day. Please ensure that your children arrive well before 8:15am, thank you.

School Calendar

We couldn't help but notice that some children did not return on time from the Easter holiday. Please take the time to visit our website and look at the school calendar. It has been on the website for over a year and indeed the next academic year's calendar has already been there for over three months. The link to the page is:

<http://www.st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk/calendar.html>

The calendar for this year and next is also attached to this newsletter.

Tennis Club

The Before School tennis club starts again next week details attached to the newsletter or by going to the Tennis Icon website: www.tennisiconuk.com.

Assembly Timetable

The New Assembly Timetable is also attached to this newsletter! Next week Class 1D will be performing in Church and Class 3/4H will be reprising their song in Coffee Morning.

Coffee Morning



Talking of Coffee Morning, Mrs Brosnan and I had a very productive meeting with the parents at the coffee Morning, some of the suggestions to come out of it included: food tasting; a celebration parade of nations and storytelling for International Week and requests for a Slush machine, ice cream, popcorn face painting and tattoos for the Summer Fete. If any parents have more suggestions, please drop them in at the School Office.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

**Dear Father in heaven,
Thank You for loving us.
Thank You for sending Jesus and giving us your peace.
Help us to bring peace to our world too.
Amen.**

God Bless You,

