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This Week's Gospel (John 15: 1-8)

This week's Gospel may seem a little confusing, why is Jesus a vine? What is a vine? Why are we His branches? Will pruning hurt? What Jesus was trying to tell His disciples was that the only way to Heaven was by following Him and His teachings. Jesus is the vine, the main part of the plant, we are the branches, the offshoots that Jesus has grown, He

pruned us by teaching us how we may be good and Christian so that God will not 'take us away' but will welcome us into Heaven at the appointed time.

Commonwealth Youth Orchestra and Choir

The children in the choir have been very busy lately! They have been to the British Museum for the launching of the Commonwealth Summit, they also visited the Lord Mayor of London's banquet to sing for all of the Heads of State of the Commonwealth countries and finally they attended the St George's Day concert held at Cadogan Hall, where they met Sam Bailey, the X Factor winner and our friends, Major Haw and the Coldstream Guards!

School Uniform

We were advised by one of our parents that Tesco were out of stock on some items of uniform, we have checked and we are happy to say that the jumpers and cardigans are now back on sale.

You may also buy the uniform from Brigade online and also in person at Lucilla's on Cranbrook Road in Ilford. Please see the links below:

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/st-winefrides-rc-primary-school/6657.school> or

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php?pdPage=schools> or

Lucilla Ltd, 180a Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 4LX. Tel: 020 8554 513380.



Visiting Author



We are delighted to announce that Candy Gourlay will be visiting us on Tuesday 8th May 2018. She will be hosting a reading and live drawing session with the Year 1 & 2 children and also presenting a slide show called 'A Hero's Journey' for the Year 5 & 6 children. Candy grew up in the Phillipines before moving to the UK and has some wonderful stories to tell. She will also be selling her books after school on the 8th May and this will be a great chance to have a book signed by the actual author.

New School Dinners

We have heard that some children have not been able to have the meal of their choice on a few occasions. We would like to ask you to bear with us whilst the new caterers are adjusting to the children's requirements. It is still less than three weeks since the menu changed and it will take a little time for the cooks to work out exactly how many of each menu item they need to prepare. We are sure that every child

will be receiving their choice in the very near future.

We would also like to request that, if your child has a medical allergy, you fill in the Food allergy forms available at the School Office. If your child does not have an allergy but does not like a type of food or you do not wish for them to eat certain foods, please talk to your child and go through the menu with them so that they are aware of which meals to avoid.

St Winefride's Icon No.6 Malorie Blackman

Mrs Britton has chosen Malorie Blackman to be our 6th Icon. Malorie was born in Clapham, London, the daughter of immigrants from Barbados. She originally wanted to be an English teacher but found herself working as a systems programmer! Eventually Malorie began to write books including the fabulous O's and X's series for teenagers and also the Betsey Biggalow series for new readers.

She was also the Children's Laureate between 2013 and 2015. See the posters around the school for more information on her.



Commemorating the Great War

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 neighbour's relatives have recollections or mementoes from the war we would be delighted to see them, and to show the children. Miss Monaghan spent a morning with the year 6 children examining our history and will be coming in again soon to help with the project. 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

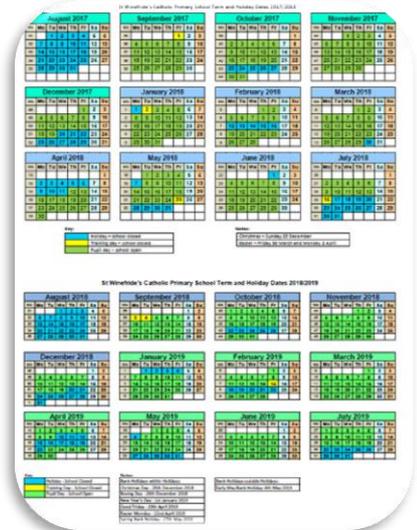
Please note that the Breakfast Club opens its doors at 7:50am each morning. The staff will finish serving by 8:15am AT THE LATEST. If your child arrives after this time the breakfast supplies will have been put away and it causes the staff to have to rush to prepare the hall for the beginning of the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

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 7TH MAY



Tennis Competition

Our Year 3 & 4 Tennis team will be in action on Wednesday and we wish them well! The Year 5 & 6 team will be having their turn on Thursday 10th May.

Ascension Mass

Please remember that next Thursday is the date of the Ascension Mass, in England and Wales (from 2018) the Ascension of the Lord is a Holyday of Obligation. Therefore we would love to see you at Mass next Thursday if you are able to make it.

Coffee Morning/Assembly

Class 1D will be singing their song from last week's assembly in Coffee morning and Class 2N will be performing for us in assembly.



Star Wars Day

Anyone who wishes Mr Savin a Happy Star Wars Day or 'May the Fourth/Force be with you' on Friday will receive house points!

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Dear Father,

We pray that your Holy Spirit will always flow through Jesus, the True Vine, and into our hearts so that we can reach out and share your love with each person that we meet.

Amen.

God Bless You,

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Don't Forget! School Fete Friday 29th June. Please come along to the Coffee Morning if you are able to help, or have any suggestions.



**DON'T FORGET TO
WISH MR SAVIN
A HAPPY STAR
WARS DAY ON
FRIDAY!**

