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This Week's Gospel (John 20:19-23)



On Pentecost Sunday we are told how Jesus came back to His disciples and told them that anyone whose sins they forgave would have their sins forgiven by God. At St Winefride's every child starts each day from the same place (Green) no matter if they finished on Gold, Silver, Bronze, Green, Yellow, Orange or even Red the day before. We believe every child is capable of being the best they can be every day no matter what has happened on previous days!

INSET DAY & Half Term

On Friday we have an INSET day for Staff Training, on VR Headsets and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This means that the children start their half term break at **3:15pm, Thursday 24th May 2018.**

They will return to school on Monday 4th June at the usual time of 8:55am.

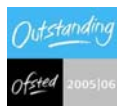
Safeguarding update

From 2:00pm on Friday 25th May, the Church car park will be temporarily out of action, as hoardings will be erected to facilitate the installation of bollards around the edge of the car park to prevent unauthorised vehicles using the car park. The bollards will also prevent any cars etc. driving into the car park during school hours and therefore keeping the children safer.

This should have minimal effect on the school as the 25th May is an INSET day and the following week is the half term holiday!

Citizenship Award

We are delighted to show you this picture of Abrianna receiving her Citizenship Award from Bishop Alan, at a grand ceremony at Brentwood Cathedral. She won it for the wonderful friendship she has formed with another pupil that helps both of them have a special time at St Winefride's. Congratulations Abrianna!





Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex

We hope you all enjoyed the wedding on Saturday and we would like to thank the kitchen staff for providing the children with a Royal Picnic on Friday.

Children's Punch

While on the subject of the Royal Wedding, a huge thank you to all the parents and carers at the Coffee Morning that helped to prepare the punch. It was especially welcome as it was quite a warm day and the children kept coming back for more as it was so delicious!

Word War I – St Winefride's Connections



We have great pleasure in passing on this information about the great, great grandfather of Joseph in Class 2H. Harold Charles Poole served in the British Army in World War I and the drawing (left) was actually made while Harold and his fellow soldiers were in the trenches in 1918. Thankfully Harold not only survived the war but also went on to become a teacher, indeed the Head of Science in schools in Devizes and Manchester. The photograph shows Harold (back, right) and his family. The soldier standing to the left is Russell Poole who sadly perished during the conflict. He originally signed up when he was underage and was sent home, but he later re-enlisted only to tragically lose his life. A special thank you to Joseph and his family for sharing these memories and treasured documents with us.



CycleConfident Training

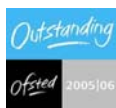
CYCLE CONFIDENT

The Year 6 Cycle training will take place from Monday 4th June 2018, the first day back after half term. There are only 24 places available, if you would like your child to take part please return the form by Wednesday at the latest, or we will offer the places to Year 5 pupils instead.

This Week is Walk to School Week

If you do not already do so, why not take up the challenge to walk to school! You may download a Walk to School kit from this link:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-you-can-do/family-walk-to-school-kit> to give you some ideas!



Toilets!



We were approached by a small number of parents at last week's Coffee Morning, who raised concerns over the state of the toilets. We can confirm that the toilets have indeed been flooded on three separate occasions in the recent past. On all of the occasions it has in fact been a sink that has been the cause of the problem, not the toilets. The boys' toilet has flooded twice, each time after a sink has been pulled away from its location on the counter (it was repaired in March and we are awaiting the plumbers to repair the current damage). On the other occasion the girls' toilet as flooded after a child blocked a sink with tissue and then turned on the taps. While there will always times when a sink or toilet gets blocked accidentally, we view the deliberate blocking or damage of a sink very seriously and will consider a fixed term exclusion if we find such damage has been caused deliberately. To further help prevent such damage and the children being exposed to dangerous, slippery conditions, Mr Bristol, Mrs Brosnan, Mr Savin and I will be carrying out regular inspections of the toilet areas to ensure they are safe for all the children.

SATs Exams

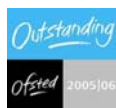
A huge well done to all of the Year 2 and Year 6 pupils on completing their SATs exams. It is a very stressful time for everyone, including the staff, and the children all performed extremely well. We are very proud of the effort everyone has put in and hopefully this will be reflected in some very good results!



Hot Weather

You may have noticed that summer seems to have arrived and also seems to be sticking around! If you would like your

children to wear sun cream, please apply it before they come to school as we are not allowed to do so. It would also be a very good idea to send them in wearing a hat (with their name written on the label) as it can get very sunny in the playground. Furthermore, please do not send your children into school wearing winter coats as they may quickly overheat in this weather!



GDPR

You may have seen in the news that a new Data Protection Law is being introduced to the United Kingdom. Although it is being enforced through the European Union, it will still happen even after Brexit. Last week you all received a letter explaining this and also new style consent forms for you to fill in. These new consent forms will last for the entirety of your child's time at St Winefride's, so although they are an extra item to fill in now, they will save time in the future. Please remember that if you ever change your mind about the consent you have given, you only have to phone, pop in or write (by post or email) to us, to withdraw the consent at any time. Please make every effort to return the forms, filled in on both sides and with your child's name on both sides too, as soon as possible so that your children are still able to take part in activities and have their photos taken etc. On a lighter note, if you ever receive a call asking you about an accident or insurance etc., tell the caller that they may be breaking GDPR and if it is an unsolicited call they will hang up very quickly!

Safeguarding Statement

A new Safeguarding Statement has been agreed by all of the local schools, early years settings and child minders and will be available on our website soon.

Fortnite Video Game

It has been in the news recently that 'Fortnite' is the most popular online game in the world at the moment. We would like to remind parents/carers to be extra vigilant if their children are playing this game. While the game is rated PEGI 12+, we know from children's conversations that it is being widely played by some of the children of St Winefride's. We are not passing comment on the content of the game and as such, it is the parent/carers responsibility to allow or block their children from taking part in any game of this type, however we would caution you to insist that, if your child is taking part in the online interactive version of the game, you are able to hear all of the sound and comments being fed through to your child. Due to the ease in which people are able to communicate to each other, within the game scenario, it has been found that some very undesirable people are using this game to make contact with children and there have been reports of children being asked to meet people in real life rather than just online. Please make sure you are able to hear ALL communication, not just what your child is saying, whenever your child is online, on their phone, their games console, tablet or PC.



This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that you have sent us the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please fill us up each day with the Holy Spirit that we would have the power to live for Jesus and let his light shine in our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God Bless You,

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