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This Week's Gospel (Mark 10:2-16)



The Gospel on Sunday will tell us about both marriage and also when Jesus said to His disciples:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This is for us one of the most important parts of any Gospel as it forms part of our own mission statement. It was chosen, and unanimously accepted by all of the staff, by Mrs Taylor, many years ago. Mrs Taylor has now sadly passed away but we all still think of her whenever the mission statement is read or sung and we hope you will all say a prayer for her this week.

Inspired Thinking

You may have seen the posters up around the school celebrating **Inspired Thinking**. The plan is for a new quote or thought to be posted every week, which may tie in with a project or topic that the children are covering. This week's quote is from Dr Mae Jemison, the first female black astronaut so it is doubly fitting as it is both Space Week and, of course Black History Month.



"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

Dr Mae C. Jemison, Engineer, physician and astronaut.



Coffee Morning



Miss Khanom's Coffee Morning continues to go from strength to strength mainly because of the wonderful input from the parent/carers who attend every week. The Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £300 thanks to everyone's magnificent efforts.

So once again thank you for all your help, not only last Friday but every Friday.

Black History Month

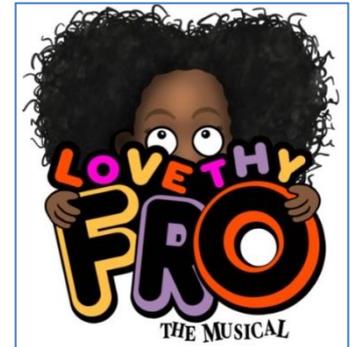
We have reached the deadline for payments to secure a place to go and see "Love Thy Fro". If we do not receive payment by tonight we will begin to allocate places to the children on the waiting list. Virtually all of the children have had their place paid for so we would urge any remaining contributions to be paid as soon as possible.

We are very much looking forward to meeting Casey Elisha on Tuesday 9th October to read her book "Love Thy Fro" on which the musical is based.

She will be spending about 45 minutes with each class' 1D, 1/2H and 2B. As well as reading her book she will be leading activities with them and it all sounds really exciting!

Greg Francis, a former world championship silver medallist in karate has confirmed that he will be coming in to school on Monday 15th October. He was also English and British Champion, is the Head of Delegation for the national team and was one of the youngest ever magistrates (Justice of the Peace) in the country, when he was appointed at the age of 28. We are delighted to announce that not only is he going to talk to the Year 6 children but wil'be holding court' with all of the year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children.

The 15th will be a busy day as Wendy Shearer is coming in to tell African stories to the children. She will also be in on Tuesday for the older children. She visited us last year and was a great success.



MOBO Alert

As so many children are going to see "Love Thy Fro" we felt that it would not be fair to hold the St Winefride's Mobo's on the same day so we have moved them to Wednesday 17th October at 10:00am.

Mobile Phone Policy

Please remember that it is a school policy, introduced by the Governing Board, that St Winefride's is a Mobile Free Zone. Please do not use mobile phones for any purpose while on the school premises



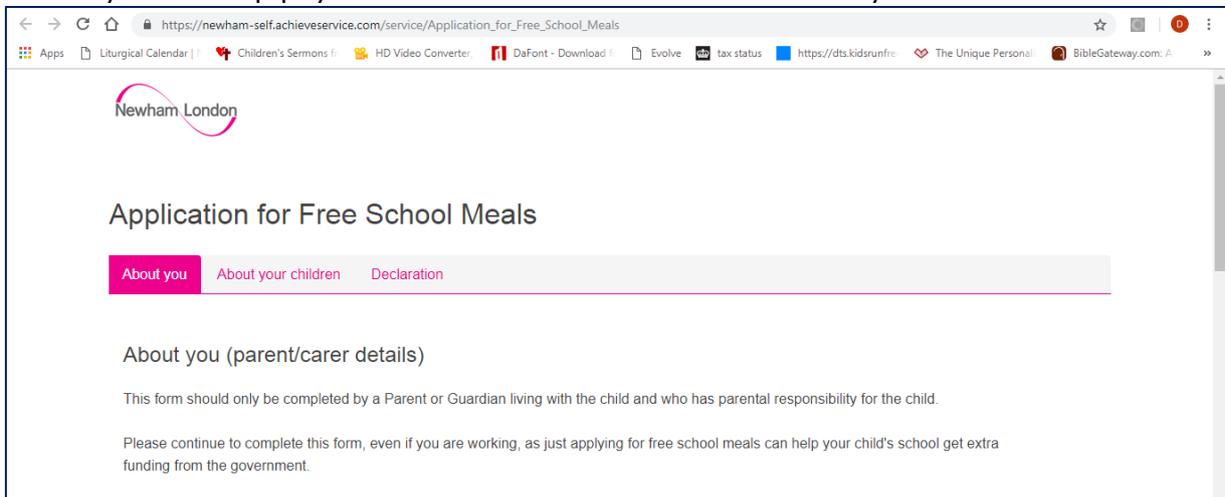
Technology and booking parents evening



You are now able to book your Parent's Evening slot by accessing the cashless payment system. You should have received a text message asking you to log in, you are then able to see which times are available and choose the one that suits you the best. Please also keep an eye on ParentComms for updates to School Open Check.

Free School Meals

It may seem a little strange to be asking you this when we all know that the children already get free school meals, but we really need everyone to apply for the official Free School Meals. It is by no means certain that Newham will continue to provide free school meals for every primary school child in the future. There has already been one occasion where the offer was withdrawn and to prevent the parent/carers of St Winefride's being unfairly disadvantaged, the school paid out over £20,000, which in these times of austerity severely affected the school's budget. As you can see from the screen shot below the council themselves 'flag up' how important it is for the schools for you to apply for Free School Meals officially:



Even if you do not think you are eligible please take the time to fill in the online form as we may receive extra funding that may only be spent on helping the children who are eligible for Free School Meals, this might mean an extra Teaching Assistant to help YOUR child, or extra resources or help in supplying much needed help for the children during the day.

Please do log in to:

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application_for_Free_School_Meals

and complete the form as soon as possible, it can only help benefit your children.



After School Clubs

The Cheerleading Club is on Monday, the West Ham United After School Football Club is on Tuesday and Mr Brown's After School Sports Club on Thursday. All the letters for the clubs have been handed out and should be returned to Mr Savin.



Before School Tennis Club!

Due to the high take up for the "Love Thy Fro" musical, the Before School Tennis Club will be on Tuesday 16th October NOT Thursday 18th in two weeks' time. Coach James will be emailing parents individually to remind them.

The Electronic Newsletter

The Electronic Newsletter is on its way. We are hoping to launch it either next week or the week after, depending on the technology working and as you know if you have been to one of our assemblies recently that is probably a 50:50 chance!

Pull the Door!

The School Office staff have asked us to remind you that you need to **PULL** the front door to open it! Also if you have been buzzed through the main gate you do not need to press the bell at the front door as the office staff are able to see you through the glass.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Dear Father, we love the children just as Jesus loved them and we are thankful that these children have someone who loves them enough to bring them to Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God Bless You,

Fr. Richard

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