

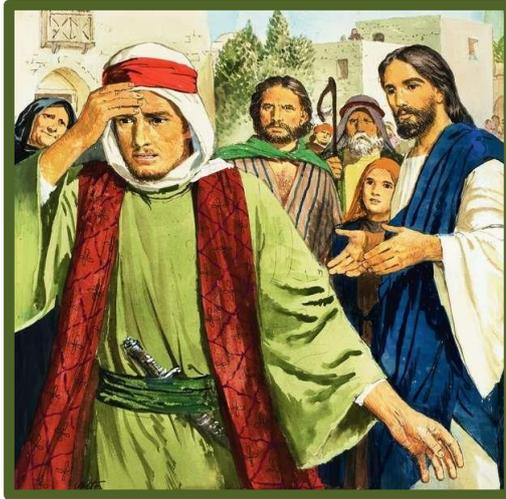
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This Week's Gospel (Mark 10:17-30)



Sunday's Gospel recounts the story of a rich man asking Jesus how he will be able to enter Heaven. Much to his dismay merely obeying God's commandments is not enough, he is asked to sell everything and follow Jesus. It is worth remembering that it is not just doing the bare minimum that is required by God and for life in general. Yes it is easier to do 'enough' but it is much harder to do what is really needed. For example we offered the visit to the 'Love Thy Fro' musical to 30 or 40 children, but managed to arrange for over

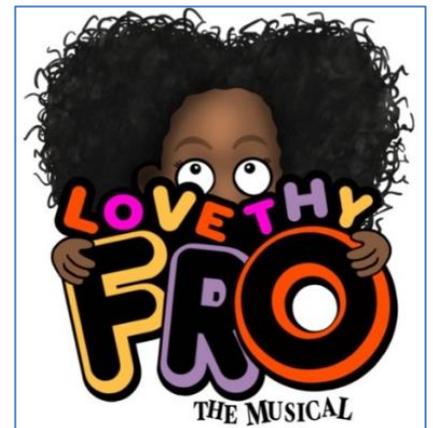
100 children to attend instead. It would have been far easier to limit the visit to 40 children but we worked really hard with the theatre, the coach company, our caterers and our staff to enable over 60 more children to attend. We feel that we did the right thing despite the extra work and inconvenience it caused, because it was the best outcome for the children.

St Winefride's MOBOs 2018

The St Winefride's MOBOs are on Wednesday 17th October at 10:00am in St Stephen's Church. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch! It will be a fantastic show, so come along and join in the celebration.

Love Thy Fro Musical

All the children on the visit will be receiving a letter home giving exact details of the visit. In brief we would like all the children attending the musical to be in school at 7:45am to be registered for an 8:00am departure. The children will be returning to school for their packed lunch so we would request that you give your child a healthy snack (No crisps, sweets or chocolate) to eat mid-morning. The children may also bring a re-sealable bottle of water to drink (No cans etc.) We are sure the children will have a great time and are really looking forward to the day!



Casey Elisha



Casey Elisha, the author of 'Love Thy Fro' visited us on Tuesday 9th October to read her book, on which the musical is based. She spent the morning with the Year 1 & 2 children reading her book and leading activities with them. She was really excited to be named our tenth St Winefride's Icon and took a copy of it home to keep. We are all looking forward to seeing her again next week.

Greg Francis

Greg Francis, a former world championship silver medallist in karate 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. He will be 'holding court' with all of the year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children.

Wendy Shearer

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.

Mrs Britton's Jamaica Day

Mrs Britton held a special celebration of Caribbean food and culture for the children today, concentrating mainly on Jamaica! She brought in lots of food that is typically eaten in Jamaica and even gave the staff some Jamaican Ginger Cake.



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.

Parents Evening

The meetings will be split over two days for each class next week. 5K are having their Parent's Evenings on Monday and Tuesday and everyone else has theirs on Wednesday and Thursday. Please collect your children promptly at 3:15pm each day as the teachers and staff need to set up the classrooms for the parents evening and any delay will result in everyone's meeting being late.

Mini Reports

The Mini Reports should be with you today or Monday so keep an eye out for them in your child's school bag!

After School Clubs

The Cheerleading Club is on Monday, the West Ham United After School Football Club is on Tuesday and there will not be any clubs on Wednesday or Thursday, due to the Parent's Evenings. Mr Brown's After School Sports Club on will be moving to Friday after half term.



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 were hoping to launch it either this week or the week after, but it has now been delayed until after the half term break!

Half Term Holiday

We would just like to remind you that the school closes at 3:15pm on Thursday for the Half Term break, unless you have a Parent's Evening appointment. The school will re-open at 8:55 am on Monday 29th October 2018.

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.



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:

Newham London

Application for Free School Meals

About you About your children Declaration

About you (parent/carer details)

This form should only be completed by a Parent or Guardian living with the child and who has parental responsibility for the child.

Please continue to complete this form, even if you are working, as just applying for free school meals can help your child's school get extra funding from the government.

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.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Dear Father,
Help us to give you first place in our life.
Amen.

God Bless You,

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