



St. Winefride's Catholic Voluntary Academy
We pray, we live, we play, we learn
February 2019

Dear Families

As we approach the half-term holiday we can look back on a very busy few weeks. We enjoyed Careers week and our St Thomas Aquinas Celebrations in Leicester. We also learned this week that we have been awarded the Bronze Mental Health Award from Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools based at Leeds Beckett University. A big well-done to Mrs Boyd for coordinating this! This award recognises the work that we do in school to support the mental health of children and adults at St Winefride's. We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in this important role or would just like to know more about it please contact me.

I would also like to formally introduce new staff who joined us this term: Miss Robertson Smith who joined the KS1/EYFS team, Ms Rudin, the office team and Mrs Munford our midday supervisor team. Next week is the half-term holiday and school opens on Monday 25th February.

Best wishes

Mrs Catherine Murphy

Communication with school is very important to us. We now have another way you can express your views about the school or make suggestions. You can email the governors at governors@winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk
Please note this is not for discussing issues relating to your child's welfare or learning. Mr Gray, our parent governor, will be the contact point for this email address.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has a school tie. They are available at the school office. If your child wears boots to school they should bring shoes to change into or they will be asked to wear their plimsolls inside and then change when they go outside. Children should not be wearing trainers in school unless for outside PE sessions.

Safety

There are a number of parents who continue to put their child and other children's safety at risk by dropping children off on the double yellow lines. This happens particularly in the morning, including of children attending the breakfast club. Please park your car and escort your children safely.

Next half term we have a number of events which will enhance the children's leaning and also be fun.

Theatre Production of Treasure Island 28th Feb
World Book Day 7th Mar
World Maths Day 12th Mar
Science Week wb 18th Mar

Our Collective Worship will include:

Ash Wednesday Liturgy 6th Mar which marks the start of Lent
Mothers' Day liturgy (EYFS & KS1) 29th Mar
Through Lent pupils in Years 4,5 & 6 will have the opportunity to make their Reconciliation.

Our Holy Week in school will be a bit different this year. Instead of every class taking a part of the Easter Story, Years 3 & 4 will be putting on an Easter production: *Roll back the stone*. This will be performed at 9.30am Tuesday 9th and 2.30pm on Wednesday 10th April.

The PTFA is organising a family Bingo night on 10th April and an Easter Parade on the last day with prizes for the best boys and girls Easter bonnet or hat. The PTFA has also bought a family pass for Conkers Discovery Park. Please contact school if you wish to borrow this for a day.

The next PTFA meeting in on 12th March at 2:45, everyone is welcome to discuss future events and fundraising for our school community. Thank you to all involved for your fantastic support for the school!

A new Break time menu is available for pupils in KS2 with fruit toast 30p, savoury muffins 45p, fruit and juice in addition to the usual toast or crumpets.





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