



Dear Families

I can't believe that we are starting the summer term. It is always very busy with children and staff working very hard. Next month children in year 2 and year 6 will be taking their SATS. We do our best in school to make this as stress-free as possible with lots of opportunities to take breaks and hopefully enjoy the sun.

Following the second Day of the Eucharist by Bishop Patrick Fr. Michael will be talking to the children during his weekly visits about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament when there will be plenty of opportunity for children to ask questions.

Best wishes

Mrs Catherine Murphy

We are delighted to have new Smartboards fitted in every classroom. The old boards had been in school for many years and some had lost their ability to be interactive. The new large touchscreen boards, with excellent picture and sound quality are proving very popular with both children and their teachers.



Miss Waldram looks very happy with her new board!

SATS and phonics testing.

The Key Stage two SATS begin on Monday 14th May with the last test taking place on Thursday 17th.

Key Stage one tests take place in May.

Year One phonics screening in the week beginning Monday 11th June.

Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school at these times.

It looks like the winter is finally behind us and the warmer days are here. Please make sure that your child has a hat and a water bottle. Please apply sun screen before school. If you send sun screen into school it must be in a named bottle and we will supervise your child when they apply the cream. If your child needs to wear sunglasses because, for example, they have hayfever, we will need a written note from you. As weather can change quickly they will also need to bring a jacket or cagoule.

Swimming – this is part of the curriculum and it is a requirement that children should be able to swim at least a length by the time they leave school. Along with many other schools, we choose to focus on year 3 in the autumn and winter terms and then for the first half term we take those children in years 4 and 5 who are not yet reaching the expected swimming standards. Swimming is free of charge but we do ask you for a contribution towards the cost of the bus. We are fortunate to be able to swim at De Lisle College with their PE teachers.





Curriculum Spotlight – This month:

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SCIENCE AT ST WINEFRIDE'S

- Science is led in school by Mrs Fairlamb
- Everyone took part in our science day last week which involved all classes investigating the different properties of biscuits
- On our next science day in June the children will learn all about mini-beasts
- In Foundation the area of learning 'Understanding the World' includes learning about science
- Year 6 have had been lucky to have had sessions led by Mr Nadal a parent who is also a physicist at Loughborough University. They learned about a wide range of topics including electricity, magnetism, optics and fluid dynamics. A big Thank You to Mr Nadal for giving up his time.

Dinner money is £2.20 per day, £11 per week

After School Club – There are places available in the after school club which runs every school day until 5.30pm. Please see the website for more information or ring Mrs. Dunbar in the school office on 01509 503353. Please make sure that you book using the booking form as the payment and booking systems are separate.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 29th April we will be having a **Car Boot Sale** on the front playground. To book a pitch, please contact Mrs Dunbar in the office. **The cost of a pitch has been reduced to £5**, entry to the sale will be 25p. A great opportunity to sell your unwanted items!



Tuesday 1st May - we celebrate Mass for Our Lady

Friday 25th May – Minimarket

Friday 8th June – Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 19th June - pm KS1 Sports

Wednesday 20th June - KS2 Sports



Beyond Bullying Award Update

The school Council is working on a school Charter which we can display in school which will demonstrate the school's commitment to fairness and equality.

