



St. Winefride's Catholic Voluntary Academy
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August/September 2019

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome you back to school after the summer holidays and especially to those pupils who have just joined St Winefride's. We have quite a few new faces among the staff as well:

Mr Smith, the class teacher in year 2
Miss Gilligan the class teacher in year 4

Mr Philip Saxton is our shared SENCO
Mrs Creasey, Midday supervisor, breakfast and after-school clubs
Mr Carey, teaching student in year 5
Miss Langford, teaching student in 1
Miss Bacon, Apprentice teaching assistant in EYFS.

I am sure that you will soon get to know these new members of staff. During the teacher days we all had training in First Aid and Safeguarding. You will have a chance to meet your child's new teacher on Thursday 5th September (see details below).

This year our theme for the year is 'Look Up and Look Around'. We will be learning about the world and how we can look after God's creation and have some exciting things planned!

I have included provisional dates for you. Please bear in mind these are provisional and may change but will give you a good idea about events through the year.

We are all looking forward to the new year and I hope you are too.

Best wishes

Mrs Catherine Murphy

Meet the teacher is on Thursday 5th September 3:30pm to 4:00pm. This is an informal event for you to find out about the expectations and routines of the year group. If you want to have a more private talk about your child the teacher will be more than happy to meet you at another time.



PE

As I'm sure you are aware, school are being urged to increase the amount of PE and physical activity in schools. In order to do this we will be introducing a 15min fitness activity each morning. So that we make the most of this time, it is important that children are in school promptly. **School starts at 8.55 and this is the time children need to be in the classroom - the gates will be closed at 8:55.** If, for any reason, you are later than this

time, you will need to bring your child to the office. Children must not be dropped off, but accompanied to the office by a parent or carer.

The activities will be varied and include running so it is very important that





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children have trainers or plimsolls for this, as school shoes are not appropriate. These need to be left in school and not taken home each evening.

Meet the Senco – we are fortunate to have support from a Special Needs Coordinator from the Academy Trust. Mr Philip Saxton will be working at the school for half a day each week and will coordinate provision for Special Needs and Disabilities. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with him on Friday 13th September when he will be holding an informal drop-in meeting between 8:50am and 9:50am.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct uniform each day, including a tie and school shoes. We had a staggering 50 jumpers and cardigans in lost property at the end of last year and only 5 had any name on them. Please name the uniform as it easily gets muddled with other children's identical clothing. If you use a pen it will need refreshing after a few washes as it quickly fades.

Book bags

The PTFA is very generously giving each pupil in KS1 and Y3 a new book bag. We have had some delay in this but they should be with us next week. The bags are for books and paper only - please do not put drinks

bottles in them. The book bags will be kept in the classroom and any other bags will be kept on the child's peg. If your child already has a book bag and you don't need another, then please let your child's teacher know.

Dinner Money for one meal is £2.25 and for a week £11.25. Please pay on Parent Pay. We are a cashless school so all trips and other money needs to be paid using your ParentPay account. If you are unsure about anything please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Dunbar in the school office who will be able to help you.

Snacks are available to buy at morning break for Key Stage 2 children (KS1 have milk and fruit): toast 25p a slice, fruit 30p & juice 30p available each day with crumpets 35p, cheese straws 20p, fruit toast 30p and bacon bread 30p on selected days. Children should bring small amounts of change in for this in a named purse.

You can supply a snack for your child but this must be fruit or a plain biscuit – no chocolate, sweets or chocolate biscuits please.





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