



St. Winefride's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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January 2018

Dear Families

A Happy New Year to you all.

We have started the year very well and are working hard. This term is very short so there is no time to waste!

This term our masses are held in the classrooms and your child will be inviting you so come and share this celebration with them if you are able.

Best wishes

Mrs Catherine Murphy

Young Voices Concert - Years five and six had a fantastic time at this concert in Birmingham where they shared the experience with hundreds of other young people.



New Multi Academy Trust

From September 2018 St. Winefride's will be joining all of the other Catholic schools in Leicestershire and Leicester to become one single Trust to be named St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. This is part of the plan from the diocese to group all of its schools into four large Trusts following geographical the areas of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire & Leicestershire. Each Trust will have a CEO and a team which will over time provide services to the schools.



Importantly each school will still retain its name and identity.

Donation - We have been very fortunate in receiving a financial donation from a parishioner. We wanted to do something special with this sum of money that would excite and engage all the children. We have purchased a set of Virtual Reality headsets which will be used to enhance lessons across the curriculum. Already year 3 have been taken a virtual trip a cave to start their topic on Stone Age Britain and year 4 have been inside a mouth as part of their topic on teeth and the digestive system.

Part of the money will also be used to buy more books across the school. Years 4, 5 & 6 have introduced a 'must read' list to make sure pupils are reading a range of quality literature.



Absence – If your child is absent then please call the school to let us know. If we have not heard from you will ring you and if you are not available we will contact the other names that you gave us on the data collection sheet. If we still have not heard from you by lunchtime then senior members of staff will make a home visit. This is part of our safeguarding children



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procedures and has been developed after several tragic cases in the UK involving young children. If we are still worried we may contact other authorities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important area.

Pre-loved uniform sale - Wednesday 24th January 3.00-3.30pm in school.

Medicines in school – if your child has an inhaler please ensure that it is in date and replaced when needed.

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

After school Clubs this half term:

Singing & dancing Monday

Dodge ball Tuesday

Years 3 & 4 Dance Thursday

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.

Keep the date: Parents' Evenings are 6th & 7th March



Beyond Bullying Award Update

We will shortly be updating our behaviour policy to reflect the work being done in school to prevent bullying.

Would you, or anyone you know like to join our team here at St Winefride's? We have 2 vacancies; one for a senior midday supervisor to lead the lunchtime staff and the other for a midday supervisor. Please contact the office for more information and an application form.





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