



St. Winefride's Catholic Voluntary Academy September 2017

We pray, we live, we play, we learn

Dear Families

I would like to welcome you to the new school year at St Winefride's. Particularly I would like to say a special hello to our lovely new Reception class led by Miss Copson. We also have new children starting in nearly all years so a big welcome to you too. Another new face is Miss Waldram who is teaching year 5.

We had fantastic SATS results in the summer particularly with our year 6 students. Well done to everyone.

Our open afternoon this year is on Friday 29th September. Please tell family friends and neighbours to come along if they are interested in their child coming to the school. Sometimes parents do not think of a catholic school if they are not a catholic family however as you know everyone is welcome at St Winefride's so this is not a barrier to admission.

I am sure that with God's blessing we will have another successful year.

Best wishes

Mrs Catherine Murphy

Email addresses—Please ensure that your email address is on the data collection sheet or emailed to the office office@winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk All newsletters will now be emailed to you. If you do not have an email address please let the office know you would like to continue to receive paper copies. There will be a copy on the website. We also need this for you to be able to pay through ParentPay. All payments will need to be made through our ParentPay system. Or if you prefer, you can use your local PayPoint. The office can give you a letter with a barcode to enable you to make payments to use PayPoint.

After School Club is going from strength to strength. Please see the website for information or ring the school office on 01509 503353.

The PTA is re-forming and I hope that many of you will want to join in. The PTA has raised thousands for the school in the past and is a valuable way for the school to pay for the extras that enhance the children's experience. Previously the PTA has funded playground equipment, trips, classroom furniture and much, much more. If you are interested please let your child's teacher know or contact the school office.

Pupil Premium – A reminder that if you think that your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium please contact the school office. This is extra money given to the school which directly benefits your child. We use part of the money to greatly subsidise trips and extra-curricular activities for the eligible children. If your child is in Foundation or KS1 and has a free school dinner already, you can still claim. There is more information about Pupil Premium on our website; just click on Information then Pupil Premium.

School Dinners are £2.20 per meal. This is £11.00 per week or £77.00 for the half term. Payment is by ParentPay.

Children may bring in a snack such as fruit from home if they wish or our kitchen sells toast (15p) and juice (30p). Children should bring their money for this in a named purse.

The Settling In Survey will be on our website next week and remain open for 3 weeks. Please let us know how your child has settled into school. This is for everyone, not just for our new starters.

Our Uniform is important to us and it was great to see everyone looking so smart at the start of the year. Please ensure that all items are labelled. No jewellery is allowed although children may wear an inexpensive and not too large watch as this helps them to learn to tell the time.

Meet the Teacher session is on Wednesday 6th September 3.30 to 4.15pm. This is an informal opportunity to come to the class and meet your child's new teacher.

