

St Winefride's Newsletter February 2020
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Dear Parents and Carers,
As we finish the first half term of 2020 and are now half way through the school year, it is a good time to reflect on all the fantastic learning that has been taking place. One of the features of this year has been the collaboration between year groups. Some great examples of this are the geography work between Foundation Stage and year 6 when they went outside together to use a compass and find North, South, East & West together. Foundation stage and year 5 have shared their learning about space. Classes have also been visiting the local library in Shepshed together and we will be continuing these visits through the year as it is proving very popular with the children and also the library staff. I would like to thank the librarians for welcoming us so warmly and helping children discover the wonderful world of books. How about visiting the library with your child this half term?

Best Wishes
Catherine Murphy

Our next Theatre Production is Oliver Twist, which will be coming to school on the 27th March. Thank you to the 75% of parents who have made their contribution to the cost of this production. Please make your contribution through Parent Pay.

Many thanks to Ann Neale from CAFOD who joined us on Monday. She worked with each class as well as leading an assembly on the work of this important charity. This link will

take you to their website where you can find out about their work. <https://cafod.org.uk/> CAFOD will be our main charity during Lent and the children had some great ideas for raising money.

Year 2 listening and learning about the work of CAFOD.



We also welcomed the RNIB into school this week. In their Year 4, 5 & 6 workshops, the children explored what it is like to be blind or partially sighted. The children responded brilliantly and asked some very thoughtful questions.

Yr 5 working together.



Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday and children have been learning about keeping safe online. With the holiday coming up, I would urge parents and carers to carefully monitor their child's activity, particularly on social media. We have had some unkind

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messages sent from pupils to other pupils at our school and this is very upsetting for those involved. The NSPCC has a very useful site: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Lent begins on 26th February and ashes will be distributed during our liturgy. Thank you to Fr Michael for helping us with this important milestone in the church's year. This is also an important time for us in school as we deepen our faith and focus on those less fortunate than ourselves.

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and this year we will be doing something a bit different. Mr Moreton is asking children to dress in a way that illustrates an adjective such as scary, brave or even a colour.

Contact details and permissions - please make sure that you update your details with us and leave at least **3 contacts** so that we can always reach someone in an emergency.

Sports Events

Congratulations to: Adrien, Harry & Lillian, Henry B, Henry H, Darcy, Fabienne & Isabel, Lilly, Millie & Max who competed in the recent schools' cross country competition.

Coming up:

- Hockey Quicksticks competitions on 25th Feb & 3rd March
- Football matches - dates TBA

After School Sports Clubs this term:

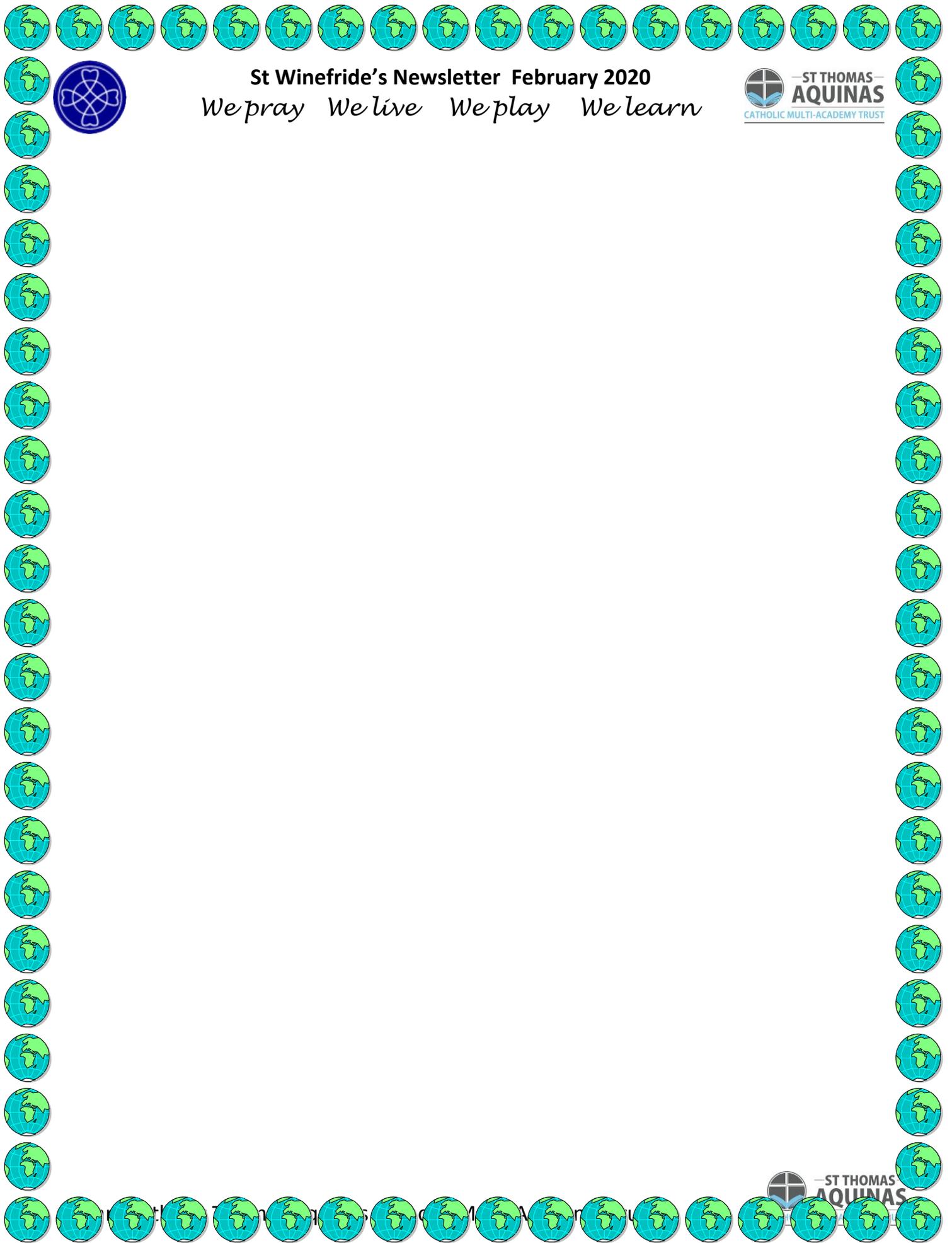
KS1 Multi-Sports Wednesdays

Dates for your diary

Fri 14th Feb School closes for half term
Monday 24th Feb School opens
Wed 26th Feb Ash Wednesday service 10.15 at school. This marks the start of Lent
Thurs 27th Feb Theatre Production of *Oliver Twist* (in school)
Fri 28th Feb St David's Liturgy 2.50pm
Thurs 5th Mar World Book Day
Y4 trip to Conkers as part of their topic on Ancient Egypt
Fri 13th Mar Sport's Relief
Fri 13th Mar St Patrick's liturgy 2.50pm
Friday 20th Mar Mothers' Day liturgy
Wed 25th Mar Parents' Evening
Thurs 26th Mar Parents' Evening
NB Y6 Parents' Evenings Tues 24th & Wed 25th Mar
Wed 1st April Y3 & Y4 Easter Play 2.30pm
Thurs 2nd April Y3 & Y4 Easter Play 9.30am
Fri 3rd April Stations of the Cross (time TBC)
School closes for the Easter Holidays

We try to keep to dates and times but sometimes change is unavoidable. We will give as much notice as possible.





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