

St Winefride's Newsletter March 2020
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Dear Parents and Carers,
With the Coronavirus dominating every part of our lives at the moment, I want to reassure you that here at St Winefride's we are acting on the daily advice given to us by both the Department for Education and our own St Thomas Aquinas Trust. As you know, many other countries have closed their schools and in the UK this is not the case. Events move very quickly and we will keep you informed.

The guidance that schools have been given from the DfE is very clear on pupil absence and I have included this below for your information.

The DfE Coronavirus Helpline confirms that the advice regarding recording absence remains the same as previously given. Pupils only need to self-isolate in certain circumstance as detailed in the guidance found [here](#).

Where a pupil is in self-isolation, in accordance with latest information and advice from Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England, the pupil should be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances in the attendance register.

Where a pupil does not attend school despite the school operating as usual and is not self-isolating, the pupil will be marked as absent.

Where a pupil cannot attend school due to illness, as normally would happen, the pupil should be recorded as absent in the attendance register and the school will authorise the absence.

Current guidance is that anyone with a new continuous cough or high temperature should self-isolate for 7 days.

In school we are concentrating on keeping things as normal as possible while dealing with children's concerns and worries as they arise. We have been encouraging frequent and thorough hand washing and promoting good hygiene. Mrs Holland and our cleaners have been stepping up the cleaning of high risk areas such as door handles and desk surfaces.

Unfortunately, we have had to make some adjustments and have had to cancel our Year 6 visit to the Houses of Parliament which was due to take place in a fortnight. I am sure that you understand the reasons why. All monies will be refunded to you and we will try to re-schedule if at all possible in the Pentecost term.

More information on Coronavirus is available from:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

In this period of Lent we pray for our families, our communities and all those who are suffering. Our Trust is using this prayer:

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May God's presence enable us to face whatever the future holds, whatever may await us. May he hold fast to his reassurance that he will attend us and abide with us even to the ends of the earth. Amen

Best Wishes
Catherine Murphy

Our recent Ofsted Insection was very successful and we remain a Good school. Please see our website for the full report.

Pupils enjoy a rich curriculum. Leaders firmly believe that it is important that pupils experience a broad education that will give them the skills they need to succeed in the future. Staff and governors share this aspiration.

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Very Important

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 Relief day saw our 'marathon' to support one of our parents Mrs Sherwood in her London Marathon fund raising. We raised £132.56 for her charity Phabkids.

Dates for your diary – please note these may be subject to change or cancellation at short notice

- 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



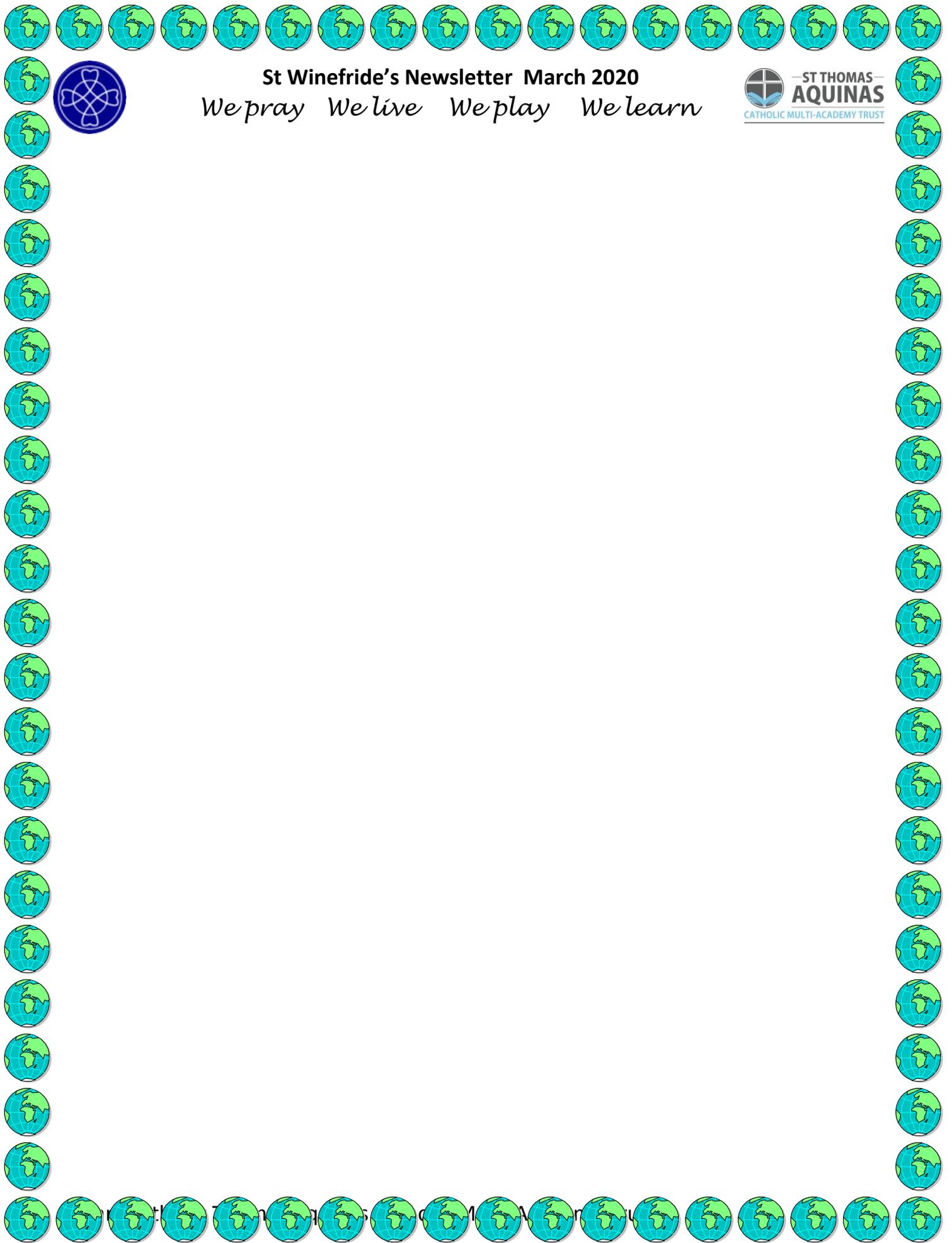
Route to Resilience

Cooperation – The ability to work together

Kindness – Being generous, thoughtful and friendly

Good humour – Being in a good mood and trying to brighten other people's mood.

Pupils are polite, respectful and well mannered. Learning about 'character muscles' helps pupils to recognise their own feelings as well as the feelings of others. Ofsted report February 2020



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