



# St Winefride's Newsletter December 2019

*We pray We live We play We learn*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we come to the end of this Advent term, we reflect on the hard work of our pupils and staff which has made for a very successful year. We have been improving our curriculum to ensure that we are teaching them the knowledge and skills they will need to get them ready for the next stage in their education. More information will be coming onto our website so that you can see everything that your child will be learning through the year in each subject. This is one of our priorities for the year. The others are:*

- *Raising the standards of problem solving in maths*
- *Every child a confident reader by the end of KS1*
- *Complete the Routes to Resilience programme to help build children's character*
- *To help children develop as citizens of the world by putting their faith into action*

*In maths we are using bar modelling as a way of representing mathematical problems; you could ask your child to show you how this works.*

*Our new phonics scheme is having a great impact on how even our youngest children are beginning to decode words.*

*We are exercising our 'character muscles' every day as well as our physical muscles!*

*We have made gifts for parishioners, learned about world issues and our year 6 pupils will be singing carols at one of our local care homes - just some of the ways in which we are helping children 'look up and look around'.*

*There is so much happening over the next few weeks so keep an eye on the website and we will be also sending you reminders of events by text.*

*Best Wishes*

*Catherine Murphy*

**Contact details and permissions** – please return the forms if you have not already done so. We need 3 contacts please.

**Well done to the members of the choir** who sang at St Winefride's Parish Fair and at the Menphys Concert in the De Montfort Hall.



**Well done to Years 4 & 5** for a beautiful & well-prepared Advent Mass.

**Don't forget:**

**School Christmas Fair** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm-4pm

**Pre-school & Foundation Nativity play** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30

**KS1 Nativity play** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30 & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30

**Carol Concert** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm

**De Lisle Christmas Concert** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – please note this change of date.

**Christmas Parties Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

*Please take note of the dates attached to this newsletter.*



## Route to Resilience

These are some of the character muscles, together with their meanings, we are developing:

**Integrity** (Being honest and telling the truth. Doing the 'right thing')

**Courage** (the ability to face challenges even if they are daunting and to take appropriate risks)

**Self-esteem** (Feeling good about yourself and others)