

St Winefride's Newsletter January 2020
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that the new year and new decade has started well for you. Here at school we have made an excellent start to the term. We welcomed a number of new pupils to our family here at St Winefride's and are sure that they will enjoy being part our school community.

Our year 5 and year 6 pupils are going to the Young Voices event in Birmingham next week. We have been taking pupils to this for a number of years now and they always have a fabulous time.

Some of our year 4 pupils and our chaplains will be celebrating the feast day of our Academy Trust's patron saint, St Thomas Aquinas. On Tuesday 28th January we will be joining the other 21 schools in our Trust and together will celebrate mass with Bishop Patrick.

Best Wishes

Catherine Murphy

Safer Internet Day is February 11th when we will be thinking especially about online safety. This is an event which has been running for many years but this issue is becoming more important than

ever as more children, and at younger ages, are getting their own mobile devices. It is difficult for parents to keep up with what their children are doing online but there is information available to help. The NSPCC has a very useful site: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Route to Resilience

Today we will look at three more 'character muscles' we are developing in children.

Making Links – Thinking in depth and connecting ideas and skills together

Creativity – Forming new ideas, images or concepts

Questioning – Asking questions if you're unsure or to develop
If you have been in our Friday celebration assemblies, you will have seen children right across the school recognized for using these and other character muscles

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.

Our curriculum

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We have been looking very carefully at our curriculum and exactly what the children are learning and in what order. Our updated curriculum plan is now on our website as are the individual class plans and fact sheets of what children need to know. We integrate much of our learning into topics which have in their centre a book. We try to link previous, current and future learning as much as possible as this is one of the most effective ways that children learn. A big part of the curriculum is RE where children learn not only about bible stories but about those big important questions in life. If you would like more information about what your child is learning, please talk to their teacher who will be very happy to help.

Mrs. Donaldson is running a parents' session on helping your child with phonics on Tuesday 21st January at 1.30pm.

Sports Events

Tues 21st Jan The football team local school league starts

Thurs 6th Feb Cross Country Meeting
Basketball Tournament Date TBC

After School Sports Clubs this term:

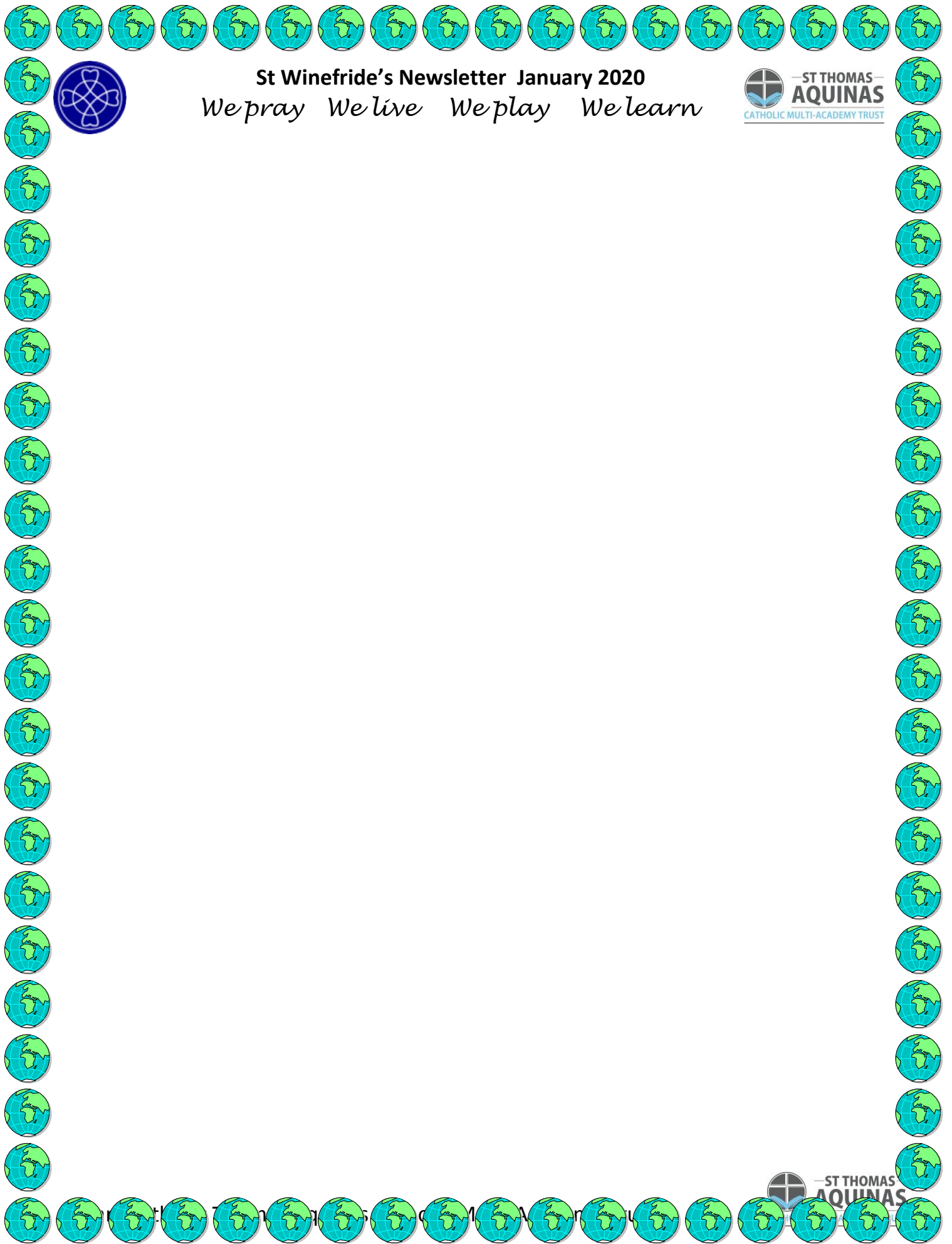
KS1 Multi-Sports Wednesdays

Dates for your diary

- Mon 20th Jan Young Voices
- Tues 20th Jan 1.30 Phonics for Parents session
- Tues 28th Jan St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day
- Wed 11th Feb Safer Internet Day
- 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
- 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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