



ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Welcome back to school after half term. All of the children have settled back to school and their routines wonderfully and are excited for the half term ahead. As you will see from the 'Important Dates for March' that has been sent out, this half term is busy with lots of events and celebrations planned, leading up to Easter. I am sending this newsletter as there are further communications to share with you regarding this half term.

Safety First



Last week, I attended a Ward walk along with our Chair of Governors Dr Branch and one of our Foundation Governors Mr Etty. We met with Councillor Millar and members of Cheshire West and Chester team. We discussed the parking around school and the need for safe parking from all around our school and especially at busy times—the start and end of the school day. There have been complaints that cars are parked on pavements and causing obstructions. This is going to be monitored by the highway team and I encourage all of our community to park responsibly. Just a reminder that parents are able to park in the 'Royal Oak' car park and walk the short distance to school. During the Ward walk, we also discussed the importance of crossing the road safely. Sarah Collins, Senior Road Safety Officer, will be working with children about crossing the road safely. In the near future.

Staff News

Sadly, on Friday 18th March, Mrs Wilks will be leaving St Winefride's. She will be joining a school closer to her home. I would like to thank Mrs Wilks for her hard work over the 9 years that she has worked at our school and on behalf of all of the staff, governors and parents, I would like to wish her well in her new role.

British Science Week: 11th - 20th March

Friday 11th March is the start of British Science Week. The theme this year is 'Growth.' On Thursday 17th March, Scientists from 'Hands on Science' will be coming into school to work with all of our children. The workshops that the children will take part in are:

Rocket Challenge—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Electricity and Circuits—Years 3 and 4.

Biological Diversity—Years 5 and 6.



This is an exciting opportunity for all of our children.

Parents' Evening Appointments - Book Now

Just a reminder that all parents and carers are able to book Parents' Evening appointments online. There are appointments on Monday 21st March and Monday 28th March. Please ensure that you do book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their attainment and progress. There will be opportunity to look at your child's books and work also. I will be available on both evenings. Please feel free to come and see me if you wish to speak with me.



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As you know, we are in the season of Lent and we will be spending time reflecting upon the importance of this season for us as followers of Jesus. During Lent, Father Francis will be coming into school to celebrate Mass with our children and with members of our school community. Parents are warmly invited and encouraged to attend Mass.

The dates for celebration of Mass are as follows:

Monday 21st March—Mass for children and parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Monday 28th March—Mass for children and parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Monday 4th April—Whole school Mass. Parents are invited to join us to celebrate Mass.

'Stay and Pray'

You are welcome to join your child's class in their classroom for a time of liturgical prayer, linked to Lent. These special times of prayer will last approximately 15 minutes.

Please see the times and dates below:

Tuesday 15th March—9am—Year 2

Wednesday 16th March—9am—Year 3

Tuesday 22nd March—9am—Year 5

Wednesday 23rd March—9am—EYFS

Thursday 24th March—9am—Year 4

Tuesday 29th March—9am—Year 6

Wednesday 30th March—9am—Year 1



'Lent at Home'

Just as we did during Advent, the children will be taking turns to bring home a 'Lent at Home' prayer pack to share. This pack will include a text telling the story of Easter and a reflection book for the children to respond in as they are inspired to.



On Monday 21st March, children and staff will be invited to wear 'colourful socks' to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. On this day, your child will be able to purchase a 'sock' biscuit. The cost is £1.00. There will be a sock hanging by the school office if anyone would like to make any donations also. All money raised will be sent to the Down Syndrome Cheshire.

Student Council Charity Work—Our Student Council have met and they have decided that they would like to raise funds in each of the classes for the following charities: CAFOD; The Ukraine Crisis and Claire House. Information will be shared about this in the next few weeks. A group of children in Year 3, 4 and 5 have been selling Loom band creations for charity also. Well done everyone!

COMIC RELIEF —Friday 18th March— We will inviting children to come into school dressed in their own clothes for Red Nose Day. Suggested donation—£1. All money raised will be sent to Comic Relief.





We continue to pray for the Ukraine and all impacted by conflict. We thank everyone in our school community for the donations and support shown towards the churches' collections that have been sent to the Ukraine border. Thank you to Mrs Salamacka and Mrs Thomas for taking all of our donations to Chester.

*Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.*

*We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.*

Amen.



Reminder for children in KS2

Any snack brought into school should be a healthy snack. No chocolate, crisps, sweets or nuts should be sent in with your child. We encourage children to bring in a piece of fruit for snack. Other snack is available from the canteen.



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