



St. Winefride's Catholic Primary

September 3rd 2021

Welcome back to school everyone!

The staff and I are delighted that our children returned to school safely yesterday. I am happy to report that all of the children have settled really well into school life and routines and they have enjoyed seeing friends and making friends too. Our new children in Reception and throughout the school have settled extremely well also. **It has been a joyous start to our term.**



Mrs Thomas



Mrs MacDonald



Miss Ellis

Welcome back to all of our staff and to our new members of staff—to Mrs Thomas, who will be working in our school office covering Mrs McCann's Maternity leave. Welcome to Mrs MacDonald, who is teaching our Year 1 children each Thursday and Friday and to Miss Ellis, who is teaching our Year 6 Children.

It has been lovely to meet so many of you on the playground this week and welcome you, parents and carers back to school and to our school routines.

This week, I have invited the children, in their Key Stages into the hall, to celebrate Assembly. We enthusiastically shared our aspirations for the year ahead and talked about the importance of a happy school. It was a joy to have the children together and to hear them share their thoughts and ideas with the other children and staff in their Key Stage. In a few weeks, once our Reception children are settled with the routines in place in EYFS and throughout school, we will warmly welcome them into assembly with the children in Key Stage One.

Next week, I would like to resume achievement assemblies. The children have been working hard and we like to celebrate their achievements as a school and with you as parents and carers. As I explained in my letter regarding the changes in guidance relating to Covid, we will return to assemblies gently. Therefore, like our assemblies in school, we are going to keep our achievement assemblies limited to at least 2 classes per assembly to allow us to invite parents and carers to enjoy our celebrations.

Achievement Assemblies

Here are the assemblies that have been scheduled for next week. Please note, that if your child has been awarded a certificate, parents and carers will receive an email explaining this. All parents are invited to our achievement assemblies irrespective of whether your child is receiving an award.

Thursday 9th September at 9.10am —Achievement Assembly for **Reception** children.

Thursday 9th September at 3pm —Achievement Assembly for children in **Years 5 and 6**.

Friday 10th September at 9.10am —Achievement Assembly for children in **Years 3 and 4**.

Friday 10th September at 3pm — Achievement Assembly for children in **Years 1 and 2**.

Our aim is to celebrate Achievement Assemblies every two weeks. This is subject to change following Covid related guidance from the DFE.

Important dates for your diary will be communicated separately in the near future to keep you up to date with what is happening at school.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to our first full week together next week.