

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2018

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend one week studying Sikhism.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(4th January – 2nd February 2018)

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

SIKHISM (5th – 9th February 2018)

Pupils will study various aspects of Islam for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

(12th February – 16th March 2018)

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(19th March – 6th April 2018)

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

1 January: **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

7 January: **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8 January: **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

2 February: **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

14 February: **ASH WEDNESDAY**

1 March: **ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES**

19 March: **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

25 March: **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

29 March: **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

30 March: **GOOD FRIDAY**

1 April: **EASTER SUNDAY**

9 April (moved from 25 March): **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES THIS TERM

Friday 2nd February: **YEAR 4L REJOICE ASSEMBLY**

Wednesday 14th February: **KS2 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH FR MALCOLM**

Friday 16th March: **YEAR 2 REJOICE ASSEMBLY**

Thursday 29th March: **EASTER CELEBRATION led by YEAR 3, 4 and 5**

Friday 5th April: **YEAR 5 REJOICE ASSEMBLY**