



R.E. NEWSLETTER for PARENTS

Lent Term 2016

Dear Parents, this term the focus of our studies in R.E. will be on Local Church (Community), Reconciliation (Lent) and Giving (Easter).

Special feasts this term.

26th Dec: St Stephen (School House Saint)

Sun 3rd Jan: Epiphany



18th -25th Jan: Week of Prayer for Christian unity

2nd Feb: Presentation in the Temple (Candlemas)

11th Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes



10th February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

1st March: St David, patron of Wales

17th March: St Patrick, patron of Ireland

19th March: St Joseph



6th March: Mothering Sunday

20th March: Palm Sunday

23rd March: Spy Wednesday

24th March: Maundy Thursday

25th March: Good Friday

26th March: Holy Saturday

27th March: Easter Sunday



COMMUNITY is the first topic this term. Within this overall topic the theme for each class is:

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's mission today

Year 6 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

Help at home

Talk to your child(ren) about the communities to which you belong - family, church, sports clubs etc. Explore the Diocesan website with them, looking at the map, the number of churches, and finding out about our Archbishop, Peter and area bishop Paul. Read Bible stories together. Do you have a Bible easily accessible to the family at home?



In our second topic this term we focus upon RECONCILIATION

Early Years FRIENDS -Friends of Jesus

Y 1 BEING SORRY- God helps us to choose well

Y 2 RULES- Reasons for rules in the Christian family

Y 3 CHOICES -The importance of examination of conscience. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Y4 BUILDING BRIDGES -Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other

Y5 FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY -Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible

Year 6 HEALING -Sacrament of the Sick

Help at home: It would be good if you could talk about how we change for the better and how important it is to say sorry to be forgiven and to forgive others. Perhaps you could encourage your child(ren) to think over the day when you say night prayers, to thank God for the good things and say sorry to God in their hearts for anything they have done wrong.



LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Years GROWING - Looking forward to Easter

Y1 CHANGE - Lent: time to change

Y 2 OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew

Y 3 GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving

Y 4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life

Y 5 SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus

Y6 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus's death & Resurrection

Help at home

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-giving in 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.

