

# Religious Education at St. Basil's



## Autumn term 2019 Newsletter for families

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We warmly welcome everybody back to school after the summer holiday. In our R.E. lessons this term the children across the school will be studying three themes. Each year group will approach the themes through different topics, details of which can be found on the next page. During the term the children will also spend a week studying the religion of Judaism, and a week studying Islam. Linked to this, the pupils in Year three will visit a Synagogue in Liverpool during October. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs K. Dooley, R.E. Co-ordinator

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

#### Collective Worship in school (9.05am)

Thursday 26th September – Welcome for Foundation Stage (2.30pm)

Friday 4th October – Class 3GS

Friday 11th October – Year 6 classes

Friday 18th October – Class 4KJ

Friday 8th November – Year 5 classes

Friday 15th November – Year 2 classes

Friday 29th November – Class 6MB

#### Mass in school (10.30am)

Thursday 17th October – Class 4CG

Thursday 24th October – Class 3KL

Thursday 21st November – Class 6CH

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for these celebrations

#### All Saints and All Souls (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love. Throughout November we pray for those who have died. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## DOMESTIC CHURCH – FAMILY TOPIC

*(September 4<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>)*



Reception	<b>MYSELF</b> - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	<b>FAMILIES</b> - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	<b>BEGINNINGS</b> - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	<b>HOMES</b> - God's vision for every family
Year 4	<b>PEOPLE</b> - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	<b>OURSELVES</b> - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	<b>LOVING</b> - God who never stops loving

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's Love to one another." Include those who have died.



## JUDAISM WEEK *(October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)*

The children will study various aspects of the religion of Judaism during this week.

A further newsletter will give you more detail about this.

## BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION – BELONGING TOPIC

*(October 14<sup>th</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup>)*

Reception	<b>WELCOME</b> - Baptism : a welcome to God's family
Year 1	<b>BELONGING</b> - Baptism : an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	<b>SIGNS AND SYMBOLS</b> - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	<b>PROMISES</b> - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	<b>CALLED</b> - Confirmation : a call to witness
Year 5	<b>LIFE CHOICES</b> - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	<b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b> - The vocation of priesthood and religious life



### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

## ISLAM WEEK

*(November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

The children will study various aspects of the religion of Islam during this week.

A further newsletter will give you more detail about this.



### Advent *(Begins 1st December)*

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.



## ADVENT / CHRISTMAS – LOVING TOPIC

*(November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>)*

Reception	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	<b>WAITING</b> - Advent : a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	<b>PREPARATIONS</b> - Advent : preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	<b>VISITORS</b> - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	<b>GIFT</b> - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	<b>HOPE</b> - Advent : waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b> - Jesus born to show God to the world

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for advent, e.g. advent wreath, or calendar. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar.