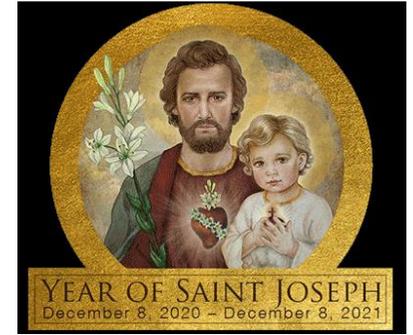




St. Basil's Catholic Primary School
'Come and See' Religious Education Programme

Newsletter for families
Summer term 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our final term of the Academic Year!

As we return to school after our Easter break, the Church is still celebrating this great event (for 50 days!). The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). Each year group will approach the three themes through different topics which are detailed below.

PENTECOST – SERVING THEME (15th April – 7th May)

Reception	Good News - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	Holidays and Holydays - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	Spread the Word - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	Energy - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	New Life - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	Transformation - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	Witnesses - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses



Suggestions for home activities

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION – INTER-RELATING (10th May – 18th June)

Reception	Friends - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	Being Sorry - God helps us choose well
Year 2	Rules - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	Choices – Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	Building Bridges – Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	Freedom and Responsibility – Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible
Year 6	Healing – Sacrament of the Sick

Suggestions for home activities

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day-to-day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH – WORLD THEME (21st June – 22nd July)

Reception	Our World - God's wonderful world
Year 1	Neighbours – Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	Treasures - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	Special Places – Holy places for Jesus & the Christian community
Year 4	God's People – Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	Stewardship - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	Common Good - Work of the worldwide Christian family



Suggestions for home activities

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

Significant events in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar that we will mark in school with the children are...

23rd April - St George's Day

May is the month of Mary

1st May - St Joseph the Worker (this is linked to 'The Year of St Joseph' currently being celebrated)

13th May - The Ascension of the Lord

23rd May - Pentecost Sunday

30th May - The Most Holy Trinity

6th June - Corpus Christi

29th June - SS. Peter and Paul

In your prayers please do remember some of our children in Year 4 and 5 who will be receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion during May/June.

Many thanks for your support.
Mrs K. Dooley (R.E. Co-ordinator)