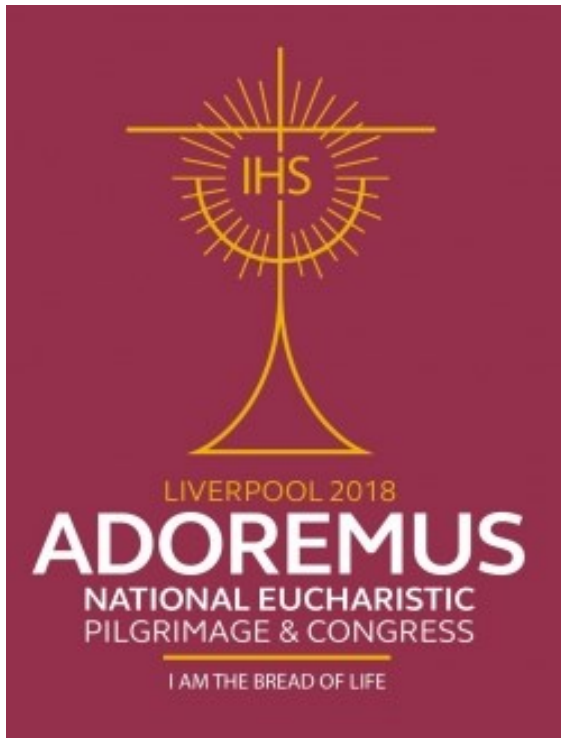


Religious Education at St. Basil's



Autumn term 2018 Newsletter for families

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We begin our new academic year thinking about a very important event taking place in Liverpool during September. **ADOREMUS** is a National Congress which focuses on the Eucharist. We will be talking to the children about what this is and we hope to develop some ideas for ways that we can mark this special event in school.

Hopefully the children will share their new knowledge at home too!

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.

The children will also spend a week studying the religion of Judaism, with the pupils in Key Stage 2 visiting 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 20th September – Welcome for Foundation Stage

Friday 21st September – Year 6 classes

Friday 28th September – Class 4KJ

Friday 5th October – Class 3KL

Friday 9th November – Year 5 classes

Friday 16th November – Year 2 classes

Friday 30th November – Class 6CH

Mass in school (10.00am)

Thursday 15th November – Class 6MB

DOMESTIC CHURCH – FAMILY TOPIC

(September 4th – October 5th)



Reception	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - 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.

All Saints and All Souls (1st and 2nd 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.*

BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION – BELONGING TOPIC

(October 15th - November 23rd)

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



JUDAISM WEEK

(October 8th – 12th)

The children will study various aspects of the religion of Judaism during this week. A further newsletter will give you more detail about this.

Advent (Begins 2nd 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 26th – December 21st)

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