

Religious Education at St. Basil's



Autumn term 2017 Newsletter for families

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Collective Worship in school (9.05am)

Friday 22nd September – Year 6 classes

Friday 6th October – Class 3RS

Thursday 19th October – Year 2 classes

Friday 3rd November – Year 4 classes

Friday 10th November – Year 5 classes

Friday 17th November – Class 3LE

Friday 24th November – Class 1RA

Friday 1st December – Class 6KJ

Mass in school (10.00am)

Thursday 21st September – Welcome for Foundation Stage

Thursday 2nd November – Class 5ER

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us

All Saints (1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

All Souls (2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of 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.*

Advent (Begins 3rd 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.

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term children across the school will be studying three themes. Each year group will approach the themes through different topics.

The children will also spend a week studying Islam.

DOMESTIC CHURCH—FAMILY

(September 6th – October 6th)

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| 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.

BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION—BELONGING

(October 16th - November 17th)

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| 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.

ISLAM

(October 9th – 13th)

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/CHRISTMAS—LOVING

(November 20th – December 20th)

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| Reception | BIRTHDAY - 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.



Many thanks for your support.

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