

Parents' Letter



*Religious Education
at St. Basil's
Spring term 2017*

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The Epiphany of the Lord (6th January)

The Baptism of the Lord (9th January)

The Presentation of the Lord (2nd February)

Ash Wednesday (1st March)

Saint David (1st March)

Saint Patrick (17th March)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday (9th April)

Holy Thursday (13th April)

Good Friday (14th April)

Easter Sunday (16th April)



Holy Week

Collective Worship in school (9.05 am)

Friday 13th January – Class 6KJ

Friday 20th January – Class 2SW

Friday 27th January – Class 5SL

Friday 24th February – Class 1RA

Friday 10th March – Class 4EM

Friday 17th March – Class 3LE

Friday 24th March – Foundation Stage

Mass in school (10 am)

Thursday 12th January – Class 4EM

Thursday 19th January – Year 6LD

Thursday 26th January – Year 6KJ

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us

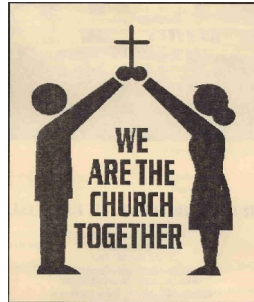
Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we continue with the themes outlined in our Religious Education programme 'Come and See'. Each year group will approach the three themes through different topics.

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY

(January 5th – January 27th)

- Reception** 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 local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5 MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church



SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible. Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

JUDAISM

(January 30th – February 3rd)

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



A further newsletter will give you more detail about this.

EUCCHARIST-RELATING

(February 6th – March 10th)



- Reception** GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1 MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2 THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3 LISTENING AND SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4 GIVING AND RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5 MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6 UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations..

LENT/EASTER – GIVING

(March 13th – April 7th)

- Reception** GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1 CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2 OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3 GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5 SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6 DEATH AND NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection



SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to 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.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs K. Dooley