



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



Newsletter for families of Years 1-6
Autumn term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We warmly welcome everybody back to school and the opportunity to be together as a school family once more.

A special **WELCOME** also to our new pupils and families joining us for the first time. 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 which are detailed below. During the term the children will also spend a week studying the religion of Judaism and a week studying Islam.

DOMESTIC CHURCH – FAMILY TOPIC

5th September - 6th October

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| Year 1 | Families – God's love and care for every family |
| Year 2 | Beginnings – God is present in every beginning |
| Year 3/4 | 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.

OTHER RELIGION: JUDAISM WEEK

9th - 13th October

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

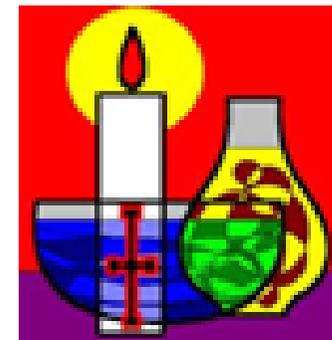
A further newsletter will give you more detail about this.



BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION-BELONGING THEME

16th October - 17th November

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| Year 1 | Belonging - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family |
| Year 2 | Signs and Symbols - Signs and symbols in Baptism |
| Year 3/4 | 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.

OTHER RELIGION: ISLAM WEEK

20th - 24th November

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

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ADVENT / CHRISTMAS - LOVING THEME

27th November – 21st 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.

Year 1	Waiting – Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	Preparations – Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3/4	Gift – God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	Hope – Advent: waiting in 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.

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

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (6th October)

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.*

Remembrance Day (11th November)

The Feast of Saint Andrew (30th November)

First Sunday of Advent (3rd December) followed by the Season of Advent

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for...

Collective Worship in school (9.05am)

Friday 22nd September – Year 6 classes

Friday 10th November – Year 5 classes

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs K. Dooley (R.E. Co-ordinator)