

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2014Z

COME AND SEE AT HOME

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. We will also be learning about Judaism for a week.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY 6 JANUARY - 31 JANUARY

Early Years	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 the 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

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

EUCHARIST - RELATING 3 FEBRUARY - 7 MARCH

Early Years	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 & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & 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.

JUDAISM 10th - 14th March

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. We are also awaiting the visit of Mr Eric Cohen to lead our special Judaism focus day on Thursday 13th March.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING 17TH MARCH - END OF TERM

Early Year	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 & 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 a 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.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6th

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12th

21st January

Visit of Bishop Tom

Year 5 Class Mass 11.00 a.m.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

5th February

Rejoice Assembly led by Year 5 on the theme of Community 9.15 a.m.

25th February

Year 3 Class Mass 11.00 a.m.

ST DAVID

March 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5th

Ashes Services in school for the Junior children.

12th March

Rejoice Assembly led by Year 5 on the theme of Giving & Receiving 9.15 a.m.

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19th

1st April

Year 3 Class Mass 11.00 a.m.

PASSION SUNDAY

April 13th

April 15th Stations of the Cross 2.00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th