

R.E. Newsletter for Parents

Spring Term (First Half)

In all RE topics throughout the year our children will be learning about their Catholic Faith and how this is reflected in the way they live their lives and treat others.

Reception Class

Topic - **Getting to know Jesus**

- * Know that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus
- * Hear that Jesus cured people who were ill and think of ways in which we can show our love for people who are ill
- * Know that Jesus showed that he was the Son of God at the Wedding Feast at Cana and think about what this means for us

Year 2

Topic - **The Good News**

- * Know that Jesus can change sadness into joy
- * Know that we should always remember to thank Jesus for his help
- * Know that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events
- * Know that Jesus brought the Good News of God's love and reflect on what this means for us

Year 1

Topic - **Families and celebrations**

- * Reflect on what it means to be a member of a family
- * Understand what it means to belong to our Church family
- * Know that God is our Father in Heaven and think about why it is important
- * Hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion
- * Know about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions



Special days this term

- † 10th January - New Year school Mass 2pm
- † 3rd February - Presentation of the Lord

Please remember to read Wednesday Word each week with your child.

Year 3

Topic - Called to Change

- *Know that Jesus called for people to change and turn away from sin to receive the love of God, reflect on how Jesus calls us to change
- *Know Jesus' teaching on sorrow and forgiveness, understand what it means to say we are sorry
- *Know that it is not always easy to change and turn away from sin
- *Know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness; deepen awareness of how forgiveness makes a person whole again
- *Know and understand an Act of Sorrow
- *Know that Lent is a time to change and that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent
- *Identify ways we can change this Lent and make our own Lenten resolutions

Year 5

Topic - Inspirational People

- *Know the conditions for following Jesus (Mk 12:29-30; Matt 18:22; Lk 9:23-26), take time to reflect on our commitment to following Jesus
- *Know how Jesus described a true disciple (Lk 6:27-38 & 46-49; Matt 25:35-40)
- *Know that in order to obtain eternal life we have to respond to the graces God has given us
- *Know the story of a person who showed great love for others eg Bakhita
- *Know the story of a person who showed special love for those rejected by society eg Damien
- *Know the story of a person who was an inspiration for young people eg Dominic Savio; Maria Goretti
- *Identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others, reflect on how we can serve others at home, school, locally and globally
- *Know that Lent is a time when we can make small sacrifices to show our love for God and for others

Year 4

Topic - Jesus the Teacher

- *Know that Jesus was born a Jew
- *Know the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- *Know that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult and read the Torah
- *Know that Jesus travelled around telling people about God and His kingdom
- *Understand why Jesus used parables to teach people
- *Know and understand some of the parables that Jesus told
- *Appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today
- *Recognise that Lent is an opportunity for us to change our behaviour and live as Jesus told us

Year 6

Topic - Jesus the Bread of Life

- *Know and think about the story of the Passover
- *Know what happened at the Last Supper and reflect on what this means for us
- *Understand the Penitential Rite and Liturgy of the Word in the Mass and think about our participation in them
- *Understand the Offertory, Consecration and Communion and reflect on our part in them
- *Know that Jesus has chosen to stay with us in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament

