

R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Summer 2024

This term your child(ren) will be studying three topics in religious education:
From Easter to Pentecost, Reconciliation and Catholic Social Teaching

From Easter to Pentecost

During this topic your child(ren) will explore the Season of Easter, the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. They will learn that belief in the resurrection is one the founding faiths of Christians and, together with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, forms the underlying principle for 'caritas'; love of God which leads to acts of charity.



Help at home: It would be good to talk with your child(ren) about caritas; what it is and how they can show love of God at school, as well as at home. Notice and talk about the colour of vestments at Mass at Easter and Pentecost.

Reconciliation ~ Choices

The second topic *Choices*, is about the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The topic begins by helping children to understand that they can make choices and these can be good or bad. When good choices are made, it makes everyone happy and we are acting as a friend of Jesus. When we make wrong choices, we need to say sorry, start again and try to avoid making those same choices.



Help at home: Perhaps you might discuss some of your child(ren)'s choices with them; talk about saying sorry, the need for forgiveness **and** the ability to forgive others. Say the Our Father slowly, noticing the words at the end. This is also a wonderful opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Catholic Social Teaching

The last topic of the year will be on Catholic Social teaching. We will use the *Love in Action* programme designed by Caritas Westminster to introduce the children to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). The 6 principles are: Dignity, Community & Participation, Care of Creation, Solidarity & Peace, Option for the Poor, Dignity of Workers.

Help at home: Discuss with your child(ren) the actions you take as a family because of your faith (e.g. giving money to charity, looking after the environment, being kind others) and remind them that when they make decision they should turn to God to help and guide them.

Special days this term:

16th April ~ St Bernadette of Lourdes feast day
23rd April ~ St George's Day
9th May ~ The Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)
19th May ~ Pentecost Sunday
26th May ~ Trinity Sunday,
2nd June ~ The Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi
7th June ~ Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8th June ~ Immaculate Heart of Mary
13th June ~ St Anthony of Padua feast day
30th June ~ St Peter & Paul (moved from 29th)
16th July ~ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Other Faiths: All year groups will spend one week this term studying Judaism.

We will celebrate the school's 85th birthday with a special whole school mass led by Bishop Sheringham on Wed 10th July.