

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2015

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

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. The children will also spend one week studying another faith

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY 5 JANUARY - 30 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

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.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING 2 FEBRUARY - 6 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

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.

Other Faith Week 9-13 MARCH

Pupils will study various aspects of another faith for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING 16 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

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 4th

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11th

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th

ST DAVID

March 1st

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19th

PASSION SUNDAY

March 29th

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2nd

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th