Christ the King RE Newsletter

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

Spring Term

Come and See For this Spring Term, we are continuing with our 'Come and See' Religious Education program and will be studying three new topics. These topics focus on the Local Church ('Community'), Eucharist ('Relating') and Lent/Easter ('Giving'). As during last term, each class will have a different theme within the main topic.

Topic: COMMUNITY

Children begin the year with a topic on the Local Church and children in different year groups study a variety of aspects of the 'community' topic.

Nursery and Reception: **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



How can you be involved?

You might like to explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. You could also read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

Topic: RELATING

The next topic for our children is concerning the Eucharist. Children first explore how the topic relates to their own lives and then they move onto learning about the Eucharist.

Nursery and Reception: **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



How can you be involved?

You could use this topic as an opportunity to look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
You could also discuss how we come together for special celebrations both at school and at home.

Topic: GIVING

The final topic of this Spring term, leading up to Easter, is 'giving' which focuses on Lent leading up to Easter and the sacrifice made by Jesus.



Nursery and Reception: **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

How can you be involved?

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. You could also ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

Celebrations

This term there will be Reconciliation Prayer afternoon for our KS2 pupils on Tuesday 21st March. Canon John and Fr Andy will be there to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with our pupils in YR4-6.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Holy Week Liturgies

Easter Liturgies

Year 6 – Stations of the Cross 22nd March

Foundation Phase – Palm Sunday 27th March

Year 5 – The Last Supper 28th March

Year 4 – Good Friday 29th March

Year 3 – Easter Sunday 30th March

Charity

Thank you for your incredible generosity last term including your contributions to the food bank collection for Harvest. We raised £140for CAFOD's Brighten Up the Harvest Appeal.



Canon John and the parish of St Teilo's were also very grateful for the donations to their Christmas Reaching Out Project. Many families will benefit from your kind donations. As always, thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. We will also be fundraising during Lent.

