

## **RE Newsletter**

### **Important Dates - Autumn Term**

**ALL SAINTS**  
(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**  
(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**  
(21 November)

**ADVENT**  
(Begins 28 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

**WINTERSHALL TRAVELLING ADVENT CRIB.**  
(5 and 6 December)

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

**CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
(26 December)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: AUTUMN TERM 2021

### COME & SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

#### DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

*(06/09/21 – 2/10/21)*

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it  
**"We show God's love to one another."**

Include those who have died.

#### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

*(4/10/21 – 5/11/21)*

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

#### JUDAISM (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021)

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

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

*(15/11/21 – 17/12/21)*

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

## Prayer Intention Books

This year we have introduced class prayer intention books. The books will be brought home by the children and allow you as a family to have a chance to stop and reflect and ask the school community to join you in prayer. It may be that you want to say thank-you to God for his love and how he looks after you and your family. It may be that you are asking for help. The prayers will then be shared together in class or with the wider school community to unite us in prayer and praising of our Lord.



### October Month of the Rosary

Each class will celebrate and pray the rosary during their collective worship. They will focus on a different mystery from the Rosary.

In addition, Mrs Barnes will be leading a Rosary group on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes for the children in KS2.

Maybe try and pray a decade at home as a family.

### November

#### All Souls and All Saints

We are setting the children a homework task to research a saint. This could be a saint that significant meaning to you as a family; it could be a saint who shares their name; it could be a saint from a country they have visited; the possibilities are endless. This is an opportunity for the children to find out about a variety of different saints and then further research one that has inspired them. This can be presented in anyway the children and you wish.

We look forward to hearing them share their learning.

Look out on Google Classroom for more information.



### December

#### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Wintershall Advent Travelling Crib workshops are an excellent introduction to the Nativity story, but they also encourage a deeper exploration of the meaning of Christmas for all year groups.

The Wintershall Education Team will bring their live travelling crib, including donkey, sheep, a wise man and Mary, to the school and run a day of workshops for the whole school.

This is a truly unique and special way to celebrate and reflect on Advent and the Nativity story together.



**WINTERSHALL**  
*Experience the story*