

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2018

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.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY (8th January – 2nd February 2018)

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1 & 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3 & 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

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.

EUCHARIST - RELATING (5th February – 9th March 2018)

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1 & 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3 & 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

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.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING (12th March – 30th March 2018)

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1 & 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3 & 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

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

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

1 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

25 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

30 March

EASTER SUNDAY

1 April

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9 April (moved from 25 March)



St. Aidan's Key Dates



Tuesday 9th January 2018 – Sacramental Parent Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 30th January 2018 – Y1/2T Class Collective Worship 'Thanksgiving' @ 9.15am

Thursday 1st February 2018 – Y5G Class Collective Worship 'Mission' @ 9.15am

Wednesday 7th February 2018 – Y3/4S Class Collective Worship 'Thanksgiving' @ 9.15am

Thursday 8th February 2018 – Y6R Class Collective Worship 'Unity' @ 9.15am

Thursday 29th March 2018 – Year 3 Easter Service in Church @ 2pm

Thursday 10th May 2018 – Y5B Class Collective Worship 'Transformation'. @ 9.15am