

St Stephen's Come and See RE Newsletter

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

Start: Wed 3 Jan Finish: Fri 26 Jan

Early Years	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

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

Start: Mon 29 Jan Finish: Fri 2 Mar

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
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

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

Start: Mon 5 Mar Finish: Wed 28 Mar

Early Year	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

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 IN SCHOOL

Lenten Masses

Father John will celebrate class masses with all KS2 classes during Lent (Dates TBC)

Come and See Assemblies

Fri 26th Jan - Y5 Local Church - 2:30 pm

Fri 2nd Mar - Y1 Eucharist - 2:30 pm

Fri 9th Mar - Rec - Mother's Day - 2.30 pm

Good Shepherd Friday for Nugent Care

Friday 16th Feb - Y2 and Y5 @ 2.30 pm

Friday 16th Mar - Y1 and Y6 @ 2.30 am

Thursday 22nd Mar - Y3 and Y4 @ 2.30 pm

Holy Week Assemblies

Palm Sunday - Fri 23rd March - Y2 and Y4

Maundy Thursday - Mon 26th March - Y3 and Y5

Good Friday - Tues 27th March - Y6

Easter Sunday - Wed 28th March - Rec and Y1

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)