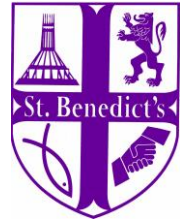


St Benedict's RE News



Tuesday 23rd January 2024

"With Jesus we learn, love and laugh".

"In our school family we aim to celebrate life to the full, caring for and respecting others as Jesus taught.

We endeavour to be a centre of educational excellence which meets the needs of every individual.

Together we will welcome and encourage an open partnership between the school, parents and wider community".

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.



With You Always

Our Year 4 children will progress through the Holy Communion programme this term. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey through the Sacraments.

Charity

Thank you for your incredible generosity last term including your contributions to the food bank collection for Harvest. We raised £167 for Children in Need and £200 for Macmillan. We were also so grateful for your Mission Christmas toy and gift donations that made a huge difference to many children’s lives. As always, thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. We will also be fundraising during Lent.

Celebrations

Keep a look out for our Easter service this term (date TBC).