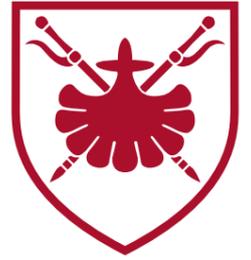




St James' R C Primary School
RE Newsletter
Autumn Term 2023



Dear Parents,

Bereavement

Grief can be an overwhelming emotion, and it is important that we find ways to cope and heal together. With this in mind, we have compiled a list of websites that offer valuable resources on dealing with grief. These platforms can provide guidance and support to both you and your child to support you at this difficult time. Please take a moment to visit the following websites:

St Christopher's Hospice – The Candle Child Bereavement Service

<https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/candle>

Child Bereavement UK

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

Winston's Wish

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

To support your child at this time, each class will have a "**Feelings Box**" which will be kept in the classroom. The children will have an opportunity to share their feelings, worries, ask questions or write prayers throughout the year. This box will be checked every day.

St James' Memory Tree, has been planted with a plaque outside the school staffroom. Pupils will have the opportunity to write the name of a loved one who has recently died onto a slice of bark which they will decorate and tie onto the tree. The tree is a Ginkgo Tree. This type of tree originated in China 290 Million Years ago. It is known as a living fossil! It is regarded as a symbol of hope. It reminds us of **Hope, Peace and Love**.

Mrs. Weeks reminds us that at this time, it is important to put our faith into action, work together and walk in the footsteps of Christ. By coming together as a community, we can find solace and strength in one another.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you require additional assistance or if you would like to discuss any concerns you may have.

Mrs Wilson

RE Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the St James' R E Newsletter. This newsletter will keep you up to date with the latest news and key topics that your child will be learning about in their Religious Education lessons for this term.

Recent News

Collective Worship

- All KS2 classes will be timetabled to lead collective worship. Groups in each class will plan and lead the collective worship for KS2 for the autumn term. There will also be numerous opportunities for KS1 and KS2 children to contribute to key stage assemblies by writing prayers, choosing music, discussing themes and events that are important to them and have opportunities for spontaneous prayer and sharing prayer intentions.

Upcoming Events of the Autumn Term

- KS1 and KS2 will be celebrating Mass at St James' Church on Thursday 14th September. Year 6 will lead the Mass on the theme of "Together Again" We will also be celebrating Saint James. This celebration of Saint James will take place at this time every year due to his feast day of 25th July falling in the school holidays. All parent and parishioners of St James' are invited to the Mass.
- All KS2 classes will have an opportunity to lead school Masses this term on a variety of themes such as: Harvest, Remembrance, All Saints Day and Advent. Please see Mrs Weeks' list of dates for the classes that will be leading us in these Masses.
- We look forward to Year 5 becoming Dementia Friends. The training led by The Alzheimer's Society will help the children when they visit the Memory Café this term.
- CAFOD will be visiting the school on Wednesday 27th September to lead a KS2 assembly and complete a Year 6 Workshop on the key strands of Catholic Social Teachings.
- On Thursday 28th September the children will be taking part in an autumn walk through Jubilee Park. This is to raise funds for the CAFOD charity. If you would to contribute at this time please send donations to the office. Thank you.
- On Wednesday 11th October, Year 4 will be visiting the Neasden Hindu Temple. We look forward to hearing about the trip.
- On Friday 24th November, we will be welcoming Nabhi, a member of the Hindu faith to lead an assembly on Hinduism. Y4 will also take part in a workshop to help them develop their understanding of Hinduism which is the other faith they study throughout the year. Nabhi will also be visiting the Reception class to help the children learn about Diwali, the festival of light.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 14th September- Whole School Mass. Celebration of St James.
- Monday 18th September – The School meeting the new school RE Ambassadors.
- Wednesday 27th September – CAFOD visiting the school. Y6 Workshop.
- Thursday 28th September - CAFOD Walk through Jubilee Park to raise funds for this charity.
- Monday 2nd October - Month of Prayer and Devotion to Our Lady.
- Thursday 5th October- Whole school Mass (Harvest) Children will offer food at the Mass which will be donated to Bromley Foodbank.
- Friday 6th October CAFOD Family Fast.
- Tuesday 1st November – Whole School All Saints Day Mass. Holy Day of Obligation.
- Thursday 1st November – Prayer Day at St James.
- Monday 24th November - KS2 Assembly and Y4 Workshop. Visitor to help children learn about the Hindu faith.
- Thursday 7th December Year 6 Class Mass. Advent.
- Friday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day. Save the Children.
- Monday 11th December KS2 Advent Concert. 6pm at St James' Church.
- Wednesday 13th December KS1 Nativity Play.
- Thursday 14th December KS1 Nativity.

RE Curriculum Grid

Here are the themes the children will be studying in their RE Curriculum for the Autumn Term.

Year	Autumn	Term	Other Faith
Reception	God's World	God's Family	Special Days in Different Religions
Year 1	God's Great Plan	Mary, Our Mother	Festivals and Places of Worship
Year 2	Chosen People	Mysteries	Judaism
Year 3	The Christian Family	Mary, Mother of God	Buddism
Year 4	The Bible	Trust in God	Hinduism
Year 5	Creation	God's Covenant	Islam
Year 6	The Kingdom of God	Justice	Sikhism

Please visit the websites below as they will help you support your child in their RE learning.

www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm

www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm

- The Wednesday Word and Mark Ten Mission are still an important part of our school as they help support our understanding of the Gospel. If you would like discuss the upcoming week's Gospel please visit either:

www.wednesdayword.org or <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

Relationship and Health Education

We are continuing to enhance the National Curriculum's objectives for Relationship and Health Education with Catholic Ten Ten Life to the Full scheme. This scheme runs from Reception to Year 6 and supports our whole school vision for Personal Social and Health Education. On the Ten Ten Website there is a parent's portal where you can support your child's learning. The log in details are:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: st-james-br5

Password: fern-15

Dates from the Church's Calendar:

8 th September	Our Lady's Birthday	1 st October	St Theresa of Lisieux
14 th September	Exaltation of the Cross	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
21 st September	St Matthew, Apostle	10 th October	St Paulinus
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	12 th October	St. Wilfrid, Diocesan patron
27 th September	St. Vincent de Paul	13 th October	St. Edward the Confessor
29 th September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
30 th September	St Jerome	17 th October	St. Ignatius of Antioch
		18 th October	St. Luke, Evangelist
1 st November	All Saints'	30 th Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2 nd November	All Souls	4 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
3 rd November	St. Winefride	6 th Dec	St. Nicholas
11 th November	St. Martin of Tours	8 th Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
20 th November	Christ the King	11 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
21 st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	13 th Dec	St Lucy
22 nd November	St Cecilia	18 th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
27 th November	First Sunday of Advent	25 th Dec	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
		26 th Dec	St Stephen, the first martyr

Many Thanks
Mrs Wilson