



St James' R C Primary School
RE Newsletter
Spring Term 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the spring issue of the St James' RE Newsletter which 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

- We hope that you enjoyed watching the KS1 Nativity Plays and the KS2 Advent Concert at the end of term. Thank you for donating money at the end of these concerts, we raised an amazing £972.00 which will be equally distributed to the charities: The Cardinal Hume Centre and The Passage. Thank you all so much for your generosity. I will be organising a representative from both Cardinal Hume and The Passage to talk to the children about their valuable work. It is important the children understand how this money will help the wider community.
- Years 3, 4 and 5 made Christmas cards for the parishioners of St James' Church. We have been receiving replies thanking the children for their kind words. Year 4 also made cards for The Bromley Loneliness Initiative and these have been distributed locally.
- It was wonderful to participate with the children in Adoration. The children quietly prayed in the presence of Jesus. We are very grateful for Father David for giving up his time and always being supportive of the school.
- Year 4 represented St James' at the Archdiocese of Southwark Advent Service. The children took their Advent promises to the service. They received a blessing from Bishop Paul Hendricks.
- Year 3 joined the Petts Wood District Residents Association Litter Picking Group and carried out an environmental litter pick. They really put their Catholic Social Teaching principles into action! Well done Year 3.
- Year 5 visited Bishop Challoner School and took part in a retreat with their Year 5 pupils to reflect on the meaning of Advent.
- It was great to welcome Nabhi, a frequent visitor to our school. He led a fantastic Year 4 workshop on Diwali. Some Year 4 pupils then took part in telling the story of Diwali in a whole school assembly.
- It is so wonderful that we have a strong relationship with the Memory Café at St James' Church. Year 5 have trained as Dementia Friends and have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the café chatting to all its guests this term. The choir visited and sang carols to help everyone get in the festive spirit. We are looking forward to visiting again in the spring term.

Events in the Spring Term

To celebrate Christian unity, the pupils will be visiting different Christian churches in the local area. This is to celebrate Christian Unity Week and help the children understand that although we attend different churches we are all Christians and united in our love for Jesus.

Year 1 – St James' Church

Year 2 - Southborough Lane Baptist Church

Year 3 - Methodist Church in Petts Wood

Year 4 - United Reform Church

Year 5 – St Francis of Assisi Church in Petts Wood

Year 6 – The pastor from Christ Lutheran Church will be visiting the school.

We are pleased to announce that Year 5 will once again help pupils prepare for Easter by performing a Passion Play on Wednesday 27th March. Year 5 parents will be able to attend.

During Lent I will be holding a Lenten reflection week for the children. More details will follow shortly.

The children in both KS1 and KS2 will have the opportunity to bring home their class prayer book. The children will be asked to take it in turns to write a prayer in the book over the weekend. These prayers can be then shared in key stage and whole school assemblies.

Important Dates for the term:

Year 5 visiting the Bromley Synagogue – Wednesday 17th January

Year 3 visiting Petts Wood Methodist Church – Thursday 18th January

Year 4 visiting United Reform Church - Friday 19th January

Year 5 visiting St Francis of Assisi Church – Tuesday 23rd January

Y2 visiting Southborough Baptist Church

Year 5 Mass - Thursday 1st February

Ash Wednesday -Wednesday 14th February.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – Friday 23th March.

Year 4 Class Mass – Thursday 14th March

Year 5 Passion Play – Wednesday 27th March

Good Friday - Friday 29th March

Easter Sunday - Sunday 31st March

RE Curriculum Grid

Here are the themes that the children will be studying in their RE Curriculum for the spring term.

Year	Spring	Term	Other Faith
Reception	Getting to know Jesus	Sorrow and Joy	Special Days in Different Religions
Year 1	Families and Celebrations	Following Jesus	Holi –Hindu Festival Hindu Mandir
Year 2	The Good News	The Mass	Judaism
Year 3	The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Celebrating the Mass	Buddism
Year 4	Jesus the Teacher	Jesus the Saviour	Hinduism
Year 5	Inspirational People	Reconciliation	Islam
Year 6	Exploring the Mass	Jesus the Messiah	Sikhism

Resources

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

To support your child with liturgy at home, please see the links below of the Word on Wednesday and Mark 10 Mission.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/>

<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 the Catholic Ten Ten's Life to the Full scheme of work. 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:

6 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas
8 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	31 st January	St. John Bosco
12 th January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 nd February	Presentation of the Lord
17 th January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 rd February	St. Blaise
24 th January	St Francis de Sales	8 th February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 th January	Conversion of St. Paul	11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes
3 rd March	Third Sunday of Lent		
13 th February	Shrove Tuesday	17 th March	St Patrick , Patron of Ireland
14 th February	Ash Wednesday	17 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
18 th February	First Sunday of Lent	20 th March	St Joseph , Husband of Mary
25 th February	Second Sunday of Lent	25 th March	The Annunciation
1 st March	St David , Patron of Wales		Holy Week
3 rd March	Third Sunday of Lent	28 th March	Holy Thursday
10 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	29 th March	Good Friday
31 st March	Easter Sunday		

I hope you have a great spring term.

Many Thanks

Mrs Wilson.