

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2018

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parents

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

(4th January – 26th January)

Willow Class	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Cedar Class	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Juniper Class	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Vine Class	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

(29th January – 2nd March)

Willow Class	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Cedar Class	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Juniper Class	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Vine Class	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

(5th - 29th March)

Willow Class	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Cedar Class	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Juniper Class	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Vine Class	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)