

## **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION – 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 17th May**

**MAY PROCESSION – 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – 24th May**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 31st May**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – 7th June**

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS -12th June**

**Y4 CELEBRATION DAY – 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - 29th June**

**LEAVERS' MASS – 15<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Sacramental Preparations**

Please continue to pray for our Year 4 children as they receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this special time.



### **Formal assessment**

Each term, one of the three RE topics is formally assessed. This term the third topic will be assessed which is a focus on 'Universal Church – World.'

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER TERM 2015 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Hinduism.

## PENTECOST—SERVING

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

## RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

## HINDUISM (13<sup>th</sup> July)

Pupils will study various aspects of Hinduism for one day. Ask them what they have been learning about.

## UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.