

ST OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RE NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2017

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 a day studying Hinduism.

PENTECOST—SERVING

(Insert dates)

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

(Insert dates)

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 *(July tbc)*

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

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

(Insert dates)

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.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

SERVICE OF SORROW

(4 May)

Year 4 children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

(13 & 20 May)

MAY PROCESSION

(25 May)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(28 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(4 June)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(11 June)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(18 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(23 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

PADGATE WALKING DAY

(24 June)

Our annual walk of faith with the Parish and other local schools and parishes.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

First Holy Communion

The children in our Year 4 class, have been working on their preparation for the sacraments and in their final preparation, they will take part with their parents in a Service of Sorrow, in Church on 4th May at 6.30pm.

The children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th and 20th May, at the 6pm Mass, at St. Oswald's.

We ask that you keep all the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers, as they continue on their journey of faith.

May Procession

As we are in the month of May, we honour Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus.

On Thursday 25th May, we will all go over to Church to celebrate Our Lady, in a May Procession.

Our Year 6 children will lead the service, with the girls taking flowers from the Key Stage 1 children and place them around the statue of Our Lady. The eldest girl in the school, Katie Hulse, will have the honour of crowning Our Lady. The boys will be carrying a statue of Our Lady, leading a procession around the Church or outside, weather permitting.



Padgate Walking Day

On Saturday 24th June, our school will take part in their annual walk of faith, with the Church and the other local schools and parishes.

The girls will all wear white dresses and yellow flower head dresses and the boys will wear their school uniform.

The first communicants will lead the school in our procession.

The walk will end with the children in Key Stage 2, going into Church for a short service with Fr Dave.

We look forward to seeing you all there to support the school and the children.



Written by The RE Team

