



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

A welcoming family school, growing and achieving with Jesus at our side. "I am the vine and you are the branches" John 15:5

Dear Parents and Carers, Each half term we are going to share with you what your child has been learning in Religious Education through this newsletter.



LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

Summer term: We have now completed our assessment evidence and are looking forward to our assessment day to be confirmed.

Live Simply at St Teresa's 2022/2024

Our Live Simply Pledges and our Mission Statement

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I will live simply by...

Global Action: Live In Solidarity

We are proud to be a welcoming family of God – we treat everybody with dignity and respect and I have friends from different countries at our school. *Y3 child*

WE ARE BEAUFORT!

We are all growing and getting along together which sometimes means helping each other with our problems. *Y3 child*

Today has been a full day of Easter celebrations from a lovely Easter service with Fr. Martin in church this morning to announcing our Easter Garden winners & attendance winners in celebration assembly. Thank you to family and friends who attended church with us.

Uniform Swap - If you have any old school uniforms, please consider donating to our uniform swap in the school house. The first week of term there will be a swap date of water uniform, available from 27th August. If you would like to swap new uniforms our online swap is also always available as the attached form for info.

SVP - Our long established SVP Shop is now open at the school house. Please contact Mrs. G. O'Connell if you have any questions. The shop is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are looking for donations of any items that are in good condition. We are also looking for donations of any items that are in good condition. We are also looking for donations of any items that are in good condition.

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies - Our mini vinnies have lots of exciting ideas for fundraising over the next few months. We are asking for any unwanted mugs to help us with our next "Cup of Kindness" project. If you are able to donate any unwanted mugs (adult or child size), please bring them to the Office any time between now and 15th March.

SVP Re-dedication mass - The mass was wonderful, and it was lovely to see some of our mini vinnies represent our school. Bishop Tom was delighted to be back at St Teresa's, and it was a great opportunity for some of the congregation to catch up with him.

SVP Mini Vinnies fund raising group to establish a Fair Trade stall during the summer term to provide fruit snacks for KS2 children

Foodbank donations sorted and delivered by Fr. Martin and the MiniVinnies.

Laudato Si'

Each class will have a growing area in our garden for which they are responsible.

We will organise termly litter picks in the local community and invite others to join us or collect litter when they are in our environment to make it safer for wildlife and more pleasant for residents.

We will plant, grow and harvest vegetables in our school allotment.

Eco Council

Our Sustainable Tree

Creating our garden

Art Week

Wow! What a fantastic Art week we've had! Local artist Bernadette Hughes has been in all week working with every child across school to create individual mosaic artwork for our school playgrounds. Keep your eyes peeled over the summer! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to meet all and have been impeccably professional throughout. A big thank you to Bernadette for all her hard work & the very sensible yet children who have been her main helpers!

Garden Mosaic - wow! Thanks to all children for all that hard work over the last 2 weeks to help us create a mosaic for our school playground. We have a beautiful mosaic now, which is a wonderful project. We are looking for donations of any items that are in good condition. We are also looking for donations of any items that are in good condition.

"The glass pieces were so pretty to look at, I can't wait to see it on the playground" - J4

"I enjoyed it because I had to cut the glass like myself and stick them on" - J6

"I couldn't believe how good the pieces looked when we stuck them on. I had the caterpillar the best" - J2

Religious Curriculum



Come and See



THEMES & TOPICS	EARLY YEARS 1 & 2	YEAR 1 & FS 1	YEAR 2 & FS 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Domestic church family	Myself God knows and loves each one	Families God's love and care for every family	Beginnings God at every beginning	Homes God's dream for every family	People The family of God in Scripture	Ourselves Created in the image & likeness of God	Loving God who never stops loving
Baptism/confirmation belonging	Welcome Baptism: a welcome to God's family	Belonging Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family	Signs & symbols Signs & symbols in Baptism	Promises Promises made at Baptism	Called Confirmation: a call to witness	Life choices Marriage commitment and service	Vocation & commitment The vocation of priesthood and religious life
Advent/Christmas loving	Birthday Looking forward to Jesus' birthday	Waiting Advent a time to look forward to Christmas	Preparations Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas	Visitors Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus	Gift God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	Hope Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	Expectations Jesus born to show God to the world
Local church community	Celebrating People celebrate in Church	Special people People in the parish family	Books The books used in Church	Journeys Christian family's journey with Jesus	Community Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish	Mission Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese [ecumenism]	Sources The Bible, the special book for the Church
Eucharist relating	Gathering The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist	Meals Mass; Jesus' special meal	Thanksgiving Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	Listening & sharing Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	Giving & receiving Living in communion	Memorial sacrifice The Eucharist the living memorial of Jesus' sacrifice	Unity Eucharist enables people to live in communion.
Lent/Easter giving	Growing Looking forward to Easter	Change Lent a time for change	Opportunities Lent: an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life	Giving all Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	Self discipline Celebrating growth to new life	Sacrifice Lent a time of aligning with the sacrifice already made by Jesus	Death & new life Celebrating Jesus' death & resurrection
Pentecost serving	Good News Passing on the Good news of Jesus	Holidays & holydays Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit	Spread the word Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	Energy Gifts of the Holy Spirit	New life To hear & live the Easter message	Transformation Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power	Witnesses The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses
Reconciliation Inter-relating	Friends Friends of Jesus	Being sorry God helps us to choose well Sacrament of Reconciliation	Rules Reasons for rules in the Christian family Sacrament of Reconciliation	Choices The importance of examination of conscience Sacrament of Reconciliation	Building bridges Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other Sacrament of Reconciliation	Freedom & responsibility Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	Healing Sacrament of the Sick
Universal Church world	Our world God's wonderful world	Neighbours Neighbours share God's world	Treasures God's treasure; the world	Special places Holy places for Jesus & the Christian	God's people Different saints show people what God is like	Stewardship The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation	Common good Work of the worldwide Christian family

Year 1 to 6 currently follow Come and See as the RE curriculum in school. Please see the topic themes opposite to see what the children will learn each half term.



To Know You More Clearly



This year there is a new Religious Education Directory which is being phased into our catholic schools.

It is called To Know You More Clearly and will be the new curriculum by September 2025.

So far EYFS and Year 1 staff have had training on the brand new materials and EYFS are now using this new curriculum. The rest of the school will continue with Come and See until each year group has been introduced to the new materials.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Each day we have prayer and liturgy (also known as Collective Worship) in our classrooms or together as a whole school community. During Prayer and liturgy we listen to God's word from the Bible and take time to reflect on the key messages.

Sometimes, pupils prepare and deliver Prayer and Liturgy for us and lead us in our reflections on the Good News we hear.

Each day we include our school prayer which reflects on the words of St Teresa of Avila and serves to join the whole school community together in prayer.



St Teresa's Prayer

St Teresa of Avila Pray for us

Thank you for today...

And the planet we share

Help us to work together...

And do our best every day

Bless our school...

And help us to light up the world with love

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

Go Forth

How will you be a good friend this week to children here and in other countries around the world? And how will you follow Jesus' example of love for all people no matter where they are in the world?



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- Jesus loves everybody the same amount, no matter where in the world they are from. How do you think we can do the same and show our love for everybody throughout the world?
- How will you stand up for what you know is right and show your love for your global family this week?



At the end of each Collective Worship session, we think about how we can live our lives over the following days.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(9 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

(19 May)

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(26 May)

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

(30 May)

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

(7 June)

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

ISLAM WEEK

(17 to 21 June)

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

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

First Communion Mass

11 o'clock Mass at St Teresa's Church

Sunday 23rd June

Leaver's Mass

9.15 at St Teresa's Church

Thursday 18th July

Our links with St Teresa's Church and Parish

Year 4 Holy Communion takes place within the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday 23rd June 2024

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to share their special celebration with the parish.



We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic parish church adjacent to our school, and the whole community can share in celebrations, mass and services throughout the year. Key Stage 2 children are currently attending mass each week and Y4 children are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, with the help of Fr Martin and Mrs Peers (Long time Catechist and St Teresa's Governor)

The whole school community got involved in our Easter Garden Competition with some fantastic entries which continue to be on display in the entrance foyer.

During the Easter season, our children made cards for their families and some were given out at church too!

Fr Martin has suggested these resources as a way of supporting families.



Redemptorist Publications is pleased to introduce **Celebrate**: an initiative designed to help children grow in their faith.

Each week we will provide a Children's Liturgy in the form of a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer.

Fun, engaging and practical worksheets/resources will also be provided to help children continue to practise their faith during this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We look forward to our next edition with all the details of our new school year activities.



kindest Regards

Mrs Brookes and all the St Teresa's School Family