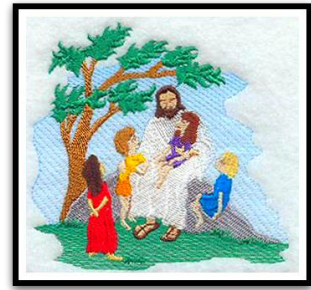




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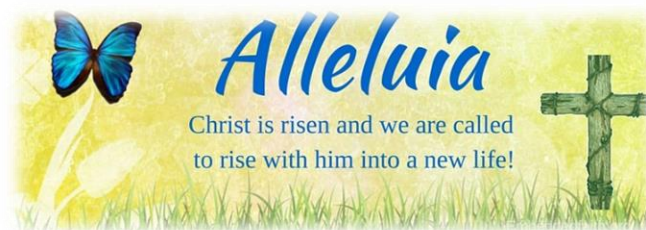
"Loving, Learning and Laughter Together with God"

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we return to school, the Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter - Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 19th May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this half-term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother. We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.



Dates from the Church's calendar:

21st April St. Anselm
23rd April **St. George**, Patron of England
29th April St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
1st May **St. Joseph the Worker**
3rd May Ss Philip & James, Apostles
4th May English Martyrs

9th May **Ascension Thursday**
14th May St. Matthias, Apostle
19th May **Pentecost Sunday**
24th May Mary, Mother of the Church
25th May St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
27th May Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

Pre-School ~ New Life

- Children learn to show care for one another.
- They hear the story of Easter.
- Children come to know that Sunday is a special day for the Church family to come together to celebrate.
- They experience praying with others as a celebration.



Religious Education Curriculum Directory (3-5)

Children will begin to understand that we celebrate Easter because Jesus

rose from the dead and we celebrate that Jesus is with us. They will begin to understand that Jesus gives a special gift of joy and peace (John 20: 19-21) and how we can give this peace and joy to others. Children will hear that Jesus is alive and will always be with us and be aware that we can always speak to Jesus. They will know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother and think of ways to show our love for Mary.

At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together.
- planting an Easter garden.
- talking about how we can be kind to others.
- looking for signs of New Life.



Foundation ~ New Life

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Children will begin to understand that we celebrate Easter because Jesus rose from the dead and be aware that at Easter we celebrate Jesus is with us. They begin to understand that Jesus gives a special gift of joy and peace (John 20: 19-21) and think of how we can give this peace and joy to others. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father in heaven and be aware that Jesus is still with us. They will know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother and think of ways to show our love for Mary.

At home

You could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden.
- looking for signs of New Life.
- practice saying "Hail Mary" and "Our Father" together.
- encourage children to create their own prayers.

Year 1 ~ The Resurrection

"Jesus' Resurrection ... is the source of our future resurrection: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

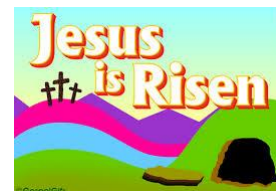


Year 1 will learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room and will think about the times when they have experienced great joy and surprise. They will learn that Jesus helped his disciples to understand that he was risen from the dead and was with them (John 21: 9-14) and this made them very happy. They will learn that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it. They will also become aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don't understand what is happening.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reading and discussing stories from the Bible about Easter and Pentecost.
- Praying together.



Year 2 ~ Eastertide

"It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God's people to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ."

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Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
- having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass.

