

# St James' R C Primary School

## **RE Newsletter**

May 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer edition of the St James' RE Newsletter which is designed to keep you up to date with the topics that your child will be learning about in their RE lessons this Summer Term. Details of specific RE topics relating to each year group can be found in the curriculum grid on the school website. Other faiths are studied at the beginning of each new term.

### **Recent News**

#### **KS1 Prayer Bears**

KS1 pupils have embraced the responsibility of looking after St James' Prayer Bears. They are being used to help the children write beautiful prayers which are then shared in the KS1 assemblies. Well done KS1!

#### **Lenten Reflections**

Thank you to all the children who attended the Lenten reflections every day during the Season of Lent. The children enjoyed this opportunity to quietly reflect on readings from the Bible. On asking the children how it helped them prepare for the day, their responses were extremely positive. Their feedback confirmed it helped them feel calm, ready to focus and feel closer to God. They explained that the sessions helped them to learn important lessons, such as never stop forgiving, how to serve others and that God is always with them. In May, we are looking to start a morning Rosary group and further details will follow shortly.

#### **Masses at St James the Great Church**

All classes, took turns to attend a Mass at St James' Church during Lent. The children thoroughly enjoyed these Masses and appreciated celebrating the word of God with the parishioners.

#### **Look Out for The Wednesday Word!**

All families will receive the Wednesday Word Leaflet every week. The coloured double-sided A4 leaflet helps spread the Gospel in a powerful, child friendly way. Its mission is to help all school families draw closer to God, to the Church and to each other. The children receive the leaflet in school each week and it is then taken home so that it can be shared with the rest of the family.

Key Stage 2 children take it in turns to plan and lead a KS2 assembly on the Word of the Week so the message of the Gospel is shared with all pupils.

The children recently completed a questionnaire giving their opinion on the Wednesday Word leaflet. They agreed that the leaflet was useful and helped their understanding of the Bible. The overriding response was that they wanted to continue receiving the Wednesday Word as it helped them prepare for weekend Mass. However, it was noted that a significant number of responses indicated they were not discussing the leaflet with their family. Therefore, I encourage you all to spend a few minutes to read the leaflet with your children as it is a wonderful way to enhance the Home, School and Parish partnership.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **May Procession**

This year's May Procession will be held on Wednesday 23rd May. A whole school Mass will be celebrated with Father David at St James the Great Church at 9.30am followed by the May procession. At about 10.15am we will proceed from the church, carrying a statue of Mary, to the school grounds. All pupils will then proceed around the school playground praying the Hail Mary to Mary our Mother. Thereafter the children will follow on into the school hall to listen to readings and sing hymns to Mary, to celebrate how important Mary is in our lives. Please feel free to join us in this celebration. We will also be asking Father David to bless our new statue of Mary for the Peace Garden.

### **Whole School Prayer Day**

The whole school prayer day will be celebrated on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Whole School and Class Masses**

Please refer to Mrs Weeks's diary dates for all forthcoming Masses. It would be great to see you all as we celebrate Mass together.

Have a wonderful Summer Term.

Many Thanks

Mrs Wilson.