

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

In November, we remember

You are welcome to add the names of family and friends who have died to our red prayer lists in classrooms or in the main entrance. We shall remember them in our prayers during November.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2016 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each year group will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

Early Years MYSELF - God knows and loves each one of us

Year 1

FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family, be it our home, school or parish family

Year 2

BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it
"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

JUDAISM

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

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

Early Years WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family

Year 1 BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family

Year 2 SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism. Read about the Baptism of Our Lord.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration. Look at Christening items and photos of your own Baptism. Which saints names did your parents choose for you and why?

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

Early Years BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

Year 1 WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas

Year 2 PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

Begin to understand the joy of giving and that the most important gifts can't be bought.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar.