

R.E. NEWSLETTER for PARENTS

Summer 2009



**This term your child(ren) will be studying three topics in religious education:
Good News, Choices and Neighbours**

Good News

During this topic your child(ren) will think about the good news they have to share with others. They will remember the Easter story from last term and will hear about Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. They will learn about the story of Pentecost and how everyone, with the help of the Holy Spirit, can spread the Good News about Jesus.



Help at home: It would be good to talk with your child(ren) about what is good news in your family and we can be good news for each other. Notice the colour of vestments at Mass at Pentecost.

Choices

In the second topic *Choices*, is about the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The topic begins by helping children to understand that they can make choices, and those can be good or bad. When good choices are made it makes everyone happy and we are acting as a friend of Jesus would. When we make wrong choices we need to say sorry and start again, trying to avoid making those choices again.

Help at home: Perhaps you might discuss some of your child(ren)'s choices with them, talk about saying sorry and the need for forgiveness and for us to forgive others. Say the Our Father slowly noticing the words at the end.



Neighbours

The last topic of the year is neighbours. It helps your child(ren) to think about their neighbours both near and far, and that we share with them the beautiful world God has created. They will learn about respect for other people and consider how they can be a good neighbour to them. Your child(ren) will learn how Jesus loved and welcomed everyone

.Help at home: perhaps you could help your child(ren) become aware of their local neighbours and how they might help them. It would be useful to look through the newspaper and see if there are any stories about our neighbours in other countries and what we might do to help them through our prayers and thoughts. .



Special days this term: ~ there are some important feasts this term:

17th May First Holy Communion Mass at St Joseph's Church 11am. Please pray for Seamus, Alice, Florence, Michael, William, Kesiah, Amy and Natalie who make their First Holy Communion on that day.

24th May The Ascension (This is now transferred to a Sunday)

31st May Pentecost Sunday,

7th June Trinity Sunday,

14th June The Body of Christ – Corpus Christi (This is now transferred to a Sunday)

16th June Year 6 Mass for Year 6 Leavers at Clifton Cathedral

28th June St Peter & Paul (instead of 29th this year)