

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. This term we will also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The focus of our term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be exploring the topics *Messengers & Witnesses*, *Change* and *Treasures*.



MESSENGERS & WITNESSES

In this topic we focus on the importance of giving and receiving messages. Like the apostles, Christians have a responsibility to receive and to pass on the message of Easter. The children are invited to look at ways Christians pass on the good news of Easter to others today.

Suggestions for home activities

- *As a family, send a happy message either by post or email to someone the family knows. Focus on some happy event or the good things that are happening in your lives. Encourage the children to contribute their ideas to the message.*
- *Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost*



CHANGE

In this topic we focus on the way a person's relationship with God and with others can be affected by choices we make. Whatever choices we make have consequences, and these consequences affect the lives of others. God, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offers an opportunity to change selfish behaviour. God's unchanging love and forgiveness helps the person who wants to change.

Suggestions for home activities

- *Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.*
- *With the children talk about the importance of saying sorry.*

TREASURES

The final topic in the Summer term looks at **Neighbours**. The children learn about their neighbours near and far and explore how they can love and support each other.

Suggestions for home activities

- *Talk about how well you know your neighbours and how you support each other.*
- *As a family, think of ways you can support neighbours around the world.*
- *Write a prayer together for neighbours around the world.*



We hope you find this leaflet helpful.

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Parents' Letter

DATES TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

Ascension Day May 16th

After His Resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of 40 days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

Pentecost Sunday May 23rd

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.



The Body and Blood of Christ June 6th

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

Ss Peter & Paul June 29th

May 16th is a special day for St Joseph's as 6 children from school will be joining with others from the Parish to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them as they prepare for this special event.

School Mass will be celebrated at church in June.

Mass will be celebrated in school on the Feast of St Peter and Paul on 29th June.

Also in June Year 6 will be attending the Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral

More details about these special events later.