



St Edward's Catholic First School
Religious Education Newsletter: Spring 2022

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring Term RE Newsletter. During the Spring Term, the RE Curriculum covers many different aspects from Christmas, Revelation up to Lent and Holy Week. The children continue to build on their previous learning and learn many new aspects through fun and engaging lessons.

We have also been lucky enough to start our Key Stage Collective Worships lessons again. We are focussing on Catholic Social Teaching over this year. Catholic Social Teaching focusses on 7 different areas which include, Dignity of the Human Being, Family and Community, Solidarity and the Common Good, Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the poor and vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and Stewardship. Through our weekly sessions, we are able to have thoughtful discussions and focus on different social issues that we are faced with in the world today. The children have time to discuss with their peers and reflect on what we can all do to help out others.

Masses

This term Year 4 will be celebrating Mass at St Edward's Catholic Church on Sunday 6th February 2022. Please do come along.
Year 2's Mass is on Sunday 27th March 2022.

Father David will be coming into school to celebrate Mass in Key Stages. At this time, it will only be the children and staff in the groups able to attend.

Fledglings: Friday 4th February 2022

Key Stage 1: Thursday 17th February 2022

Ash Wednesday service: Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Key Stage 2 Penitential Service: Thursday 10th March 2022



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Outlined below is the Portsmouth Diocesan Scheme 'God Matters' RE Curriculum content that the children will be studying across the school this term. Although the children study RE in units at the same time, the content of each unit is different and becomes more challenging as the children progress through the school. The timetable below gives you an idea of the main focus of each of this term's units for each different year group.

CHRISTMAS

- EYFS – Explores the story of the first Christmas.
- Y1 – Explores how the birth of Jesus changed others.
- Y2 – Explores how we can get to know Jesus through the journey of others.
- Y3 – Explores the nature of Jesus' birth through the eyes of the Shepherds.
- Y4 – Explores the role of the angels in the story of Christmas as messengers of the Good News of Jesus' birth.

REVELATION

- EYFS – Looks at how God is shown in our lives and through the work of others, including the priest.
- Y1 – Reveals how God shows Himself to Jesus; looks at Jesus as healer and teacher.
- Y2 – Explores stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is.
- Y3 – Explores the Liturgy of the Word as revealing God.
- Y4 – Looks at how the apostles Anna and Simeon saw the glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father.

LENT

- EYFS – Introduces Lent as a time when we get ready for Easter.
- Y1 – Explores basic meaning of Lent and how we can get ready for Easter by changing.
- Y2 – Looks at Lent as being preparation for Easter, commencing with Ash Wednesday and being a time of seeking forgiveness.
- Y3 – Looks at how Jesus changed the people he met and deepened his relationship with the Father through prayer.
- Y4 – Examines Jesus' time in the wilderness and how prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to prepare for Easter.

HOLY WEEK

- EYFS – Explores the events which led up to Easter.
- Y1 – Highlights the importance of the Last Supper and introduces the Stations of the Cross as a prayer.
- Y2 – Looks at the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus and considers Holy Week events through the eyes of Mary.
- Y3 – Places the Last Supper within the events of Holy Week.
- Y4 – Looks at how the reasons for the death of Jesus are explored through his passion and death,