



St Edward's Catholic First School
Religious Education Newsletter: Spring 2024
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Dear Parents and carers,

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.

School Masses

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to our school masses. Please see the below of the masses for the rest of the year. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

Friday 19th April 2024 - 9am

Thursday 9th May - Ascension - 9am

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 - First Holy Communion **at St Edward's** - 10am

Friday 28th June 2024 - St Peter and St Paul - 9am

Friday 19th July 2024 - Leavers' Mass - 9am

Year Group Masses

Over this term, each year group will be attending Mass on a Thursday morning at St Marks's Church at 10am. They will walk up to church and will return back to school to continue their day.

Year 2 – Thursday 11th January

Year 4 – Thursday 1st February



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Year 1 - Thursday 8th February
Fledglings – Thursday 29th February
Year 3 – Thursday 25th April

Sunday Family Masses

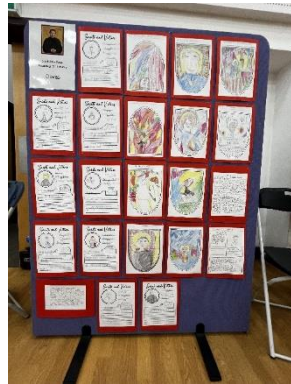
The first Sunday of each month is dedicated to a family mass at St Edward's Church at 11am, where the children are welcome to take part in readings and the offertory. Please refer to further emails regarding this.

Class Saints

The children have all enjoyed learning about their class saint. Some classes have already celebrated their Saint's feast day by having a special day dedicated to their saint. Thank you to those of you who came to the Saint Showcase that we held at the beginning of the academic year. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the children's work that they'd completed.



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Religious Education

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.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Christmas	<p>Focus question: What happens at Christmas? What happened in the Christmas story?</p>	<p>Focus question: How did Jesus' birth change others What is the story of the Wise Men and why did they bring gifts?</p>	<p>Focus question: Which journeys happen at Christmas? How do we get to know Jesus through the journey of others? What journey did the Wise Men take?</p>	<p>Focus question: How are we changed by the birth of Jesus? How do we reflect on the nature of Jesus' birth through the shepherds?</p>	<p>Focus question: How can we share the Good News? What role did the Angels have in the Christmas Story? How is our parish celebrating Christmas?</p>
Revelation	<p>Focus question: How can we be Jesus' followers? Where can we find out more about Jesus? What does a shepherd do?</p>	<p>Focus question: When are you a Good Samaritan? How did Jesus teach us? What is a parable and how do they help us?</p>	<p>Focus question: Why should we believe in Jesus and what he says? What is a miracle? Jesus teaches us through His miracles,</p>	<p>Focus question: How does the Liturgy of the Word help us understand God's message in a modern world?</p>	<p>Focus question: How does light overcome darkness? What is the difference between looking and seeing? How did Anna and Simeon see the</p>



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	<p>Who looks after and cares about people today like Jesus did? How can we be a shepherd and show we love and care for others like Jesus?</p>	<p>How else did Jesus teach us what to do? How can we show (reveal) God's message to others?</p>	<p>how else does he teach us?</p>	<p>How do others let us know what they want us to do? How do you think God lets His people know what He wants them to do? What message does the story of Samuel have for us today? How is God calling to us? Who in the world listens and responds to God's call today?</p>	<p>glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father? How is Jesus revealed as 'Light of the World'? Why are they called the Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light?</p>
Lent	<p>Focus question: How are we like Jesus? What is the season of Lent? When does Lent begin? What gifts has God given me? How did Jesus use his gifts to help others? How can I use my gifts to help others?</p>	<p>Focus question: What happens if we don't let Jesus into our lives? What is Lent about? How did Jesus show that he wants us to get to know him? What did Jesus do that shows us how he wants us to get to know God better?</p>	<p>Focus question: What would the world be like if we didn't have forgiveness? What do you already know about Lent? How do we know God will listen to our desire to be forgiven?</p>	<p>Focus question: Would it impact our relationship with God if we did not want to change? What is the season of Lent for? What are we called to do during Lent? How does the story of the Widow of Nain show Jesus'</p>	<p>Focus question: Is self-discipline important in life? Why do we need Lent? How did Jesus take time to make space in His life? How does prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us make space?</p>



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		<p>How does the story of Zacchaeus show us that knowing Jesus can help people change? What can we do during Lent to get to know Jesus better?</p>	<p>What does Jesus say about us forgiving others? When do we get the chance to repent (say sorry) and ask for forgiveness from God? How can we use Lent as a time for repentance and forgiveness?</p>	<p>compassion for others? How can we show compassion to others?</p>	<p>How can we tell others about the opportunities provided by Lent?</p>
Holy Week	<p>Focus question: Why is the cross important? What happened during Holy Week?</p>	<p>Focus question: How does the Last Supper impact our lives? What happened on Palm Sunday? Why is the Last Supper so important?</p>	<p>Focus question: How can we serve Jesus? Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet? What are the Stations of the Cross? What do these tell us about the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus? How did Mary feel during the events of Holy Week?</p>	<p>Focus question: How do we fulfil the commandment of Jesus through Mass What are the events of Holy Week? Which event is the most significant? What are the similarities and differences between what the Priest says and what Jesus said at the Last Supper?</p>	<p>Focus question: Why did people turn on Jesus? What were the reasons for Jesus' death?</p>



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Pillar Candles

We are always on the lookout for pillar candles for our worships. If you are able to supply us with a candle, please send them into the office or to your child's class teacher. These need to be white or cream.



Many thanks for your continued support to the school.

Miss McGuckian