

St Bernard's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter

Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents,

Spring Term 2018

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 8th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'the light of the world'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Reception – Getting to know Jesus

This half term, the children in Reception class will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.

At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving them jobs which help at home

Year 1 – Special Times and Special People

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family. They will learn about some of the celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions. They will also look at the importance of the sign of the cross.



At home

You could help your children by:

- discussing the importance of celebrations in our lives
- encourage children to think about Church celebrations e.g. Christmas, Easter etc

Year 2 – Do you hear God calling you?

The children will learn about God's call to key figures both past and present. They will learn how Jesus gathered the disciples together how Jesus invited people to friendship and discipleship with him.

At home

You could help your children by:

- Discussing the importance of friendship
- Reading stories from the Bible about Jesus' disciples

Year 3 – Choices

The children will develop their understanding that Jesus called people to change, to turn away from sin and receive the love of God. They will learn that it is not always easy to change and find out about some individuals who changed through the help of Jesus.

They will learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness and begin to learn an Act of Sorrow. They will learn about the values of sharing and showing respect and care for others.

At home

You could help your children by:

- thinking about how Jesus changes our lives
 - reading the story of Zacchaeus
 - going online to www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm and complete the interactive activities.
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Year 4 –

The children will learn about how Jesus called people to follow him. They will learn about how the lives of men and women were changed by Jesus' ministry and will reflect on the importance of the beatitudes. Children will also discuss different ways to show love to our neighbours.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- read some well known parables, e.g. 'The Sower' and talk about what they mean for us
 - discuss how the parables are important and what we learn from them.
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Year 5 – We all belong

The children will learn about the ways in which Jesus proclaimed good news to all he met and the variety of responses made. They will also learn about the Gospel accounts which show the love and selflessness of Jesus.

At home:

You could help your children by

- encouraging them to read stories which show Jesus' love
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Year 6 – Numbers

The children will learn all about the significant numbers within religion. They will reflect on our belief in one God, the Holy Trinity, important Gospel writers and the mysteries that are revealed within the Bible. They will also discuss the works of mercy as well as the seven sacraments, the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments and the apostles.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- ask them during the week to explain what they have been learning during their RE lessons
 - visit www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm
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