



# ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## R.E. NEWSLETTER

### REREMEBERING POPE FRANCIS

In the words of Cardinal Nichols, "The death of Pope Francis brings great sadness to so many around the world, both in the Catholic Church and in societies in general. A voice proclaiming the innate dignity of every human being, especially those who are poor or marginalised, is now silent.

Now we pray for the repose of his soul, that he may know, in full measure, the merciful and loving embrace of the Father, of the one God to whom he gave his life in unstinting service. May he now rest in peace and rise in glory."

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Children from Key Stage 2 attended Mass for Pope Francis. In class this week, the children have been learning about the life of Pope Francis.



### SUMMER TERM NEWS

As we return to school we are still celebrating Easter – JESUS IS RISEN! This celebration goes on until the great feast of Pentecost (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June ) the birthday of the Church. During this half-term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother. During this term many of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time as they make their First Holy Communion. This is a great occasion for them and we ask that you remember them all in your prayers.

### MASS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Throughout the summer term each class will go to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph Church. The children will take an active part in the Mass celebrations by singing, reading or serving. We very much hope that Parents will also be able to join us. Mass will start at 10 am

1<sup>st</sup> May - Year 3

15<sup>th</sup> May -Year 4

8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 6

### ACTIVITIES TO TRY AT HOME

- Read the Wednesday word as a family and reflect what the word of the week means to you.
- Discuss as a family how you can show Compassion
- Discuss as a family the message of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope. What does that mean to you as a family.

## WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING

Below is an outline of what RE topics your child will be learning this half term.

**Nursery and Reception-** Good News, Friends and Our World

**Year 1-** Holidays and Holy days, Being sorry and Neighbours

**Year 2 -** Spread the Word, Rules and Treasures

**Year 3 -** Energy, Choices and Special places

**Year 4 -** New life, Buildings Bridges, and God's people

**Year 5-** Transformation, Freedom and Responsibility and Stewardship

**Year 6 -** Witnesses, Healing, Common Good.

Please refer to your child's parents overview for more details about what your child will be learning this term.

## FAITH FRIENDS

Every Wednesday our dedicated Faith Friends meet to discuss the Wednesday word and share the key messages with their own class and buddy class.

This half term the Faith Friends will set up an interactive prayer area for the children. They will also share the class prayer bags. Through the month of May we encourage children to write prayers to Mary.

## GOSPEL VALUES

This half term we will be learning about the Gospel Value of Compassion. We encourage all to respect each other and understand that others may have a different point of view. We consider each others' feelings and provide comfort and care. We believe that each new day is a fresh start. Late this term, we will invite Margaret Mizen to share her story and the work of the Mizen Foundation.



## THE MONTH OF MARY

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too. Every Friday we will have a zoom Rosary. Later this half term we will share details for a family rosary session.

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE- JUBILEE EVENTS

Throughout the summer term we have series of events planned to mark the Jubilee.

Jubilee Mass at Battersea Park date tbc

Festival of Hope at Ayleford Priory 25<sup>th</sup> June

