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ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

R.E. NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to our half termly RE Newsletter in which you will find lots of information about what will happen throughout the autumn term

Faith Friends from Years 5 and 6 accompanied by Miss Gilbride, proudly represented our school at the Mass for the new academic year at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Friday 24th September.

The children were wonderful ambassadors, singing beautifully and showing themselves to be excellent role models. We were also delighted to see Margaret and and Barry Mizen receive special medals in recognition of their work with the Mizen Foundation. A very special celebration and one we were proud to be part of!

GOSPEL VALUES

During Autumn 1 , the children will learn the Gospel Value of Dignity. During our collective worship and assemblies the children will learn that every person, should be treated the same. We celebrate the attributes and talents of all.



LIGHTING THE PATH - NEW RE SCHEME

We are pleased to let you know that our school is introducing a new Religious Education teaching resource called Lighting the Path. The programme supports the Religious Education Directory, To *Know You More Clearly*, providing a carefully sequenced curriculum from Early Years to Year 6.

At the heart of Lighting the Path is the Bible. Through exploring Sacred Scripture, children discover the story of salvation, learn about the life and teachings of Jesus, and develop their understanding of Catholic beliefs, traditions, prayer and worship. They are encouraged to ask questions, think deeply about what they learn and make connections between their faith and everyday life.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING

Each half term, children will explore a different theme from the Bible and Catholic tradition. The themes follow the events of the Church's year so children can make links with other parts of Catholic life and mission in school.

Autumn term 1

Creation and Covenant – Children explore Bible stories about how God created the world and made loving promises to people.

Autumn 2

Prophecy and Promise – Children learn how prophets spoke of hope and the coming of Jesus, especially during Advent

MEET OUR NEW FAITH FRIENDS



We are delighted to announce our newly elected Faith Friends! We are proud of these pupils for stepping up to this important role and embracing the responsibility of leading by example in our faith community. Their first official duty was a special one —attending the Welcome Mass at the cathedral alongside other schools from across the diocese. It was a meaningful way to begin their journey of service, prayer, and leadership. We look forward to all they will contribute this year as they help nurture the spiritual life of our school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Early Years Blessing - Tuesday 22nd September at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Start of Year Mass at OLMC - Wednesday 23rd September at 10am

EDEN COURT

Faith Friends visited residents at Eden Court this term to enjoy a story time session. The children read a book with the residents called '*The books on Grandpa's Shelf*', a story to help children understand Dementia.



TIMEGIVERS

The children decorated their leaf this autumn and shared an uplifting message. These were then sent to Timegivers who will then share them with members of the local community.



We had a lovely time visiting older members of our community. They made us feel so welcome, and we really enjoyed reading together. It made us feel very proud and happy to be part of such a special and uplifting experience!- Nylah and Mia