

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter Summer 1

Dear Parents,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 19th May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide: *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church's calendar:

21st April St. Anselm

23rd April **St. George**, Patron of England

29th April St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

1st May **St. Joseph the Worker**

3rd May Ss Philip & James, Apostles

4th May English Martyrs

9th May **Ascension Thursday**

14th May St. Matthias, Apostle

19th May **Pentecost Sunday**

24th May Mary, Mother of the Church

25th May St. Bede, Doctor of the Church

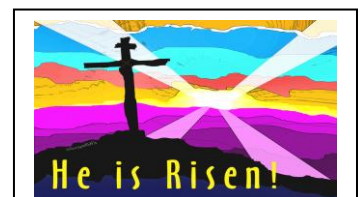
27th May Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

Nursery and Reception – To the ends of the earth

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about how Jesus went back to his father. He sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit, to look after us. The children will explore the story of Pentecost and how the Good News of Jesus lived out in the early Christian communities. They will talk about the parish church and how we gather as friends, especially on Sunday.

At home you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- practise the Sign of the Cross, 'Our Father' & 'Hail Mary'
- encouraging them to write their own prayers
- talking to them about the Holy Spirit as a special friend

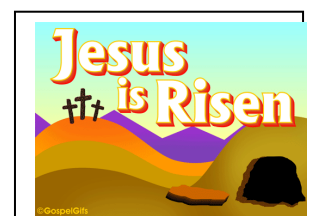


Year 1 – To the ends of the earth

"Jesus' Resurrection ... is the source of our future resurrection: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Year 1 will learn about the story of the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension and the story of Pentecost. They will begin to make connections between the mission of the church and the mission of Jesus as he announced it in Luke's Gospel. (Lk 4: 16-19) They will understand how prayer is an important part of life for many people and how the mission of the Church begins at Pentecost.



At home

You could help your children by:

- reading stories from the Bible about Easter and Pentecost
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Year 2 – Eastertide

“It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God’s people to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ.”

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Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

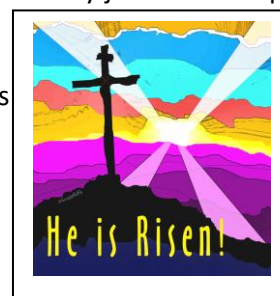
At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
 - having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass
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Year 3 – to the ends of the earth

Year 3 will make links between the Scripture sources (Lk 24: 13-35 and Matt 28: 16-20) and what happens at Mass. They will use religious language to describe the Christian belief in the mystery of God as Trinity and describe some signs and symbols of the Holy Trinity. They will recognise that Mary joins the disciples in prayer and make simple links with how Catholics ask for Mary’s prayers. They will make connections with the life of the early church, explore the Scripture of the Road to Emmaus and understand how Catholics gather for Mass today.



At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about how the Church celebrates the resurrection
 - reading the story of Pentecost with them
 - discussing with them what they would have felt if they were one of the Disciples
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Year 4 – The Mission of the Church / The Early Christians

“Through the Church Christ fulfils and reveals God’s plan to unite all things in him. Christ gave his Church a structure in calling and choosing twelve apostles. With them and their successors he shares his mission, his power and authority. In the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the Church was revealed and its mission to the nations was begun... The ultimate purpose of this mission is to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

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Year 4 will learn that Peter was chosen by Jesus to play a special role in the Church and that Jesus gave his followers a mission – to spread the Good News to others. They will learn that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to help his followers and that Pentecost was the beginning of the Church. They will learn about the missions of Peter and Paul and about Stephen the first martyr of the Christian faith.



At Home:

You could help your children by:

- discussing with them the life of St Peter and that he was the first Pope
 - reading the missionary journeys of St Paul in Acts of the Apostles (Ch 16 ff)
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Year 5 – Life in the Risen Jesus

“Prayer is a living relationship with God in, with and through Jesus Christ. All prayer, whether private or public is God’s gift, the action of the Holy Spirit in us and an expression of this living relationship. Prayer is an expression of the universal search for God and of the response of faith to God’s Self-Revelation”

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Year 5 will learn the story of the appearance of Jesus to Mary of Magdala and learn that the risen Jesus is present among us in different ways. They will learn about Jesus’ teaching on, and example of, prayer and have a better understanding of the Lord’s Prayer. They will learn that we can pray in different ways.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- reading and discussing the story of Mary of Magdala
 - talking with them about prayer
 - making time for prayer together
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Year 6 – The Transforming Spirit

God’s self-revelation is made perfect in us by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. This truth was promised by Jesus and revealed at Pentecost. Through the Holy Spirit people are formed and guided to become God’s people through knowing God.

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Year 6 will learn about and reflect upon the Ascension and the transformation produced by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will learn about and reflect on the lives of St. Peter and St. Paul and learn that the Pope is the successor of Peter.

At Home:

You could help your child by:

- reading the stories of the Ascension and Pentecost with your child
- reading about St. Peter and St. Paul and exploring together why they are so important to Christians

