**IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**WELCOME MASS**

(15th September)

St Anne’s Church at 9.30am for parents and children from Y1-6.

**HARVEST MASS**

(6th October)

St Anne’s Church at 9.30am for parents and children from Y1-6.

**All Saints**

(1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God’s invitation to love.

**The commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls)**

(2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

(10th November)

The Year 6 children will lead a service for Remembrance day for all school pupils, and the parents of the Year 6 pupils.

**Our lord jesus Christ, universal King**

(26th November)

**ADVENT**

(Begins 3rd December)

Advent means ‘coming’. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing.

**ADVENT MASS**

(11th December)

St Anne’s Church at 9.30am for parents and children from R-6.

**The Immaculate Conception of the blessed virgin mary**

(8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was ‘full of grace’ from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

(13th December)

The Year 5 children will lead a service for Remembrance day for all school pupils, and the parents of the Year 6 pupils.

**Christmas Day, The nativity of the lord**

(25th December)

**The holy family of jesus, mary and joseph**

(30th December)

**Religious Education**

**Autumn Term 2023**

**Come and See at home**

**JUDAISM *(13th – 24th November)***

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

**Suggestions for home activities**

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration*.*

**baptism and confirmation - Belonging**

***(2nd October – 10th November inc half term)***

**Early Years Creation and Covenant -** God created us and our world

**Year 1 belonging -** Baptism: an invitation to belong to God’s family

**Year 2 signs and symbols -** Signs and symbols in Baptism

**Year 3 promises -** Promises made at Baptism

**Year 4 called -** Confirmation: a call to witness

**Year 5 LIFE CHOICES -** Marriage, commitment and service

**Year 6 vocation and commitment -** The vocation of priesthood and religious life

**Domestic church - family**

***(4th – 29th September)***

**Early Years Creation and Covenant -** God created us and our world

**Year 1 Families -** God’s love and care for every family

**Year 2 Beginnings -** God is present in every beginning

**Year 3 Homes -** God’s vision for every family

**Year 4 People -** The family of God in Scripture

**Year 5 Ourselves -** Created in the image and likeness of God

**Year 6 Loving -** God who never stops loving

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term the children from Year 1-6 will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

Nursery and Reception will be starting the new R.E. curriculum that covers; Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise.

**Suggestions for home activities**

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

**advent/Christmas - Loving**

***(27th  November – 21st December)***

**Early Years Prophecy and Promise-** The birth of Jesus and the Nativity story

**Year 1 waiting -** Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas

**Year 2 preparations -** Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

**Year 3 visitors -** waiting for the coming of Jesus

**Year 4 gift -** God’s gift of love and friendship in Jesus

**Year 5 hope -** Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

**Year 6 expectations -** Jesus born to show God to the world

**Suggestions for home activities**

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God’s love.

Write underneath it

**“We show God’s love to one another.”**

Include those who have died.