



St Monica's Catholic Primary School

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Loving to learn, learning to love like Jesus.

Dear Parents,

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Information about Religious Education and the Catholic Life of the School

Welcome to our first RE and Catholic Life newsletter of the year. This letter contains some information about the work your child will be doing in Religious Education in the first half term so that you can support them in this important area of learning.

First, some dates for your diary that will give you a flavour of the Catholic Life of the School this half term:

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| Sunday 24 th September 2023 | Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest – Harvest donations for St Joseph's Family Centre |
| w/b 25 th September 2023 | Little Way Week – we follow the example of St Therese of Lisieux and her 'little acts of kindness' |
| 1 st October | Feast day of St Therese of Lisieux |
| Sunday 1st October 2023 | 10am Welcome Mass for all new admission pupils and their families - St Monica's parish church |
| Month of October | Each class will be learning about the Rosary as a form of prayer. Rosary prayer sessions with older classes will be shared with families if you would like to come and join them on those dates. |
| Tuesday 3 rd October 2023 | 11am Mass to celebrate the start of the academic year at St Monica's parish |
| Monday 9 th October 2023 | Mission Day in school – theme of Harvest. Pupils are off timetable all day and spend time exploring our school mission |
| Friday 13th October 2023 | Skylark Class Assembly (Year 6) 9.10am (a change to date previously shared) |
| Friday 20th October 2023 | Swift Class Assembly (Year 5) 9.10am |

St Monica's School Mission – Loving to learn; learning to love like Jesus.

Our focus for this term's Mission Day with the pupils will be on the theme of thanksgiving for the Harvest. Among the things we will be doing, the children will consider stories Jesus told to do with sharing, thanksgiving and looking after each other and the world.

In our school foyer, our Mission display for parents remains, and you are warmly invited to come in and consider and respond to the questions that the children and staff thought about last term:

- * Do you have a hobby? * How do you share your love of that thing with others?
- * What have you learnt about recently? * How does Jesus guide you?
- * Which gospel values are keystone values for you in your life?

Overleaf you will find the target learning the children will be working on in their Religious Education lessons.

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| <p>Reception</p> <p>God's World</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know that God loves and cares for each one of us. • I can talk about the things God created for us. • I know that God has asked us to care for the world and I can think of ways in which I can help to do it. • I know that God made each one of us different and special. |
| <p>Year 1</p> <p>God's Great Plan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can recognise the story of Noah and the Ark and the story of creation as religious stories. • I can recognise that the rainbow is a religious symbol. • I can recognise some ways in which I can look after God's world. • I can talk about my feelings about God's beautiful world. |
| <p>Year 2</p> <p>Chosen People</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can retell the stories of Abraham, Moses and Daniel. • I can write a prayer using 'Dear God' and 'Amen'. • I can describe how Abraham and Daniel put their trust in God. • I can ask and answer questions about how people feel in times of difficulty. |
| <p>Year 3</p> <p>The Christian Family</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know that we all belong to a family and I can think of ways to help my family. • I can say what it means to belong to the family of the Church. • I know that we join the Church when we are baptised and I can talk about what this Sacrament does for us. • I understand what happens when a baby is baptised and the signs and symbols used. • I can say the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism. |
| <p>Year 4</p> <p>The Bible</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know that the Bible is a story of God's relationship with his people and I can give an example of how the Bible can help me. • I can describe some challenges and blessings Abraham received. • I can relate how and why God called Joseph & Moses. • I can describe ways that David's trust in God was shown. • I can say something that God tells us in the Bible. • I can make links between the feelings and beliefs of characters from the Bible and their response to God. |
| <p>Year 5</p> <p>Creation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can describe some ways in which people have asked questions about creation. • I can relate the main points of the Biblical Creation story and describe its religious significance. • I can relate the story of the Fall and talk about what it tells us about suffering in the world. • I can suggest how we can respond to God's call for us to care for creation. • I can name one of God's great helpers (eg. St Teresa of Avila, St Martin de Porres, St Vincent de Paul) and talk about what I have learnt from their stories. • I can talk about God's great gifts to us, and talk about how I can use my gifts to serve God. |
| <p>Year 6</p> <p>The Kingdom of God</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can reflect on what the Kingdom of God is like. • I can reflect on the importance of responding to the invitation to the Kingdom. • I know that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom and reflect on our response. • I can describe and show an understanding of some parables and miracles of Jesus, making links between them to show what the Kingdom of God is like. • I can reflect on words and deeds necessary to show commitment to the Kingdom. • I know that Jesus has compassion on all that suffer. • I know about people who help to spread the Kingdom of God (eg. St Therese) |