



SPRING TERM RE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Be the light to those around you!

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 13th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as ‘the light of the world’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us.

The Season of Lent

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means ‘lengthen’ and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life, by the grace of God, is being renewed once more. Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, brings to the forefront of our consciousness the importance of thankfulness for everything, including life itself which is a pure gift. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus.

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

6th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	6th March	Ash Wednesday
13th January	The Baptism of the Lord	17th March	St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland/ 2nd Sunday in Lent
17th January	St. Anthony	19th March	St. Joseph
25th January	Conversion of St. Paul	14 th April	Palm Sunday
31st January	St. John Bosco	18 th April	Maundy Thursday
2nd February	The Presentation of the Lord	19 th April	Good Friday
1st March	St. David, Patron of Wales	21 st April	Easter Sunday

Early Years GETTING TO KNOW JESUS - He has a great love for each one of us

KS1 FAMILIES AND CELEBRATIONS - What it means to be a member of a family

LKS2 BEING A CHRISTIAN – An understanding of what being a Christian involves

UKS2 GOD’S COVENANT – The Commandments

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child’s Bible.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Year GROWING - Looking forward to Easter

KS1 CHANGE - Lent: a time for change

LKS2 CALL TO CHANGE - Lent: remembering Jesus’

total giving

UKS2 RECONCILIATION - Lent: God loves and forgives

us

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.