

## **'To Know You More Clearly'** **(RED)**

### Religious Education



### Parents' Newsletter Autumn Term 2024

**'RED at Home'**  
**EYFS, Y1, 2 & 3**

We have started our transition from the existing Religious Education Curriculum Directory to the new Religious Education Directory - 'To Know You More Clearly' (RED). This is a gradual transition which this year, sees Year 3 join the journey.

Whilst many of the topics remain the same, there is a shift in focus to a more secure scriptural basis and more challenging questions to help our pupils develop as people who are 'fostering true unity and peace on earth' – *Gravissimum Educationis*

#### **Autumn 1**

**Creation & Covenant:** 'The heavens are telling the glory of God' (Ps 19:1). In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

## **Autumn 2**

**Prophecy and promise:** 'In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets' (Heb 1:1). The prophets speak of God reaching to his people, calling them back into a relationship with him. In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

## **Suggestions for home activities:**

**Autumn 1:** Make a collage using family photographs of all significant family members who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's Love to one another"

**Autumn 2:** Discuss with the children how your family welcomes known visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent like the Advent wreath. Use the CAFOD website to get a religious Advent calendar and display it in your home.

## **Special Feast Days and Celebrations**

### **ALL SAINTS**

(1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **FEAST OF ST CHARLES**

(4<sup>th</sup> November)

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

(24<sup>th</sup> November)

### **ADVENT**

(Begins 1<sup>st</sup> 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. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

### **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

(26th December)