

## **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Mission Statement Day – A chance to share the school’s mission at the start of the new school year.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** - ‘Family’ theme - End of topic assembly – **Y1 Parents** are invited to assembly at **9:30am**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** - CAFOD Harvest Assembly – 10:00am – donations of tins/packets for St Joseph’s Family Centre, Museum St, Warrington.

### **ALL SAINTS**

**(1 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 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.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** - ‘Belonging’ theme – End of topic assembly - **Y5 Parents** invited to assembly at **9:30am**

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

**(26 November)**

### **ADVENT**

**(Sunday 3<sup>rd</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. She was ‘full of grace’ from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** – **KS1 Nativity** in the school hall – morning performance on 19<sup>th</sup>, afternoon on 20<sup>th</sup>.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – **KS2 Advent Service** in Church at 7pm – all invited.

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

**(25 December)**

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

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### COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

At the start of this new school year, we welcome our new Reception Class children. We hope they will all soon settle in and feel part of our Sacred Heart School Family.

This term we 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.

#### **DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY**

*(Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Oct 6<sup>th</sup>)*

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>MYSELF</b> - God knows and loves each one
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>FAMILIES</b> - God's love and care for every family
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>BEGINNINGS</b> - God is present in every beginning
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>HOMES</b> - God's vision for every family
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>PEOPLE</b> - The family of God in Scripture
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>OURSELVES</b> - Created in the image and likeness of God
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>LOVING</b> - God who never stops loving

#### **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.

#### **JUDAISM (October 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>)**

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

#### **BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING**

*(16<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> November)*

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>BELONGING</b> - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>SIGNS AND SYMBOLS</b> - Signs and symbols in Baptism
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>PROMISES</b> - Promises made at Baptism
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>CALLED</b> - Confirmation: a call to witness
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>LIFE CHOICES</b> - Marriage, commitment and service
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b> - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

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

#### **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING**

*(November 20<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

<b>Early Years</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY</b> - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>WAITING</b> - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>PREPARATIONS</b> - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>VISITORS</b> - waiting for the coming of Jesus
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>GIFT</b> - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>HOPE</b> - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b> - Jesus born to show God to the world

#### **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.