

RE Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

As we approach the end of the first term of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on your child's RE learning.

At St Patrick's we were delighted in September to appoint Class Chaplains for each class. They have embraced their responsibilities in helping to prepare the classroom RE focus areas and lead reflections during their class prayer and liturgy time. In addition, Year 6 Chaplains were appointed to support staff and help lead whole school assemblies. It is lovely to see these young people living out our school mission statement.

We fully understand the importance of ensuring that pupils respect the faith and beliefs of others. As such, before October Half Term children had the opportunity to learn about different aspects of the Jewish faith and received teaching from a Rabbi via video link. Both staff and children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and now have a greater understanding and appreciation of a different faith.

In Reception, children have been learning about the creation story, Pope Francis' letter asking us to help heal the world, that angels are God's special messengers, Advent and the Nativity story. In years 1 to 6, children will have studied three topics in their RE lessons, the final one being the importance of the preparations of Advent leading up to the celebration of Christmas. We look forward to share with you the children's own interpretations of the Christmas Story: Foundation 8th December, Years 1 and 2 - 12th December and Years 3 and 4 - 18th December. Please check the newsletter and website for confirmation of times.

Each Thursday morning a year group attends Mass in the church. It is lovely to see you there sharing this with us. Details can be found on the school newsletter.

The children of St Patrick's take their social responsibilities very seriously. Along with our annual fundraising for Macmillan when we participate in The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, the school councillors have voted to make Woodland Trust our charity of the year. By choosing this charity the children have shown that they are very aware of their responsibilities as stewards of our world as stated in Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'*.

As always, we appreciate the support that you give your children, particularly with their homework tasks and their spiritual development. We look forward to seeing their responses to Pope Francis' message -*Laudato Si'*.

Regards

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