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“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind” (Isaiah 65:17)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new school year and to our Autumn RE newsletter!

The Autumn term can be a difficult one as children settle in to their new classes and become used to new teachers. Therefore, it is so important to teach our children that new beginnings are exciting, not scary. Change is good, not worrying.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you in touch with all aspects of RE learning across our school. It will enable you to discuss your child's learning in RE with them to consolidate their learning and support them in their RE learning journey. It also includes important dates in the Liturgical Calendar for the Autumn term.

Loving God, we come to you at this new beginning of the school year.

We have been many places during the summer and our journey has brought us back to this place and to this time together.

We know that this is not by accident, but by your intimate design for each of us.

As we turn towards you at the beginning of this year as a school community, we begin by saying thank you—thank you for this call to service in this (Sacred Heart) community.

Thank you for where we are on our journey and for the journey ahead.

Thank you for where we are on the path of our life.

Be with us as we begin the year.

Steady our hearts and our minds to be open to what is being constantly revealed through your loving presence.

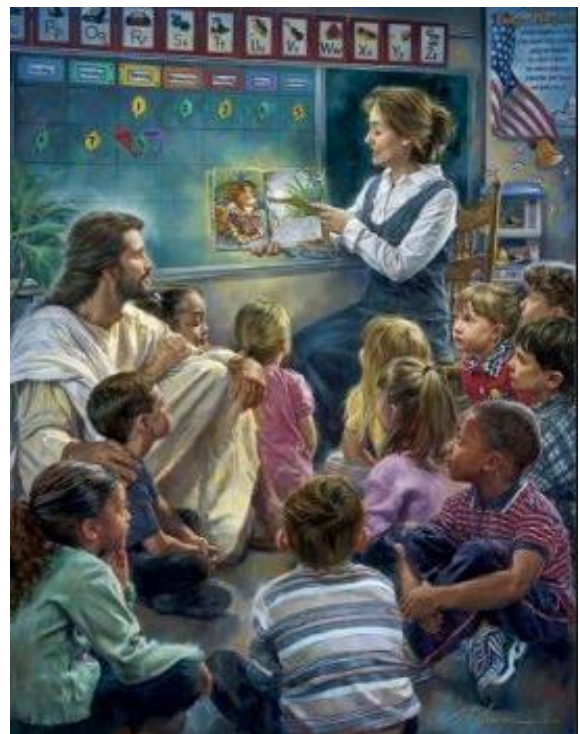
Give us joy-filled hearts--

a warm and friendly attitude that is open to the movement of your spirit and to others.

Help us to be open and ready to respond to what is needed

by our students, our parents, our alums, our adult community, and the wider communities of the city and Sacred Heart family.

In you, we place our trust as we ask these thing through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



TOPICS FOR AUTUMN TERM

The same topics are studied by every year group with a different emphasis and a deeper level of understanding expected as the children move up through the school.

Year	Religious Education Curriculum – Autumn Term 2018		
	CREATION	PRAYERS SAINTS FEASTS	ADVENT
R	<p>Introduces God as creator of all and our response to the world He created.</p> <p>Explores ways of talking to God through prayer.</p> <p>Explains and introduces the Sign of the Cross</p>	<p>Explores how the family helps us get to know God through prayer.</p> <p>Explores the role of Mary in the life of Jesus.</p> <p>Introduces the Muslim faith and the importance of prayer in Islam</p>	<p>Introduces Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus.</p>
1	<p>Introduces the account of creation in the Bible.</p> <p>We learn how to praise God for His many gifts and that psalms are prayers of praise.</p> <p>The Jewish religion is introduced and that Jews give thanks and praise to God.</p>	<p>Explores the purpose of prayer.</p> <p>Introduces the liturgical calendar.</p> <p>Examines how saints help us to get to know God.</p> <p>Explores the faith of Islam and how Muslims pray five times a day.</p>	<p>Looks at getting ready for the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and helps to identify their response to God.</p>
2	<p>Looks at God as creator and how He works through His people to protect His creation.</p> <p>Explores why the Old Testament is proclaimed as the Word of God.</p> <p>Looks at the Jewish festival of the harvest (Sukkot).</p>	<p>Extends the knowledge of the life of Mary and Jesus through prayer (the Rosary) and Scripture.</p> <p>Explores the lives of some saints who responded to the call of Jesus.</p> <p>Looks at Islam and the feast of Ramadan.</p>	<p>Looks at the symbolism to help us get ready to meet Jesus.</p>
3	<p>Examines how we are called to be part of God's creation through baptism.</p> <p>Explores how Jesus calls us and called his disciples.</p> <p>Looks at initiation rites of the Hindu and other religions.</p>	<p>Peace and forgiveness, expressed both by Jesus and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are explored.</p> <p>Examines the life of St Francis of Assisi and his prayer for peace.</p> <p>Islamic belief of Muhammed as the Last Prophet.</p>	<p>Explores Advent as a time when we prepare for Christmas and recognise Jesus in the world.</p> <p>It looks at the story of the Annunciation.</p>
4	<p>Explores being made in the image and likeness of God, as seen through the story of Genesis and how we are called to respect all similarities and</p>	<p>Explores the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith and how he taught his followers to pray.</p>	<p>The First Coming of Jesus is placed in historical context though the lives of his ancestors (House of David).</p>



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	<p>differences.</p> <p>Looks at how we are called to eradicate injustice, e.g. through the work of CAFOD.</p> <p>Examines issues of reverence and respect in the Jewish faith and the Torah.</p>	<p>Reflects on the importance of prayers to Mary in the life of the Church and researches the history of the Rosary.</p> <p>Looks at the importance of prayer in Islam.</p>	<p>Explores the nature of the Messiah.</p>
5	<p>Explores how we become creators, which involves the two creation stories in Genesis.</p> <p>What it means to be the People of God, as expressed by St Paul and as expressed in the Beatitudes.</p> <p>Looks at importance of peace through the five pillars of Islam.</p>	<p>The work of Jesus is continued through us as illustrated in the prayer of St Teresa of Avila.</p> <p>Examines the concept of pilgrimage as a journey of prayer.</p> <p>Looks at the importance of the pilgrimage to Mecca for Muslims.</p>	<p>Connects the coming of Jesus with the promise revealed in the Old Testament and looks at the titles that were given to the expected Messiah in the Old Testament.</p>
6	<p>Explores the call to be the 'People of God' and the need to be part of God's creation by overcoming disharmony, by upholding God's law.</p> <p>Explores the ten commandments.</p> <p>Explores the importance of 'shalom' and the Sabbath in the Jewish faith.</p>	<p>Explores the concept of heaven and the Church's belief in Mary and the feasts celebrated in her honour.</p> <p>Looks at what heaven is like.</p> <p>Looks at lives of the saints and the practice of praying for the dead.</p> <p>Looks at prophets in the Islamic religion.</p>	<p>Examines the two parts of the season of Advent through parables, prayers and hymns of the Church.</p>

***'But the most beautiful thing that God made, the Bible says, was the family. He created man and woman, and He gave them everything. He gave them the world! Grow, multiply, cultivate the earth, make it produce, make it grow. He presented to a family all of the love that He made in this marvellous creation... All of the love that God has in Himself, all of the beauty that God has in Himself, all of the truth that God has in Himself, He gives to the family. And a family is truly a family when it is able to open its arms and receive all of this love.'* Pope Francis**



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Saints Days and Special Feast Days

8 th September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
14 th September	Holy Cross Day
15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul Memorial
2 nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels memorial
4 th September	St Francis of Assisi memorial
1 st November	All Saints Day***
2 nd November	Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls)
21 st November	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
2 nd December	1 st Sunday of Advent
8 th December	The Immaculate Conception***
25 th December	Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)***
30 th December	The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*** = Holy Day of Obligation



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