

DATES TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE

The month of May is dedicated to Our
Lady

**Ascension Day
May 16th**

*After His Resurrection Jesus appeared
to his disciples over a period of 40 days.
Ascension Day is when we celebrate
Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.*

**Pentecost Sunday
May 23rd**

*This is the day we celebrate
the coming of the Holy Spirit.*



**The Body and Blood of Christ
June 6th**

*On this feast we give thanks to God for
the gift of Jesus in the form of bread
and wine.*

**Ss Peter & Paul
June 29th**

Religious Education

**Summer Term
2010**



Parents' Letter

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. This term we will also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The focus of our term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be exploring the topics *Messengers & Witnesses, Islam, Change and Treasures*.



MESSENGER & WITNESSES

(April 12th - May 7th)

In this topic we focus on the importance of giving and receiving messages. Like the apostles, Christians have a responsibility to receive and to pass on the message of Easter. The children are invited to look at ways Christians pass on the good news of Easter to others today.

Suggestions for home activities

- As a family, send a happy message either by post or email to someone the family knows. Focus on some happy event or the good things that are happening in your lives. Encourage the children to contribute their ideas to the message.
- Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost

ISLAM

(May 10th-21st)

During these 2 weeks, the children will learn about how Muslims live and worship.

Suggestions for home activities

- Talk together about what you know about Muslims.



CHANGE

(May 24th - June 25th)

In this topic we focus on the way a person's relationship with God and with others can be affected by choices we make. Whatever choices we make have consequences, and these consequences affect the lives of others. God, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offers an opportunity to change selfish behaviour. God's unchanging love and forgiveness helps the person who wants to change.

Suggestions for home activities

- Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.
- With the children talk about the importance of saying sorry.

TREASURES

(June 28th - July 23rd)

The final topic in the Summer term looks at **Neighbours**. The children learn about their neighbours near and far and explore how they can love and support each other.

Suggestions for home activities

- Talk about how well you know your neighbours and how you support each other.
- As a family, think of ways you can support neighbours around the world.
- Write a prayer together for neighbours around the world.



We hope you find this leaflet helpful.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,