

# Year 3 Newsletter Autumn Term - 2018

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable summer and are rested ahead of a new school year.

---

## R.E.

This term in R.E. we will be studying three different topics surrounding the Catholic Church: Homes, Baptism and Confirmation, and Advent.

### **Homes**

In this topic we explore how God is present in every home. This is expressed in the love that binds the family together within the home through good times and bad times.

For Christians the pattern and ideal of family and a happy home life is found in the Scriptures. God is the loving parent of the human family and Jesus was born and lived in a human family. While offering ideals for family life, it is important to acknowledge and respect the real experience of some children which is not ideal.

### **Baptism and Confirmation**

The promises made at Baptism and Confirmation are the call to a new way of life. At Baptism and Confirmation people are welcomed and initiated into the Christian Church and supported in responding to God's call. Christians believe that everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism. The Bible recounts God's invitations to people to share in his life and work: among them Moses, Samuel, the prophets, Mary and the apostles. "Through Baptism, men and women are incorporated into Christ. They are formed into God's people and they obtain the forgiveness of all their sins. They become a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. Hence they are called and are indeed children of God. Signed with the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, Christians more perfectly become the image of their Lord and are filled with the Holy Spirit. They bear witness to him before all the world and eagerly work for the building up of the body of Christ."

### **Advent**

For Christians, this topic emphasises the coming of God, in the person of Jesus, 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. He was not a passing visitor, but One who comes to dwell among us, the Word made flesh. Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus. Christians at Christmas celebrate the gift of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God and life is given meaning through the gift of Jesus.

---

## TOPICS

Our question for our first half-term is, 'Where did all the lost happy endings go?' which is inspired by Carol Ann Duffy's novel *The Lost Happy Endings*. We will be using the texts to reinforce our geography and science topics: Grouping Materials and Locations and Map Skills. In addition, we will explore the techniques used by Duffy to create atmosphere and tension in her narrative.

Following our half-term term break our question will be 'What's the racket?'. With a focus on the book 'The Pied Piper' we will be exploring traditional tales in literacy and then link this to our science topic of Sound.

We will also have a heavy focus on Music during this term and we prepare for our nativity performance.

---

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Individual and Family Photos
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	St. Teresa's Feast Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Parent's Evening (3:30-6:00pm)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	3JS's trip to Brackenhurst
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3HJ's trip to Brackenhurst
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Choral Speaking
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	French Friday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Day of Peace
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Anti-Bullying/E-safety Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Children in Need
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Advent Mass
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	ONE LIFE Retreat
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Year 3 and 2's trip to Nottingham Play House Pantomime.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Y3 Christmas performance

## HOMEWORK

Homework will go home every week ranging from practice maths questions, mental maths, reading, punctuation, spelling and research. We ask that you **check your child's work and initial** it before it comes back to school. It is also expected that children in Year Three should read aloud every night for 15-20 minutes and will be asking you to record their reading in the diaries on a daily basis. Daily reading is proven to have a huge impact on a child's academic progress so we do hope you support us in fostering a love of books for your child.

---

## P.E. Swimming and Uniform

Swimming will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate swimwear. Boys in trunks and girls a one-piece swim suit, it is compulsory for girls to wear a swimming hat during the lessons. Goggles **are not permitted during lessons** unless a letter of permission has been sent.

PE might also take place at other times in the week, therefore it is expected that Year Three children will have their P.E. kit in school every day.

---

## YEAR 3 TEAM

We look forward to meeting you at all our upcoming events. However, should you wish to speak to any of us, at any time, you are always welcome to make an appointment to see us after school.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Jackson, Miss Smith, Mrs Watts and Miss Gregg.