

# St Anne's Catholic Primary School

## Catholic Life Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 18th November

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

The Catholic Life of our school, encompasses many different aspects and not just the learning children complete in R.E lessons through the Come and See programme. As a Catholic primary school, all that we do helps to build our community and makes it a loving and supportive place to be.

### Come and See

During this term, children have begun to explore the themes of family, welcoming and preparing. Children across the school have been learning about the teachings of God and the Church and how we live out these key messages as Christians. Children have also been learning about the different global communities who follow the religions of Judaism and Islam.

### Journey in love

At the start of the Autumn Term, children began looking at our "Journey in love" and how we develop and maintain friendships and explore different emotions we may experience. We will continue our work in this throughout the year, with another focus week in the summer term. There will be more information about a parent's meeting for children in Year 5 and 6 sent home in the Spring Term.

### Collective Worship

I have been lucky enough to visit many of our classes to take part in Collective Worship. Our children have explored different themes each week, including our SCORE values, to help them gain a better understanding of God's word and how we can live out his messages.

### Faith in Action

Following the success of the award we started last year, a large group of Year 6 pupils have signed up to take part in the award this year, working towards their 'Pin award'. The scheme looks to give children the opportunity to develop their involvement in living out their faith. There will be meetings held at lunchtime over the rest of the year where pupils will reflect on their own faith and how they can live it out, for example, they will be involved in planning different acts of charity.



Self-Esteem

Maximillian Kolbe

Commitment

Mother Teresa

Organisation

Oscar Romero

Resilience

Elizabeth Prout

Excellence

Basil Hume

Learn to Love, Love to Learn

## Other news...

### Christmas card appeal

As part of our work as a Catholic community, we are encouraged to support different charities to benefit others. As in previous years, **we will be asking children not to send one another Christmas cards and instead make a donation to charity.** In return for the donation, the children will be able to hang a star on the school Christmas tree with a message or prayer.

We will be donating the money to the Rainbows charity that we currently work with in school to provide Pastoral support to pupils who may have suffered bereavement or gone through a life changing experience. They are in need of vital funds to continue working with children in the local area and across the UK.

### Synod 2020

Before the summer holidays, children in Key Stage 2 became involved in the Liverpool Archdiocese Synod, to help us become the Church we are called to be. After initial consultation, four themes have been chosen (see the image to the right) to help all members of the Catholic Community of Liverpool Archdiocese to have their say on the future of the Church. In the coming weeks and months, children will be involved in discussing the themes and submitting their ideas to the Synod team for consideration.

### Sacramental preparation

Pupils in Year 4 have begun the Sacramental preparation towards the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask that you keep those children in your prayers as they prepare for this special moment in their faith journey.

**Advent** - to help you prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, we will be sending home a copy of the Missio's Children's Charity Advent Calendar to help us keep sight of the real reason for the season.

### Dementia friendly Carol service

The Archdiocese have arranged a Dementia friendly Carol service to be held for sufferers and their families at the Cathedral in Liverpool on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sophie Volynchok - RE, Collective Worship and RSE Lead

