RE Newsletter 2

Autumn 2

Cheadle Catholic Infant School

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We love because He first loved us • 1 John 4:19

Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

1st	November	All Saints'	30th	Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2nd	November	All Souls	3rd	Dec	First Sunday of Advent
3rd	November	St. Winefride	6th	Dec	St. Nicholas
11th	November	St. Martin of Tours	8th	Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
21st	November	Presentation of the Blessed	10th	Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Virgin Mary			17th	Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
22nd	November	St Cecilia	24th	Dec	Christmas Eve
26th	November	Christ the King	25th	Dec	Nativity of the Lord Jesus

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God*; *Migrants and Refugees*; *Expectant Mothers*.

Prophecy & Promise:

Nursery & Reception

This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about God's Family. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too.

They will learn that God made us to know and love him, as well as to show our love for him by helping one another. They will find out that God has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others.

As Christmas approaches, they will learn that God's greatest gift to us was to send his only son Jesus and learn how to respond to that gift.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.
- talk about your family and draw pictures of Jesus being part of your family
- take them to see baby Jesus at church during the Christmas season.

Year 1

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to:

Recognise that, for Christians, the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son.
Be introduced to the Bible as a special book and encounter the stories and accounts of how people came to know God and the Good News of Jesus in the gospels.
Sequence the accounts from the Annunciation through to the visit of the shepherds.
Know that in the Annunciation God called Mary and she said 'Yes' to his call and why this makes Mary important for Christians.
Match the first words of the Hail Mary with the words of the Angel Gabriel.
Recognise that angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God.

At home
You could help your children by:
• reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
• discussing the importance of mothers

Year 2

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to:

Retell, with increasing detail, one of the religious accounts from the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist and of the Annunciation and the birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke.
Know that a prophet or prophetess communicates God's message, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that Isaiah and John the Baptist are prophets.
Identify Zechariah's special message about John's future (Lk 1:76).
Recognise that the Church teaches that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus long before he was born.
Recognise that the Church teaches that Mary is the mother of God who prays for them and with them.
Describe some ways that Christians prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas during the season of Advent for example, correctly using religious words and phrases to recognise the meaning given to the Advent wreath and how these might help Christians prepare for Christmas. (RVE)

At home
You could help your children by:
• reminding them, as they make the sign of the cross, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
• reading the Christmas story and encourage them to ask questions