



## 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.

## Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 8<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



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.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

**Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

## *Nursery & Reception - Galilee to Jerusalem*

During this unit, pupils will hear that:

- The Wise Men visited Jesus.
- Jesus welcomes little children (Mk 10v 16)
- Jesus blesses little children.
- Jesus was born for everyone.

Pupils will believe that:

- The Magi visited Jesus with gifts.
- Jesus is God's Son and came for everyone. Jesus' birth is celebrated at Christmas.
- Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone.
- Jesus takes care of everyone.

Pupils will celebrate:

- That the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a response to the coming of Jesus.

## *Year 1 - Galilee to Jerusalem*

- Identify some of the people that encounter Jesus and recognise that he is special.
- Retell, in any form, one of the stories they have heard, recognising these are religious accounts from the Gospel of Luke.
- Make simple connections between Jesus' announcement of his mission (Lk 4:16-19) and how Christians are called to tell people about God's love today.
- Ask and answer questions about the story of Zacchaeus and how he changed after meeting Jesus.

## *Year 2 - Galilee to Jerusalem*

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

- Retell, in any form, the story of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus.
- Begin to recognise 'parables' as a literary form in Scripture with reference to the parable of the lost sheep (Lk 15:4-7) and how Jesus uses them to teach people about God.
- Recognise that everyone is tempted to make bad choices (sin), but that God loves and forgives all people.
- Correctly use religious words and phrases to recognise how Catholics say sorry to God in prayer and talk about why saying sorry to God and to others is important.