



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.

The Season of Lent

Dear parents/ carers,

20th Feb – 31st March 2023

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter.

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, they mean it is their greatest hope. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

Special intentions for our prayers from the Church's prayer cycle for Lent:

Candidates for the sacraments; the needy and the hungry of the world; Women; Penitents and Wanderers

Dates from the Church's calendar:

21 st February	Shrove Tuesday	20 th March	St Joseph, Husband of Mary
2 nd February	Ash Wednesday	25 th March	The Annunciation
26 th February	First Sunday of Lent	26 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
1 st March	St David , Patron of Wales		Holy Week
5 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	2 nd April	Palm Sunday
12 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	6 th April	Holy Thursday
17 th March	St Patrick , Patron of Ireland	7 th April	Good Friday
19 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	9 th April	Easter Sunday

Nursery - Good Friends

This half term, children in Nursery will learn that Jesus chose friends to help him bring the Good News to people. They will learn that Jesus was very loving and forgiving and that he will help us to forgive and say sorry. Children in Nursery will learn that Good Friday was a sad day but that Easter Sunday was a very happy day.

Reception—Joy and Sorrow

There is no limit to God's grace, nor to God's mercy when we fail
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This half term, children in Reception will be learning about joy and sorrow. They will begin to understand that we are capable of hurting others and that we should always try to be kind to each other. They will learn that we can say sorry when we hurt someone but we need to ask Jesus to help us to do this. They will also begin to learn that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and know that we can forgive other people when they hurt us.

At home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about what makes them happy
- talking to them about how they can be kind to other people
- reminding them to say please and thank you and to say sorry when it is appropriate

Year 1—Following Jesus

"From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to them and gave them a share in his mission, joy and sufferings."
Catechism of the Catholic Church

Year 1 will hear how Jesus chose some of the first disciples (Luke 3. 5: 1- 11) and reflect on how we choose our friends. They will hear how Martha and Mary were friends of Jesus and think about how we can be his friends. They will listen to the story of Jesus and his followers going into Jerusalem and think of how we can praise Jesus. They will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and know that God raised Jesus

At Home

You could help your children by:

- Encouraging them to invite a friend to play

Year 2 –The Mass

"In the Eucharist we receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that becomes in reality Christ's Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it."

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Year 2 will learn and reflect on the importance of the celebration of the Mass. They will learn about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them, and learn that at the Offertory we offer gifts to God. They will also appreciate that at the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- reading some Bible stories with them
- encouraging them to attend 'Children's liturgy' during Sunday Mass



Please continue to keep our Cheadle Catholic family in your prayers,

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