



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,

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!

Desert to Garden:

Nursery & Reception –

| By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to understand that: |
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| Lent is a time to care for others. |
| Jesus died on a cross. |
| It is a sad time. |
| Jesus was given new life by God his Father. |
| Jesus rose and everyone celebrates. |
| Love God and love everyone. |

Year 1:

| By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to: |
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| Make simple connections between Jesus' time in the desert (Lk 4:1-13) and Christians praying and fasting for forty days in Lent. |
| Recognise that Jesus shows the importance of giving to others, making simple connections with the story of the widow's mite (Lk 21:1-6) and the season of Lent. |
| Correctly sequence the events of the last week of Jesus' life. |
| Recognise that angels bring God's message and are a sign the Jesus is the Son of God, truly alive. |
| Recognise that the Church teaches that Jesus suffered, died, and rose again. |
| Recognise simple connections between the use of ashes and the Christian belief that Lent is an opportunity for a new start. |

Year 2:

| By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to: |
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| Recognise what Jesus said on the cross about forgiveness and make simple connections with the belief that God always forgives us. |
| Recognise that Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness. |
| Correctly use religious words and phrases when describing in an age-appropriate way the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making simple connections between the sacrament and a belief in God's forgiveness. |
| Correctly use religious words and phrases to talk about the symbols of light and water in the Easter Vigil Mass. |

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

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