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SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents,

As we return to school the Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 9th June), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this half-term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

21st April **Easter Sunday**

30th April **St. George**, Patron of England

1st May St. Joseph the Worker

3rd May Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

4th May English Martyrs

13th May Our Lady of Fatima

14th May St. Matthias, Apostle

25th May St. Bede, Doctor of the Church

Nursery and Reception— New Life

"Jesus' life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith"

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about new life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.

At home you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- looking for signs of new life
- practise the Sign of the Cross, 'Our Father' & 'Hail Mary'
- encouraging them to write their own prayers



Year 1—The Resurrection

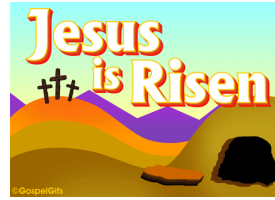
"Jesus' Resurrection ... is the source of our future resurrection: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Year 1 will learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room and will think about the times when they have

experienced great joy and surprise. They will learn that Jesus helped his disciples to understand that he was risen from the dead and was with them (John 21: 9-14) and this made them very happy. They will learn that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it. They will also become aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don't understand what is happening.

At home



You could help your children by:

- reading stories from the Bible about Easter and Pentecost
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Year 2 – Eastertide

“It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God’s people to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ.”

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Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
 - having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass
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