**IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

(8 September)

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

(7 October)

**All Saints**

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God’s invitation to love.

**The commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls)**

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

**Feast of christ the king**

(20 November)

**ADVENT**

(Begins 27 November)

Advent means ‘coming’. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

**The Immaculate Conception of the blessed virgin mary**

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was ‘full of grace’ from the very beginning and

co-operated with God throughout her life.

**Christmas Day, The nativity of the lord**

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

**Religious Education**

**Advent Term 2022**

**Come and See at home**

**Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),**

**This term we will be studying three themes: Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism and another week learning about our Mission here at CTK.**

**Your child’s class teacher will send home a Knowledge Organiser one week before the main three topics. This will include all the key information from the lessons; please revise and test your children on their religious knowledge.**

**MISSION WEEK** *(14th – 18thNovember):* Pupils will explore different aspects of our school mission statement and what it means to ‘Believe and Achieve’. Pupils will also study their year group’s Gospel Value and learn about how to live it out.

**JUDAISM** *(7th – 11th Nov):* Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week; this includes the Passover, Shabbat, the Menorah and much more. Ask them what they have been learning about.

**Suggestions for home activities**

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration*.*

Share your child’s Baptismal certificate with them and discuss why you chose for them to become a Christian.

**baptism and confirmation - Belonging**

***(3rd Oct – 4th Nov)***

**Early Years WELCOME -** Baptism: a welcome to God’s family

**Year 1 belonging -** Baptism: an invitation to belong to God’s family

**Year 2 signs and symbols -** Signs and symbols in Baptism

**Year 3 promises -** Promises made at Baptism

**Year 4 called -** Confirmation: a call to witness

**Year 5 LIFE CHOICES -** Marriage, commitment and service

**Year 6 vocation and commitment -** The vocation of priesthood and religious life

**Suggestions for home activities**

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Try to make your own for your home during this time.

Use the *CAFOD* or *Missio* websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

**advent/Christmas - Loving**

***(21st November – 16th December)***

**Early Years birthday -** Looking forward to Jesus’ birthday

**Year 1 waiting -** Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas

**Year 2 preparations -** Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

**Year 3 visitors -** waiting for the coming of Jesus

**Year 4 gift -** God’s gift of love and friendship in Jesus

**Year 5 hope -** Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

**Year 6 expectations -** Jesus born to show God to the world

**Suggestions for home activities**

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God’s love.

Write underneath it

**“We show God’s love to one another.”**

Talk about ways in which we show God’s love to one another in our family, our school, our community.

**Domestic church - family**

***(5th Sept – 30th Sept)***

**Early Years MYSELF -** God knows and loves each one

**Year 1 Families -** God’s love and care for every family

**Year 2 Beginnings -** God is present in every beginning

**Year 3 Homes -** God’s vision for every family

**Year 4 People -** The family of God in Scripture

**Year 5 Ourselves -** Created in the image and likeness of God

**Year 6 Loving -** God who never stops loving