**IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**All Saints**

(celebrated 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.

**Our lord jesus Christ, King of the universe**

(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.

**The holy Family of jesus, mary and joseph**

(30 December)

**Suggestions for home activities**

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

**Universal church—world**

***(26th September – 11th November)***

**Early Years OUR WORLD - God’s wonderful world**

**Year 1 NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God’s world**

**Year 2 TREASURES - God’s treasure; the world**

**Year 3 SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian**

**community**

**Year 4 GOD’S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is**

**like**

**Year 5 STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation**

**Year 6 COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family**

**JUDAISM *(14th – 18th November)***

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

**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.

Use the CAFOD or Mission 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.”**

Include those who have died.

**Domestic church - family**

***(26th August– 23rd September)***

**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

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

**This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Universal Church (World) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.**

**Religious Education**

**Autumn Term 2022**

**Come and See at home**