

Our Lady of the Assumption Lenten Journey 2024

Dear families of Our Lady's

This year Lent started during half term so we are working to catch up children with the gifts of the season. It is a 40 day journey to help us to reflect on our lives and who we are and who we want to be. In school we use our values to focus children both as learners and as people learning to live alongside each other and to be the best we can be for ourselves and others.

Complex values such as forgiveness and compassion take us a life time to get right. In our school we work to teach the children that everyone is unique and special and that everyone has the right to be safe and cared for. These are the foundations of our promise from God; we are not protected from the ups and downs of life, the joy and pain of earthly living but we are taught that God is always with us. At school we work to help children to see us and each other as their team.

We also teach that if someone makes a wrong choice it does not give us the right to make one back again. We do not teach that we have to allow others to make the wrong choice and put up with it; we are growing assertive skills in all children to be able to solve problems and seek help in solving problems.

In the world some people feel that if we are hurt we hurt back but you will appreciate day after day on the news we hear of the terrible consequences of this approach to life. Having a restorative and forgiving heart is a true strength. Being able to understand how to manage the wrong choices of others and stay assertive and strong and make the right choice is a gift worth working towards. It is a priority for us to help all children manage their emotions and actions in ways that will allow them to flourish and stay at peace.



Our Prayer Journey

We use prayer in school as a daily focus for building skills, attitudes, joy and hope.

We are very blessed to have the continued and increasing support of Father Frank, who has been taking the children on a prayerful journey this year to build on our class and school work. He will be leading further ways of praying reflections during Lent.

The reflections will take place in church and will start at **2:40pm**. The children will be dismissed from church on this day, so they will need to take all of their coats, bags etc with them.

Parents are invited to attend and then they can collect their child at the end of the liturgy. If you are unable to attend your child will return to school with their class teacher as normal.

Tuesday 19th March - Year 6
Wednesday 20th March - Year 5
Thursday 21st March - Year 3
Tuesday 26th March - Reception and Year 1 (together)
Wednesday 27th March - Year 2
Thursday 28th March - Year 4

Wishing a blessed Lenten Season. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

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