



# RE Newsletter

What a busy year we have had! Our children have been working very hard completing lots of wonderful work in RE. We are very proud of the children's achievements and effort that they have put into all areas of RE. Here is some examples of their outstanding work:



**Our New School Houses:** This year we launched our new school houses. These houses are named after more modern day saints. The houses are called: St Francis of Assisi, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Vincent De Paul, St Oscar Romero, St John Bosco, St Maximilian Kolbe and St Josephine Bakhita. These saints are closely linked to our Star of the Sea Values. When the children are seen to be showing the values they receive house points and house with the most points is announced on a Monday morning during our whole school celebration of the word. At the end of the Summer term we came together in our houses, wearing our house colours to celebrate our achievements.



**Bishop Stephen's Visit** We had the pleasure to welcome Bishop Stephen to our school. As a whole school we came together to share a celebration of the word and then he visited all our classrooms where we got to ask him lots of questions. We found out that before he was a priest he was a lawyer and as a child he used to be a sprinter for the county. We were fascinated to find out what being a Bishop involves.



**Year 6 Visit to the Primary Festival at the YMT.** Y6 travelled to the Youth Village in Consett for the Primary Festival along with many other schools. When we arrived, we were given coloured wristbands and put into groups for the morning activities. We sang songs like 'Praise' and 'Let Your Kingdom Come' and lots more. We made pom poms to take and wave while we were singing. We had lunch outside in the sunshine and played games. We also visited the tuck shop. In the afternoon, we watched a film. It was a true story of Phiona the chess player. We had a liturgy to end the day before going home. It was a brilliant day! *By Isla and Lacey Y6*



**The Stations of the Cross** - During Lent, we have a tradition where we reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Each class is given at least one station to reflect on and then share it with the rest of the school during whole school liturgies. Each class produced a pictorial representation of the station and then the children described what was happening in the picture through drama and by reading scripture, followed with a short reflection and prayer to finish. During the last Stations of the Cross Liturgy, we had the pleasure of Monsignor Faley joining us. He gave everyone in the school a palm cross, which he then blessed.



**Our Sponsored Big Dribble for Aunt Mary's in Zambia** - Our school has been linked with a primary school in Zambia called Aunt Mary's. We held a sponsored big dribble to raise money so we could buy football equipment as every child has the right to play. We also donated our old football kits. Year 4 and the Rights Respecting Schools ambassadors had a video call with Aunt Mary's school to watch our friend Crispin present them with the kit that we had collected and the footballs we bought with money we raised. We were very happy for Aunt Mary's to receive our football kits and boots. We hope they enjoy playing football with the kit we have sent over.



**Year 4's YMT Residential** - Year 4 enjoyed a two night residential at the Youth Village. The theme was Lost and Found and they focused on the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. They played lots of games, sang songs, enjoyed a walk in the countryside and reflected on times they might have felt lost.



**Year Group Masses at Immaculate Heart.** - In the summer term, children from Year 1 up to Year 6 celebrated mass in our parish church, Immaculate Heart. The children celebrated mass with the parish, wrote and read the bidding prayers, produced beautiful artwork and sang a hymn. We enjoy going to mass at Immaculate Heart as we feel part of our local community.

