

## Advent is coming...are you ready?

Advent is a time when we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We think of all the good things we have done and all the sins we have done. We also think of the things we could do better next year to make it even better so everyone is happy. Through the year sometimes we hurt people with our words or actions so we take this opportunity to say sorry and if someone says sorry we must forgive. We must learn that everyone makes mistakes so we just need to be happy and enjoy life. We also must know that mistakes can be fixed just like a rip in a cloth. Look in our special Advent edition of The Flame, coming next month, for more interesting facts about Advent.



## **Supporting our local community—Chertsey Foodbank appeal**

As a catholic school, it is Holy Family's duty to help the unfortunate and in the month of November, that is what we have been doing. We have been supporting a local food bank in Chertsey, supplying them with gifts for their Christmas hampers. Each class has been giving different foods that can be saved and kept for when they are needed. I think that it is so nice that the people with enough money to supply themselves with what they need can help to supply others with it too. By helping others, we are sharing the light and love of Jesus and hopefully this will bring a smile to many faces on Christmas Day. We have been collecting: pasta sauce, fruit juice, tinned meats, tinned fish, biscuits, chocolates, Xmas puddings and Xmas cake. The Chertsey Foodbank supports many families in Addlestone so we are helping those in our local community.

## **Saint of the month - St Andrew (November 30th)**

St Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. He was a fisherman in Galilee and Jesus chose him as one of the first 4 of his disciples. He is said to have travelled to Greece to preach Christianity, where he was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross. This is represented by the diagonal cross, or 'saltire', on Scotland's flag. Andrew's connection with Scotland relates to the legend that some of his remains were kept at the site that is now the town of St Andrews. A chapel was built to house the remains and became a place of pilgrimage.

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# THE FLAME



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## **November—month of Remembrance**

November begins with All Saints Day.



Every year Remembrance Day is celebrated in our school and around the world. Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth of Nations member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Everyone raises money for the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and products related to them. The reason we sell poppies is because when the war was happening, bombs were hitting the ground—overturning the soil and therefore making the poppy seeds grow. There were poppies turning the whole field red, these flowers are the reasons why the Royal British Legion raises so much money to support ex-servicemen/women and veterans. The poppy— which is worn by millions— symbolises remembrance as well as hope, the creators of the poppies wanted to make sure that the poppy would never be thought of as something relating to death or supporting war. They also never wanted the colour of the poppy (red) to be associated with blood. We thank those who fought and gave their lives for our freedom. Thank you for the peace and tranquillity you brought to this country and many other country's all across the world.

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## **Pope Francis Watch...what has our beloved Pope been up to lately?**



Pope Francis addressed the faithful during The Angelus in St Peter's Square on Remembrance Day (Sunday 11th November). The Pope said we should all invest in peace, not war. The pope noted that the feast day of Saint Martin of Tours falls on Armistice Day, calling the soldier saint's act of cutting his cloak in half to share with a poor man a "gesture of human solidarity" that points toward "the way to build peace."





## Value of the month: Peace

Colossians 3:15

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

In our school, we show peace in many different ways. We play happily together and listen to the views of other people. We understand that we are all different and it is important that we respect each other. In the Millennium Garden we now have a Table of Unity around which you can relax and talk to your friends. It is a way to get away from the activity of the playground and enjoy a relaxed, peaceful break time.



## Great Pilgrimage sites of the world

### The Holy Land

Places you could visit when on pilgrimage in the Holy Land include:

Jerusalem [where Jesus was crucified]  
Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem  
River Jordan  
The Garden of Gethsemane  
Nazareth

## Holy Family Flames for November

Each class has a Holy Family Flame chosen by the teachers or pupils every month. Holy family flames are chosen because they have been recognised for sharing the light of Jesus.. There is also a special head teacher flame for those who have not just impressed the teachers but have also amazed the head teacher! Towards the end of the month the flames have a special lunch in the library with Mrs O'Neil and or Mr Tindall. The Holy Family flames for November are;

James Condon (Reception), Carly Cox (Year 1), Beau Healy (Year 2), Oscar Appleby (Year 3), Joseph Sykes (Year 4), Zoe Gilmore (Year 5), Harriet Stanley (Year 6), David Stachula (Head teacher Flame)

**'Now you are light in The Lord, walk as children of Light'**

(Ephesians 5:8)

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

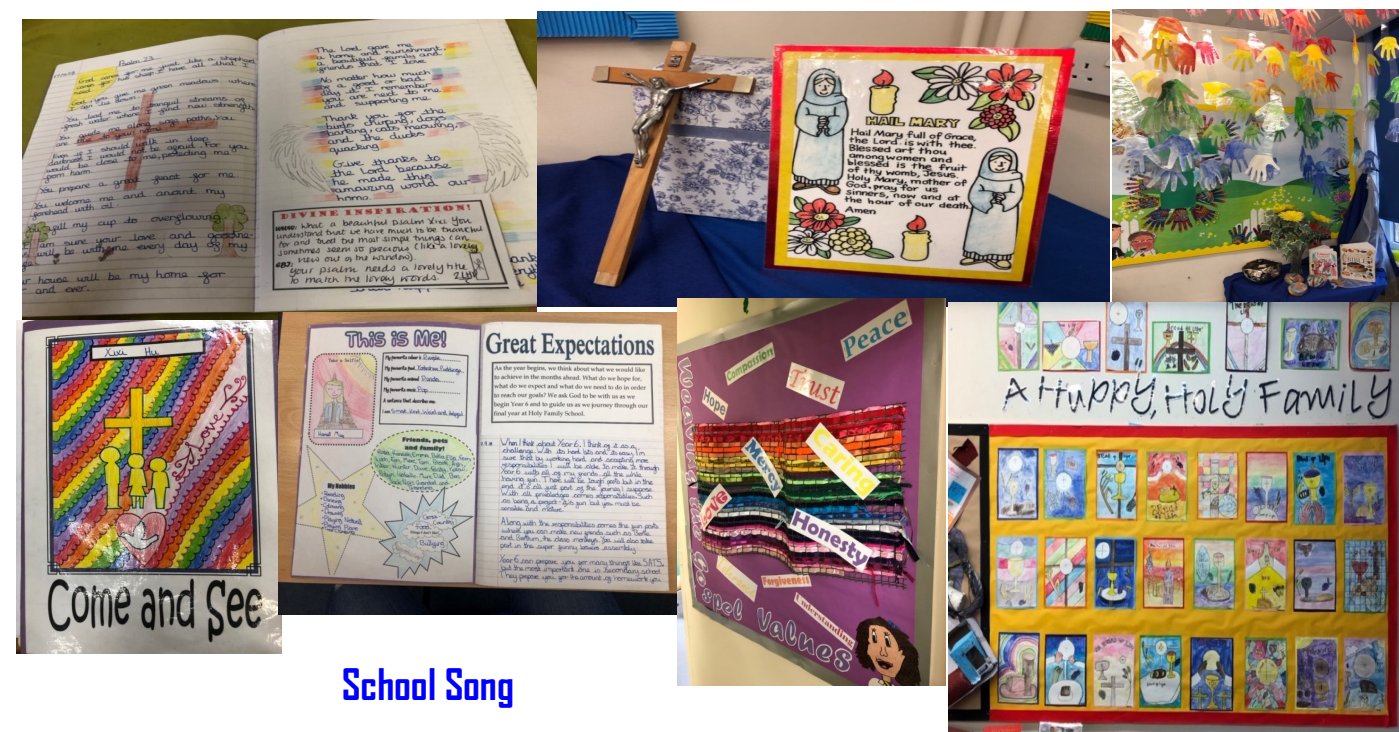
- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae



## Our RE curriculum in school

Our whole curriculum is based around God but the main lesson in which we think about him is RE. We do RE very regularly learning about many different things stretching from the Old Testament to the New Testament and we even think about Jesus in the modern day. Our teachers use a diocesan scheme called 'Come and See' to plan and prepare the learning experiences for us. In RE we also try to involve lots of other subjects like Drama, Computing, Art and we love to go to The Space, to bring our lessons to life. We study scripture and stories of people in the bible as well as the work of the saints and other inspirational people. We also learn about different religions including Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam.

Our RE books are the most important books we have. We take special care of them and hope to look back at and be proud of them.. Here is a picture of a Year 6 RE book and some of our prayers corners:



## School Song

We come to school to learn each day, our happy close community, our caring standards we all set, girls and boys of Holy Family.

We strive to do our best each day, with God's own love upon us all, our prayers and worship we respect, God listens and binds us all as one.

Honesty and tolerance are observed, understanding all our differences, excellence and progress the aim for all, developing skills and working hard.

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