



7th May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Celebration of the Word

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the feast of the Ascension which is this coming Thursday.

The Ascension remembers the day when Jesus left his disciples in Galilee to join God the Father in heaven. This event took place forty days after Easter Sunday and is celebrated by Christians around the world, because it is the day Jesus made a place for us in heaven. On Ascension Day we also hear the last words Jesus spoke to his disciples while he was still with them in Galilee. With these words, Jesus set the disciples a great mission "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." It is a mission we all share today.

The children will be asked to reflect on how they can live out God's mission on earth, this may be through the simplest of things such as reaching out to someone in their Form who is struggling or offering to help someone who needs some support. The Ascension is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our mission here on earth and if we are carrying out God's will.

Our end of the day prayer for May and our lunchtime prayer are as follows.

End of day prayer for May:

May is the month in the church's year which is dedicated to Mary so let us pray:

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Lunchtime prayer:

Bless us, Oh Lord,
and these thy gifts which
we are about to receive from thy bounty,



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through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

We are always happy to receive feedback so please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries, my email address is c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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