**Summer term Planning 2017**

Incorporating the Church’s year and other celebrations to form the basis of the term’s planning.

**April**

**Christian Festivals**

Palm Sunday: 9 April

Maundy Thursday: 13 April

Good Friday: 14 April

Easter Sunday: 16 April

Easter Monday: 17 April

St George’s Day: 23 April

**Other Festivals and Awareness Days**

Stress Awareness Month

National Pet Month

International Children’s Book Day: 2 April

National Gardening Week: 10 – 16 April

Save the Children Week: 28 April – 3 May

**May**

**Christian Festivals**

Rogation Sunday: 21 May

Ascension Day: 25 May

The Venerable Bede: 25 May

**Other Festivals and Awareness Days**

May Day: 1 May

Real Bread Week: 6 – 14 May

National Limerick Day: 12 May

Christian Aid Week: 14 – 20 May

British Sandwich Week: 14 - 10 May

National Walk to School Week: 15 -19 May

National Share a Story Month

Bring a Bear Month

Oak Apple Day: 29 May

**June**

**Christian Festivals**

Pentecost/Whit Sunday: 4 June

Trinity Sunday: 11 June

Corpus Christi: 15 June

John the Baptist: 24 June

St Peter’s Day: 29 June

**Other Festival and Awareness Days**

Volunteers’ Week: 1 – 12 June

Child Safety Week: 5 – 11 June

Wear it. Beat it!: 9 June

Bike Week: 10 – 18 June

Butterfly Day: 4 June

National Bug Busting Day: 15 June

Children’s Art Week: 10 – 18 June

Fathers’ Day: 17 June

Summer Solstice: 21 June

National Refugee Week: 19 – 25 June

Wrong Trousers Day: 24 June

Armed Forces Day: 25 June

**July**

**Christian Festivals**

St Swithin’s Day: 15July

**Other Festivals and Awareness days**

Oxfam Water Week: 4 – 8 July

Beatles Day: 10 July

Don’t step on a bee Day: 10 July

**Broader themes which may give inspiration for worship ideas.**

Community – school, parish, world

Establishing boundaries,

Home/families

Ascension

Symbolism, imagery

Saying goodbye

Pentecost-Holy Spirit- Power

Trinity

Fruits of the Spirit/Gifts of spirit

Baptism, confirmation

Birthday gifts

Customs

Fire/Wind/water

The end of the year – moving on

Pilgrimage

Saying thank you

Explorers, discoveries

Trust, promises, worry, bravery

Surprises and disappointments

Confidence, assurance, be prepared

New class, new school

Jesus as the Way, the Truth & the Life (“I Am” sayings)

Memories, learning

Journey of life

The Unknown / Awe and wonder

Talents & achievements

Prayer/Communication

My story/Past & future

A person who has influenced me is …
The person I admire most is

Making decisions

Stories of Jesus/stories by Jesus

Why are we here?

Why not try some worship around Christian Values?

You could choose one value each week and take it in turns to talk about that particular value – make a chart for the hall. Involve the children and teachers in selecting the values – maybe they could help with the worship. Could you make a play or situation up in order to illustrate a value? – and so on. Here is a list – just as a starter!

How about sending a few children out with a school camera in order to find examples of each week’s Values… they will be good at that!

Where can they be found in school?

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| LoveFaithHopePeaceJoyPatienceKindnessGoodnessFidelityGentlenessSelf-control | JusticeTruthFortitudeCreativityResponsibilityRepentanceForgivenessPraiseCommitmentHealing | ChallengeCelebrationValuing selfValuing othersValuing creationAutonomyCo-operationDiscernmentHonestyRisk |