RE – Pentecost

The next major festival we celebrate in the Church is Pentecost. It is called Pentecost as it is always celebrated 50 days after Easter (‘penta’ is the Greek word for 5). This year Pentecost is on May 31st. It is Year A this year and Matthew does not have an account of Pentecost so we need to go to Luke, to hear what happened. In his account Luke tells us that the spirit comes among the disciples gathered in Jerusalem for the festival, giving them all the gift of speech.

Although we don’t have a special action for Pentecost, the Church will be decorated to remind us of Pentecost. The symbols of the Holy Spirit are a dove, fire and wind and you may see those on banners in the Church. The Priest will wear red and the altar cloth will be red. The prayers on Pentecost Sunday all talk about the coming of the spirit as well.

Please share the attached Pentecost ppt with your child.

Encourage your child to draw around their hands. Now colour hands using the colours of Pentecost: reds, yellows, oranges…

Copy this prayer to the Holy Spirit above your hands

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love.