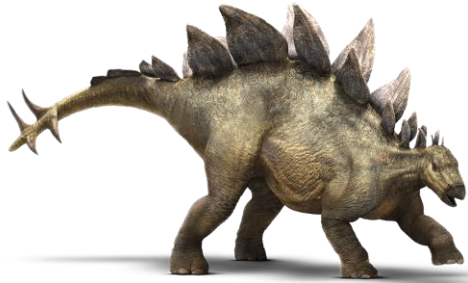


St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Reception Class.....
Ha!! You still haven't found me.

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday the children from Year 2 to Year 6 will go to 10 O'clock Mass at the Church. They will receive their 'ashes' to mark the beginning of Lent, the preparation for the most important celebration of the year, Easter. You are invited to come along to church if you can and join our community of worship. The younger children will receive their ashes in class later on, on Wednesday.

LENT Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

What are we doing about these?

Prayer: - Fridays of Lent at 4:00 with Benediction at the church.

Almsgiving: we will be raising money for two good causes - Missio and the Sickle Cell society.

Watch out for our innovative approaches this year!

Fasting: (not encouraged for children but....) why not give up your favourite

sweets or chocolate and give the money you save to the almsgiving collections.

School Savings Club

There will be a short but important information meeting in the hall on Tuesday morning at 9:00am

Please come along and find out why we are stating this and why we think that this is so important for our children.

We hope as many parents as possible can come along. There will be an official 'launch' day soon.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

If you are interested in serving as one of the Governors of our school federation please make an expression of interest by leaving your name at the school office. Once names have been received an election will be held.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Next Thursday children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character - no "footballers/ superheroes or 'ordinary' clothes please!" Special praise will be given to the most imaginative and 'home made' costumes and the simpler the better! It will cost £1 to take part, this will go to charity and there will be a prize for each class too.

Years 4 & 5 Swimming Reminder

From next week the children will need a navy blue oversized t-shirt and a pair of cheap flipflops or sports 'slides' for the sessions.

School Uniform

School skirts are on sale from the office. The new blazer will be introduced from Easter onwards, cost approximately £30. For Years 3, 4 and 5 initially.

Our school is on a very busy road!

When children are with you.....Please show them where to cross.....**at the lights.**

Be on time for school.

ALWAYS CROSS AT THE LIGHTS

Pupils of Achievement

The achievement this week is class based.

Year 1: Princess Lilly & Michael

Year 2: Haniel, Daniella C & Ebuka

Year 3: Exodus, Emmanuel & Michelle

Year 4: Arnold, Franklyn & Benedictta

Year 5: Christana, Esther & Junior O

Year 6: Samanta, Michael A & Mariama

Well Done Everyone!

School Funding Crisis

Due to proposed changes in national funding there will be major changes for our school in the future. We will be sending you more information soon.