

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Advent Wreath

'Advent'.

Getting ready for the coming of Jesus

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent; there are always four Sundays in Advent. Each week we light one of the coloured candles to mark the weeks. On the third week we light the pink candle. Finally on Christmas Day we light the white candle. 'Christ, the light', has come into the world.

Advent, is NOT Christmas.

It is a time that we get ready for that momentous event when God became human.

Advent is a time of preparing.

Christmas starts on 25th December and the celebrations really begin there.

Birds eye view.....

Last week we had some pictures of the puppeteers that came to school, this week we welcomed 'Eagle Heights'. The children from Nursery to Year 2 were able to see, flying right around them, some wonderful birds including a Bald Eagle and a Barn Owl.



Roxanne said..." I learnt that owls' ears are completely different to our ears. They have one ear at the top of their head and the other on the bottom near their chin"

Important Dates ahead

Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity Play, at school 2pm Nursery, Reception Year 1 & 2
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Tableau at Church 7pm Year 3,4,5 & 6
Friday 22 nd December	End of term Pupils finish at 1:30

Southwark Conversation

Please see overleaf and #talksouthwark

Parish Christmas Fun Day

Tomorrow - Saturday 12-4pm. Please come along for a little while and support the parish.

Speech, Language & Communication Drop-in session. Wed 6th Dec 9am.

Language development is so important to encourage at an early age. This session is designed for all parents of children in the younger classes. Look out for more information on posters in school.

Pupils of Achievement

The academic theme this week is 'Helping to Prepare'. This week the children have been busy creating the Advent displays that will decorate our hall.

The children were as follows:

Year 1: Kene & Jane

Year 2: Mason, Sean & Michelle

Year 3: Leona & Yohannes

Year 4: Vanessa & Exodus

Year 5: Artemeus & Nevaeh

Year 6: Esther | & Kieran

Our Personal Attribute theme this week is 'Playing positively at lunchtime' - reflecting the Gospel command to 'Love one another'. The following children reflected this attribute well:

Danielle, Nelda, Princess, Sheila, Daniel and Stephanie.

Well Done Everyone