

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Ash Wednesday is next week

## Half Term ends and Lent begins

Today we finish for our half term holidays. As Easter is placed early in this year's calendar, Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday which is in this coming holiday week.

Please try to ensure that you bring yourselves and the children to Mass and receive the ashes on your forehead on Ash Wednesday.

If the children ask you why we do this, you could tell them that we do it as a sign that we are starting to get ready to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. This is such a wonderful act of love that we will need to prepare carefully by reflecting, praying and doing something different or extra for others over the coming weeks.

Try and spend some time together thinking about how you might do this in your families.

## Internet Safety Day

This internationally marked day took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

This year's slogan is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

There were discussions in each class and reminders of our school's set of SMART rules.

For parents there is a great source of information to be found at:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents)

Also take a look at this short clip.

Parents, if you are looking at this newsletter electronically, via our website, you can click on the links too.

<https://vimeo.com/247778717>



## First Holy Communion 2019

(next year)

If you want your daughter or son to receive their First Communion as part of next year's group at St James the Great church, please make sure that you have enrolled them, as soon as possible, into the Sunday Liturgy group (10 o'clock Mass).

**St James the Great Catholic Church**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Mass times**

**10 am and 7pm**

## Gold Star Award

It is that time again. One child only in each class received this coveted, half termly, award which can be given for any or many great attributes of a learner.

The children chosen were:

Year 1: Janet

Year 2: Roxanne

Year 3: Daniela C

Year 4: Favour

Year 5: Esther

Year 6: Stephanie

**Well Done Everyone**

*Remember during the holidays: 'stay safe at home; when you play outside and when you are online' - see you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February*