

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Happy St David's Day

"Be joyful and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do"

## Lent begins on Wednesday

Please come and join us at the 10 o'clock Mass, at St James the Great Church, to begin Lent together. If you can't, then join us in a private prayer at that time wherever you are.

We are planning some important actions for Lent and we will tell you more about them in next week's newsletter but for now, we would like to invite you to Friday Benediction in the church. This will be at **4pm each Friday**. Benediction simply means 'blessing'. It is a short period of time that is spent in worship in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please make it part of what you will do for Lent, as a family, this year.

### Palm crosses

If you have any crosses from last year please bring them to Mass this weekend

or into school on Monday - they will be used to make the ashes for Wednesday.

### World Book day - 7<sup>th</sup> March

This is next Thursday. The children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book. We will have a simple prize for each of the classes, for the most simple but inventive costumes. Please do not spend a fortune on dressing up clothes, rather spend the opportunity to talk to your child about books and their favourite characters etc.. Please send a donation of £1 for our Lenten almsgiving.

### School Uniform - how we present ourselves

Please ensure that your child is coming in to school with the correct uniform.  
Black shoes - not black trainers  
Navy tights - not grey  
Hairstyles must not include any shaved pattern and for boys must be even length all over. Hairbands/ties must be simple and in the school colours, blue or yellow.  
Please make sure blazers and ties are worn.  
All this makes a difference and people do remark on the fine appearance of our children; something we are all proud of.

### Uniform sales

As we are now in the 'quieter' time of the school year, for uniform purchasing, the school shop will now only be open on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday of each month (not every week). So there will be a shop next Wednesday, then again in April.

### Events and Dates for this term:

Mass: Ash Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar (Church)

Class assemblies:

Y6 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar Y5 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr

Y4 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar Y3 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

Parents' Evening: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March

Parents coffee morning (EYFS KS1):

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9am in the Annex



**DANGER**  
PLEASE DO NOT PARK or DROP  
in SUMNER AVENUE.

## Pupils of Achievement

The Academic theme this week was "class based". Please ask your child why they received their award:

Y1: Philip & Chidera; Y2 Gift & Lillian; Y3: Joshua & Jason; Y4 Daniella G & Leona; Y5 Joshua & Mary; Y6 Chiamaka & Eric.

The Personal Attribute theme was again class based this week:

Oyin, Joel, Oyen, Ebuka, Stephanie & Favour

The Handwriting Award went to:

Aaron, Danielle, Tommy, Princess, Divine & Benedictta

*Well Done Everyone*