

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Advent and getting ready

It's with joy that we can report to you that the 'normal' seasonal sounds around St James the Great are alive and well! Yes the younger children are in full swing practising their songs and actions for this year's Nativity Play. The play itself will be shared in a different way but the children will still get the chance to re tell the wonderful event in the way only they can! Some other 'outward' signs of preparing for Christ's birthday, our hall decorations, are in place. Please also prepare spiritually, by doing good things and saying sorry when you make poor choices. In this week's Meditation from Fr Jack he invites us to go to Confession before Christmas. Please contact Fr Jack or see him any Saturday before Christmas.

Nativity Play

The children are busy practising. We won't be able to perform to a packed hall but we aim to share it via video link. Something to look forward to!

Christmas Cards

As you know, we have asked that the usual practise of children sending each other cards to stop this year, instead each class has a special book where children are able to paste their Christmas message to their friends in class. Please look for a sheet coming home this weekend. Get your child to create their message, then send it back to school early next week.

And events to look forward to

In the last week of term we will have : Christmas dinner, Movie/ Theatre afternoon, and Class parties - look out for a letter from you class teacher next week.

Guess the Carol!



Our beautiful hall display is made up of different famous Christmas Carols. Here is part of one display. Which carol do you think it is?

Parents Meetings by phone

Last week's meetings were very positive and a had a very high uptake. Year 4 will have their meetings next week and that will conclude this Autumn's round.

A Prayer for Advent

(Please say this at home)

The Magnificat

My Soul glorifies the Lord; my spirit exults in God my saviour.

He looks on his servant in her lowliness, henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me, holy is his name!

His mercy goes from age to age on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things and sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel his servant remembering his mercy.

The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

'St James the Great Award'

This week's theme is 'Having Empathy Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Year 1 Halima

Year 2 Jayden

Year 3 Faith N

Year 4 Joel

Year 5 Jo Benoit

Year 6 Leona

Well Done Everyone.

St James the Great, Pray for us.