

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Y6 at the National Gallery this week, studying paintings on the theme of the 'Nativity'.

Preparing the way

This Sunday, the second of Advent, we hear about St John the Baptist 'preparing the way for the Lord'. Next week we hope to do the same both in our school and at the Aylesham Centre.

How? By singing some Christmas songs, spreading some goodwill and by trying to do a little something to help others. So after school on Tuesday and Thursday some of the children will sing some carols and there will be a limited number of hot dogs (£1) for sale. There will also be some buckets for you to put an offering in.

We hope to raise £100 for the Catholic Childrens Society - Crisis Fund.

Spiritual preparation

Next week there will be an opportunity for the children who are in Year 4, who

have received Communion, to attend a Reconciliation Service, in school.

It's official, we are a 'Centre of Excellence' for Financial Education!

This week the school officially received its Centre of Excellence for Financial Education status at the Annual Financial Education Conference in London.



Mrs Oduko receiving the Centre of Excellence Award at County Hall on Tuesday

This is recognition of our school community's efforts to make our children more aware of things to do with money. It



reflects the work the teachers do to plan for regular lessons on the subject; the learning the children do and how they respond to enterprise opportunities, for example at the Christmas and Summer Fairs; and how our parents have supported the School Savers Club by both helping to run it and by also

encouraging the children to become members. So this is a really great achievement for our whole school!

Important Dates

Peckham Theatre next week YR,1,2&3

Fundraising after school Tue & Thurs

Choir at the Aylesham Centre Wed 11th

Christmas Dinner Thurs 12th

NATIVITY YN-Y2 Parents 17th Dec 2pm

TABLEAU (CHURCH) Y3-6 18th Dec 7pm

Class Parties Thurs 19th pm

End of Term Fri 20th 1:30pm

Pupils of Achievement

The achievement this week was 'Maths Shape Space and Measure'. The children noted below received the award this week:

Year 1: Emmanuel & Kenechi

Year 2: Gbopemi & Jordan

Year 3: Ashley & Kene

Year 4: Rebecca & Rosie

Year 5: Joel & Emmanuelle

Year 6: Marvelle & Stephanie

The personal attribute celebrated was 'Knowing how to be a good friend' (Gospel value: Loving your neighbour): Anaiah, Favour, Nmesoma, Jo, William & Ayomide

Our Publisher of the Week is:

Emmanuel Year 6. **Well Done Everyone**