

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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On Wednesday the school went to church to mark the beginning of Lent and to receive our 'ashes'.

Lent begins

Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent and our preparation for Easter. During this time we look to change for the better, not in outward show but for real 'on the inside'. The Church tradition says we do this through: getting closer to God - Prayer; being a little less selfish, giving something up or Fasting; and being generous to others - Almsgiving.

Prayer Power

start together today!

With Lent in mind, please note that every Friday - **STARTING TODAY**, there will be Benediction in the Church at 4pm. This is a short, quiet time, spent with the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction means 'Blessing' and the blessing is given, not by Fr Jack but by the Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Please come after school. Parents and carers bring the children for a short time of prayer and let's build the power of it over the coming weeks to Easter.

World Book Day - The Year of The Word

Next Thursday is World Book Day and in the Catholic Church in England and Wales we are celebrating 'The Year of The Word'. So with this in mind we are asking the children to come into school on Thursday as a character from the Bible!

Please get creative and remember the costumes we like best in school are the ones that are home made, simple and most thoughtful. Also if your child is coming in costume please bring a £1 for our Lenten Almsgiving (more details later)

Coronavirus Update

We continue to follow government advice on this matter. This is sound general advice: Make sure hands are washed, especially before eating, with soap and water or sanitising gel; carry tissues and use them to capture sneezes or coughs, then bin it. Good advice!

Opportunities for learning outside school this week

Year 6 visited the Horniman Museum to study Native North American culture. Why?



Year 6 visit the Horniman Museum to study Native American culture. This is part of their literacy work on 'The Wolves of Currumpaw' by William Grill.

While Year 4 had their monthly Golf lesson in Greenwich. A special mention for Ashley who has been working hard, perfecting her swing! Well done!

Pupils of Achievement

The Academic Theme this week is class based so please ask your child why they received the award.

The children were as follows:

Y1 Noah & Jessica: Y2 Chidera & Evie: Y3 Ashley & Joel: Y4 Ashley & Lilly: Y5 Chialuzue & Ethan :Y6 Troy & Michelle.

The Personal Attribute again is class based. Children as follows: Kenna, Katie, Lillian, Sean, Leona & Janelle.

Well Done Everyone