

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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## Advent begins on Sunday



*Advent - 'coming' - we prepare for Christ at Christmas*  
Advent is a busy time of year and in a Catholic school, especially so. We hope we will be preparing the right things of course. It's not all about the food and decorations. It must be a time for prayer.

Things need to be different this year. We are being Covid Cautious, so.....

**The Nativity Play will be performed twice.** So that we can half the attendance. Families will be given a morning or afternoon slot.

**The KS2 Christmas Tableau** will be replaced by three Wednesday evening (4pm) Benedictions services in the Church.

Each open to all but led by Year 3,4 & 5

### **Benediction for Advent**

Wednesdays 4pm in Church - please try and make it with your child.

### **Dates for your diary**

Christmas is only around the corner and so are the arrangements that are associated with it:

**Benediction for Advent** (everyone invited)  
Wednesdays 4pm at the church next three weeks.

Mon 13 December: Nativity Play (dress rehearsal for the school children)

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nativity Play** am (parents) and Nativity Play pm (parents)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Class Parties

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Fair am (children)

**Term Ends: 1:30pm**

### **Fairwell Mrs White**

Thank you for the 25 year of service to the children of our school. We wish you well.

### **School Savings Club News**

Well done to the parents and children who have signed up for our Saving Club. There were lots of further enquiries too. So as a result we will host another opportunity to join the club next Thursday 8:30 -9:00 in the hall.

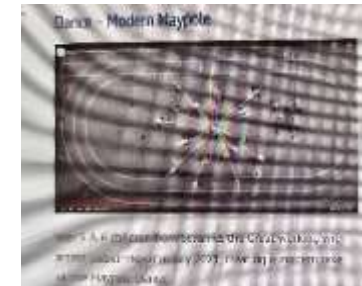
### **Shelter for Parents**

We have recently placed an order for a new parent's shelter, as requested before Covid times. It will be located outside the old Schoolkeepers house front door, affording cover before entering the playground space.

✠Parish website: [www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org](http://www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org)

### **Amazing Maypole Dancing**

Please take a look at our school website



where you will see the dance video made by last year's Year 5 & 6. It's a modern take on the traditional Maypole dance.

It was made in one day working with artists, 'Isobel +Helen'. Last Friday, when it was released, it had already achieved over 4000 hits on their Instagram site.

### **'St James the Great Awards'**

#### **'Helping to prepare'**

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Kimisa & Delina; Thomas & Danielle;  
Rebecca & Favour; Nathan & Kene;  
Sanpha & Elizabeth

#### **'Imaginative Learner - Making great predictions'**

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Sean; Isaiah; Chidera; Kenna & Jaiden

#### **'Pupil Leaders'**

'Catholic Life Committee'

Princess & Jo; Alexis & Christina; Darasimi & Kiara and Ebinezer & Phoebe.

*Well Done Everyone!*

**St James the Great, Pray for us.**