

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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The 12<sup>th</sup> Station. 'Jesus dies on the cross' by Year 3

## Lent has begun....

....and what are we doing about it?

### Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

**Prayer:** Our Beautiful Stations of the Cross artwork is being created this week and will be at the centre of our school during Lent. Please come in to school next Wednesday morning to see your child's class and also the Stations in the Hall. We are going to Benediction each Thursday (apart from next week) in the Church at 4pm- that's your chance parents & carers, to pray as part of the school community.

**Almsgiving:** Fr Jack asked us to collect our coins at home in a jar or tin. As well as that we are planning a sponsored walk from our school to Santiago de Compostela! Everyone will do their bit and together we will make it!

**Fasting:** yes, that could mean chocolate or sweets or doing something extra like the hoovering, whatever it is and whatever money you save ....put that in the jar/ collecting tin that Fr Jack mentioned. So with our almsgiving, we will be giving to the Catholic Children's Society and to CAFOD, for our sponsored walk.

### St Bede writing competition

St Bede is the patron saint of our library but who was he and why did we choose him? Well he was a monk who lived in the North of England in the 8<sup>th</sup> century ( a long time ago) but he was a great scholar and wrote a very famous 'history of England'. He was the first person to really encourage the use Anno Domine (AD) for dates and is the patron saint of scholars and historians. The writing competition winners were:  
Y4 - Angel; Y5 - Destiny Y6 Smiles

The virtue of:

### Forgiveness

- I can forgive others.
- I can forgive myself.
- I have the courage to give myself and others a new start.

### Parents Workshop 6<sup>th</sup> March

Albi and Ben from Peckham & Southwark Citizens will be running parent workshops beginning in March. These will be informal sessions looking to see what are the

important issues facing families in Peckham and seeing what we can do together to 'make change happen'. Please look out for more information and even seeing them both in the playground next week distributing fliers with our School Councillors.

### Times Table Rockstars & the Battle of the Classes

Well done Year 6! They seem indomitable in this challenge. Over Half Term they took on Years 3,4 & 5 combined and still managed to scrape a win. Next week, Year 2 will be joining the fray to see if they can get the crown from the oldest children!

**Next week: Parent's Open Morning:  
Wednesday 0850 - 0910**

### 'St James the Great Awards'

#### 'Class Based'

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Faith E., Chidera; Noah, Daria; Julia, Inaaya; Zephaniah, Israel; Matthew, Annabelle; Aseed & Reynard.

#### Virtue Focus:

#### 'FORGIVENESS'

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Samantha, Kyle, Sanpha, Hannah, Amilia & Chloe.

#### 'Play Supporters'

Pupils from Year 4 & 3

**Well done everyone!**

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