

Dates for your Diary

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

- Spring Half Term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

- First day of Spring Term  
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**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

- Y2 Class Assembly at  
10.10am

## *Have a Wonderful Half Term!*

We have come to the end of a very short and very busy half term. The children have worked tremendously hard since January and deserve a well-earned break.

We are happy to announce both Mrs Patel and Ms Trood are expecting! Mrs Patel will start her maternity leave in April and Ms Trood will start hers at the end of the academic year. We have already started making plans for their maternity cover and will be in touch with the parents and carers of children affected by their teachers' leave in the upcoming weeks. If you see either of the teachers, please wish them well over this very exciting time for them and their families.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Alex who has joined our team as Administrative Assistant in the School Office. Miss Alex will be happy to help you with all enquiries.

From all of us here at St Joseph's, we hope you have a safe and pleasant half term. See you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February!

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

## 125 Nights Reading – A Wonderful Achievement!

Congratulations to the following children who have read on 125 nights since the start of the year. These children have shown an excellent commitment to their learning and have taken steps to improve their vocabulary and imagination whilst developing their literacy skills.

Year 1: Augustin, Benjamin, Christopher, Enrique, Inayah Mae, Ines, Julia, Macarena, Marta and Olivia

Year 2: Abigail, Alexa, Alyssa, Clementina, Elsa, Max, Oliver, Szymon, Talia and Zoe

Year 3: Abigail, Cassidy, Diaz, Elisa, Ines, Joshua, Jorge, Nicole, Pietro, Riley, Sebastian, Trinidad, Valentina, Victor, Vitali and Vivienne

Year 4: Alexander, Angel, Clara, Dennis, Erik, Fabian, Nicolas, Ria, Royd and Tristan

## Year 1's Toy Making Workshop

Year 1 had an incredible time on Thursday making toys! Toymakers Don and Katherine came to spend the morning with the class. The children learned about the first toy ever found, old Victorian toys and about the forces push, pull and gravity that help the toys move. The children each made their own wooden toy by drilling, hammering and assembling with Don and Katherine's help.



W E D N E S D A Y !



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **TRUST**

## Children's Work

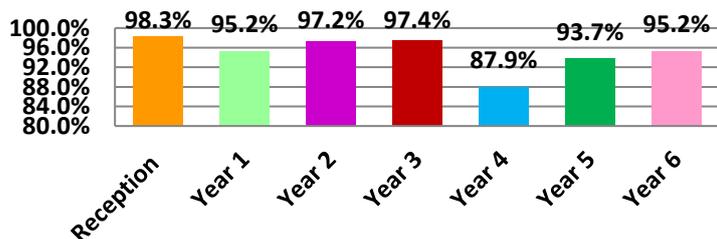
### Year 3

In Year 3, as part of their topic work, the children have been learning about the carnival in Tobago. On Wednesday, they delivered an assembly to the school on their learning about magnets, special parts of taking Mass and writing persuasive letters to convince people to come to the carnival. In Art, they made carnival masks using white pens, glitter and feathers. The children looked absolutely incredible in their carnival costumes!



## Attendance

Well done, Reception! You had the highest attendance this week with 98.3%.



## Catholic Life

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February was the anniversary of the first apparition of Mary to St Bernadette and was the 27<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick. This year's World Day of the Sick focussed on Calcutta, India. As part of his message, Pope Francis urged believers to promote a culture of generosity. He said that those who care for the sick— like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta did - are amongst the Church's most credible evangelizers. He said, "Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved."

## Environment Team's Top Tip

Have a wonderful half term break! Spend some time going around your house and seeing if there are any ways to reduce waste and recycle. If we all do our bit, we can cut down pollution, help protect endangered species and even save the world!



## Pupil Voice

It has been an exciting week in Year 1! Pupil Voice organised a visit from The Smoothie Bike! The children learned how to produce healthy smoothies which they created the energy to make by peddling the bike. It was a lot of fun.

