



# - Newsletter -

Issue 20: Spring Term

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

- PV reps and JTA meeting 3.30-4.10pm

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

- 1:1 Parents' Meetings for Reception ONLY from 3.45pm

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

- Individual and Families Photograph Day
- Y3 Class Assembly at 10.10am
- 1:1 Parents' Meetings for Y1-5 ONLY from 3.45pm

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- 1:1 Parents' Meetings for Reception-Y5 ONLY from 3.45pm

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- End of Half Term – finish at 3.30pm

## *Welcome Back, Mrs Wiles!*

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Wiles, Leader of the Arts, who will be returning from maternity leave next week. The children and staff have missed you and we can't wait to work with you on some very exciting opportunities coming up in the near future.

Next week we are also excited to welcome students from The Laurels School who will be joining assembly on Monday. A flautist, a violinist, a trumpet player and a pianist from the school will perform, showcasing their musical talent and inspiring our students.

The school photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday to take individual or family photographs during the school day so please ensure children appear at their best in full uniform with their hair brushed and tidy.

1:1 Parents' Meetings will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure you arrive promptly for these important meetings with class teachers to discuss how we can continue to work together to help children achieve their Personal Best.

The half term will end at 3.30pm on Friday with Wrap Around and after school clubs running as normally.

Have a nice weekend!

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

## ★ 125 Nights Reading – A Sensational Achievement! ★

Congratulations to the following children who have read on 125 nights since the start of the year. As we approach the halfway point of the academic year, this is a magnificent achievement. Reading is hugely beneficial for children: it develops language skills, encourages a thirst for knowledge, teaches them about different topics they may have not been exposed to and improves imagination and creativity.

Reception: Vicente, Luis, Saviour and Arabella

Year 1: Alice, KC, Sienna, Sophia L, Oliver, Gabriel, Kaelyn, Rafael, Vicky, Davienne, Shane, Beatriz and Tomor

Year 2: Ines, Macarena, Rayah, Isabella, Olivia, Steve, Augustin, Marta, Benjamin and Christopher

Year 3: Talia, Abigail, Camille, Oliver, Daniel, Mariana, Max and Edward

Year 4: Lucas, Cassidy, Jorge, Joshua, Gabriel, Harry, Zianne, Pietro, Vivianne, Varvara, Caterina, Vitali, Kortez, Nicole, Diaz

# WEDNESDAY!



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

## Year 4



Year 4 are studying Kate DiCamillo's 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', a novel about the life of Edward Tulane, a three-foot tall china rabbit. In English, children wrote 'effective characterisation' of Edward Tulane, using adventurous vocabulary as well as P.E.E (point, explanation and evidence) when describing him.

Edward, the main protagonist in the story, is a china rabbit that lives on Egypt street. He is arrogant, jittery and insulting. He isn't bothered in what other people say! Edward is very vain and only cares about himself. Edward can only hear but not talk!

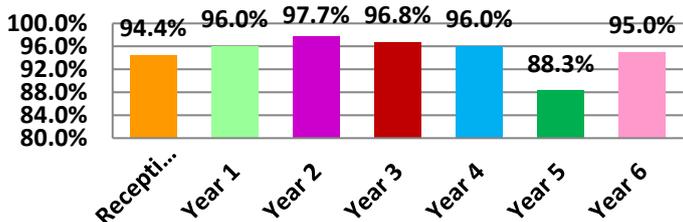
Sometimes, when Edward is hurt he cries like an ugly child!!! Edward is so small that he can't even look on the top of a table! Edward is terribly very boastful and very selfish. He thinks that he is perfect when no one is perfect and thinks he knows more than anyone.

Edward is well shaped and his shirt is perfectly made. His jeans had fit on him perfectly. In my opinion, Edward is an ungrateful child and he is boorish and bombastic. Edward's pride and arrogance was wrapped around him like a blanket shielding him from humility. The wind was howling like an angry wolf. When Abilene was home she hugged Edward so so much that he could hear her heart beating. Edward said, "It wasn't love but annoyance." (Abilene is Edward's owner)

Valentina

## Attendance

Well done, Year 2! You had the highest attendance this week with 97.7%.



## Catholic Life

To help live out our Catholic ethos, Year 2 are raising money for an orphanage in Kenya. On Thursday, Year 2 held a cake sale and raised an incredible £785! A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported them. We will share the news of how the money will be spent for the orphanage soon.



## The Environment Team News

The Environment Team are working with EcoKids to collect clothes for recycling. EcoKids bags and flyers have been put in children's bags today. Just fill up the bags with clean, quality clothes, shoes, and toys and return them to the School Office on either 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February. If we collect enough items, the school will earn money for every kg! Through clothing recycling we will be helping the environment as well as helping the school earn a little extra money.

The dates to return the bags are Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please do not bring them in any earlier as there is no storage space to keep them.

It is not necessary to overfill the bags. The office will have extra ones if required.

Happy spring cleaning!



## Pupil Voice

This week Pupil Voice hung the House Friendship Chains in the Heart of the School! Friendship and respect are hugely important to us at St Joseph's. The chains act as a reminder to all of us that understanding, patience and kindness are an integral part of each and every day as well as gratitude and thanks for our wonderful friends. Thank you to all who helped with this project.

