



ST JAMES THE GREAT

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Well, we all looked to the skies for the promised snow, and it came, but didn't stay, much to the children's disgust...however it did mean that 5.3 got to go to the British Museum today as part of their History studies.

Year 4 went around the local area completing a mapping exercise to develop their practical geographical skills.

Congratulations to the Netball team who have won their group and are through to the Final round of the Croydon Hi5 Netball - winners go on to represent Croydon at the London Youth Games.

Next week is our Careers Week. Thank you to the 20+ parents who are coming in to talk to the children about what they do and how they came to do their jobs.

Tuesday is the Governor Coffee morning where you can come and talk to the Governors, find out what it entails and how they work with the school to set strategic targets and plans, alongside holding me to account! The Admissions committee will be meeting after this to review the lists for Reception and Nursery for next year before they get sent to Croydon. Our Curriculum Committee is meeting on Wednesday evening where they will be reviewing the homework policy and hearing about how the school has improved or made progress alongside the development plan, I will also be explaining about the new Ofsted Inspection Framework and our review of the curriculum on offer at St James the Great.

Tuesday is also Safer Internet Day, the children will be learning about some of the hazards of the internet and ways to keep themselves safe. We will also be teaching them that parents have a key role in this and that if they have a phone, then it is not unreasonable for parents to want to check it and that the Apps are age appropriate. You can find excellent guidance [here](#). Vodafone have created a brilliant online magazine full of practical tips and guidance on how to set filters, what to look out for as a parent and common mistakes we make as parents.

I was saddened to hear the news that Canon Francis had died earlier this week. We will let you know more information as we hear it regarding memorials and services. In the meantime we invite you to come to the main hall next Friday between 8.30 and 9.00 am for an opportunity to pray for the repose of his soul and to give thanks for his life and service to this community. We will also set up a book of thoughts and prayers which can be signed by children and parents—this will be in the hall on Friday and then onwards in the main foyer.

Dates

January

February

4th Careers Week

5th Coffee morning with Governors for parents. 9-9.30am in the hall—All are welcome to come and have a chat.

INSED 15th February

Half Term 15th—24th

March

12th and 13th Parent

Evenings

18th Values Week

29th Mothers' Day

Afternoon Tea.

April

5th Break up 2pm

If you wish us to administer medicine to your child at any point, please call into the office and complete one of the forms. Thank you.

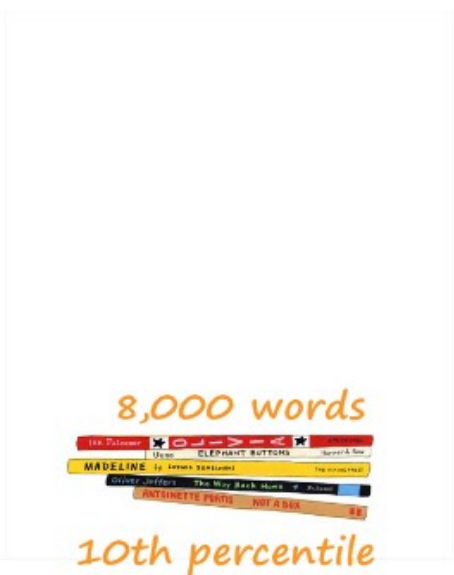
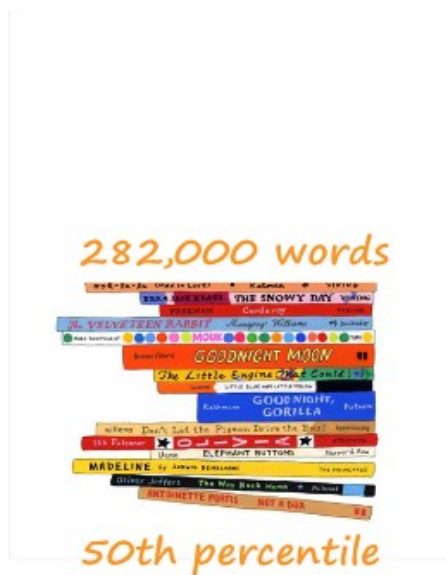
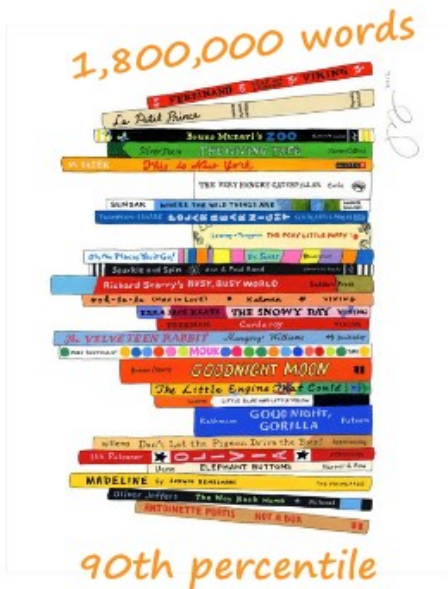
Read With a Child

It's the Most Important 20 Minutes of Your Day

Child "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day
3,600 minutes
in a school year.

Child "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day
900 minutes
in a school year.

Child "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day
180 minutes
in a school year.



By the end of 6th grade, Child "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Child "B" will have read only 12 school days.

Which child would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which child would you expect to be a proficient reader?

Make the commitment today to read with a child; it makes a difference.