



ST JAMES THE GREAT

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Careers Week has kept us nice and busy this week. Thank you to all of the parents who gave of their time and expertise. The children have had a fabulous time and really benefited from learning about the incredible range of jobs that are open to them. This is something that I am keen to explore further and repeat as an annual event. We had an incredible 28 parents come in. I greatly appreciate this commitment to the children.

2.2 held their Prayer service this week and reflected upon their learning. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and take part in the service.

Our swim team was in action recently and performed at the CSSA gala at Norwood pool—well done all of you for trying your best!

The football teams have been in action again—the Girls won the Croydon SSP finals and now will represent the borough at the London Youth Games on the 26th March at the Redbridge Sports Centre. This means that they will be playing against the very best teams from all over London—I have every faith in them and huge congratulations to them for this fantastic achievement. The boys played in the league against Elmwood and recorded a well fought 2-1 win. Well done boys.

The Hi 5 netball team also have a chance to make it to the London Youth Games next week as they play in the Croydon Finals...no pressure!

We held a coffee morning for parents to meet the school governors on Tuesday. Thank you to the governors for taking the time off work to come in and be available. We often forget that they are volunteers most of them with full time jobs, but I would like to record my thanks for their commitment and hard work. Several stayed afterwards for an Admissions committee meeting where we looked at applications for Nursery and Reception 2018-19. This is an important part in ensuring that the school adheres to the policy and the Admissions Code which is legally binding. We also had a Curriculum meeting on Wednesday evening. The Homework Policy was reviewed and will be published for staff and parents after half term. It is not vastly different to the previous version, but some changes have been made at the request of teachers and as a result of the parental questionnaire.

Following the sad news of Canon Francis' death, there was an opportunity for families to pray for the repose of his soul and reflect in his life and service to the community in the hall this morning. We also have a book of Remembrance which will be in the main entrance to the school for the next week for parents and children to sign.

Dates

13th February: Class 4.1
Prayer Service and
Class 3.2 Assembly

INSED 15th February

Half Term 15th—24th

27th February: Class
5.1 Prayer Service

March

12th and 13th Parent
Evenings

18th Values Week

29th Mothers' Day

Afternoon Tea.

April

5th Break up 2pm

SPORTS DAY

Friday 7th June

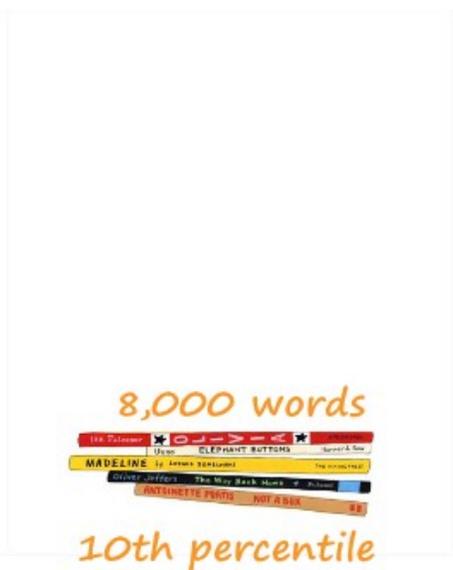
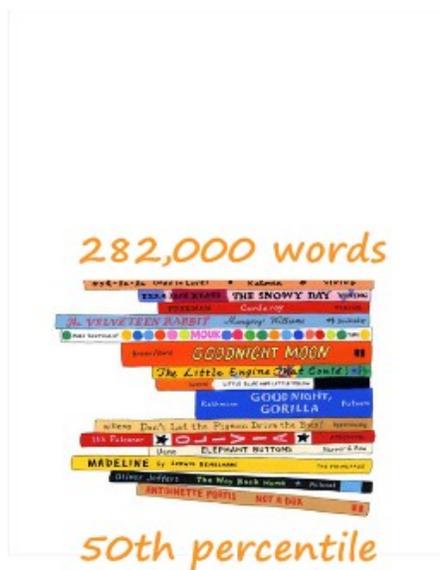
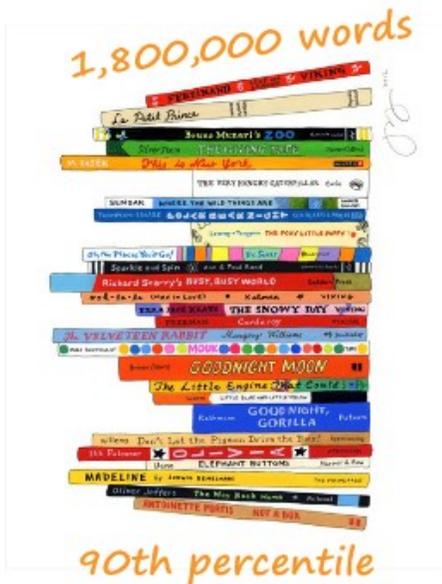
**If your child is being
picked up by someone
else, please inform the
teachers or the office.**

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.