

## Newsletter 23rd February 2024



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We Work, Learn and Grow Together in God's Love

"Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through fasting, prayer and charitable giving." Pope Francis

"Reading can take you places you have never been before." - Dr Seuss

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## Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

Each week we will report on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Total Sept to date	96.83%	94.43%	94.04%	97.61%	96.69%	95.48%	95.39%	95.77%
This week	96.60%	92.19%	97.77%	96.02%	96.50%	92.92%	94.83%	95.38%

Well done to Year 2 for the highest attendance this week and to Year 3 who are leading on overall attendance!

The attendance figure is slowly creeping towards our minimum requirement so thank you for your support with

this.

<u>Tower Wood</u> - Next week our Year 6s are away on their residential. Please can we ask parents to vacate Rothwell Road speedily so that the coach can get as close as possible to school to load up the cases (which seem to get heavier each year)? I am sure they will have an amazing time and we hope the weather is kind to them.

<u>Parents' Evenings</u> - 28<sup>th</sup> February for EYFS and KS1. Bookings are open on School Spider. The sessions will run from 2-6pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher via email or put a note in the planner to arrange a suitable time to meet up with them.

**Rock Kidz** - Several years ago, Rock Kidz visited our school and the children had a fantastic week with them, starting every day with a raucus rock concert! We have invited Rock Kidz back to spend another day at St Joseph's on 14<sup>th</sup> March. To enhance the experience, the children are invited to come to school dressed as Rock Stars for the day.

<u>World Book Day</u> - Instead of the children coming to school as their favourite book character, we are asking that they create their own 'Book in a Box'. Book in a Box is a chance to bring a chapter of your book to life by putting together objects that relate to your book and using them to tell the story of what your book is all about.

<u>Author Visit</u> - Next Friday, we are delighted that we have the Author, Susan Brownrigg visiting school. She will be telling the children all about her latest book in her 1930s Blackpool-set **Gracie Fairshaw mystery series Gracie Forshaw and the Missing Reel**. Pupils will be able to pre order a book which will be signed by Susan, you can do this via the shop area on Eduspot. The deadline for orders of on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

<u>Own Clothes Day</u> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March is Own Clothes day in exchange for Bottles for Easter Bingo.

<u>Dates for your Diary</u> - These dates are now showing on our 'School Calendar' on our school website, please keep an eye on there, as any updates will show on there as changes are made.

26th February- 1st March - Y6 residential to Tower Wood

28th February - EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening

1<sup>st</sup> March - Author Visit, Susan Brownrigg

1st March - Own Clothes Day - Bottles (see above)

4th March - Y4 'With you Always' in school @ 6.30pm

7th March - World Book Day - see above

8<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Class Assembly @ 2.30pm. Reception parents and carers are welcome to attend

12th - PTFA meeting (in school) @ 9am

14th March - Rock Kidz in school - see above and dress up as Rock Stars!

15th March - Break the Rules Day - more details to follow

17th March - Big Lent Walk (more details to follow)

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 2 Class Assembly @ 2.30pm. Year 2 parents and carers are welcome to attend

25th March - Guitar Concert @ 2.15pm

26<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bingo (more details to follow)

28th March - School closes for Easter

31st March - Easter Sunday, Family Mass