



St Edward's Catholic Junior School Year 5 Lent Term Newsletter – 2020

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new term and a new year!

We hope you had a happy, restful and peaceful Christmas holiday. The children have returned with enthusiasm and are eager to continue with their learning.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are taking place on Tuesday mornings this term at Aqua Vale Leisure Centre. Class 5E have a lesson at 10.30am, followed by Class 5S at 11.00am.

Please ensure that your child remembers to bring their swimming kit to school every Tuesday – including a towel, swimsuit and a swimming hat. Goggles can only be worn by those children who have parental written permission.

PE

PE lessons will continue to take place on Wednesday for 5E, and Thursday for 5S.

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school **at all times** - navy shorts, a pale blue St Edward's t-shirt, white socks and trainers. Children may wear tracksuits in cold weather when advised by the teacher. PE kits will be sent home at half term to be washed.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a full water bottle (clear plastic sports bottle – not a screw cap please) in school every day. If they need more than one water bottle throughout the day they may bring in two bottles – one for the morning and one for the afternoon.

Reading

Children are expected to read on a daily basis, either independently or with an adult. They should be completing an Accelerated Reader quiz at school for each book they complete. Your child should complete at least one quiz every two weeks. You can continue to monitor your child's performance using your AR login details. The importance of reading and talking about books cannot be underestimated.

Homework

Every Monday your child will continue to receive one piece of English homework and a spelling list. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Mondays. Occasionally there will be additional RE or Theme tasks to be completed in the purple homework book. MyMaths homework will be set every Friday.

Journeys Near and Far

This term our theme is 'Journeys Near and Far'.

In this topic we will be taking a local journey through the Chilterns in our geography studies. We will be learning about the main geographical features of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and finding out about the chalk streams. The following website is a useful source of information for this subject:

<http://www.chilternsaonb.org/>

In Art, we will be using watercolours to paint a Chiltern landscape.

In Science, we will be taking a distant journey into outer space. We will also be learning about forces such as air resistance and friction.

Class Visits

Class Mass

5S: Thursday 16th January

5E: Thursday 23rd January

Year 5 Trip to the Houses of Parliament Thursday 12th March

Thank you for your continued support!
Mrs Ramsbottom, Mr Osborne & Mrs Heritage