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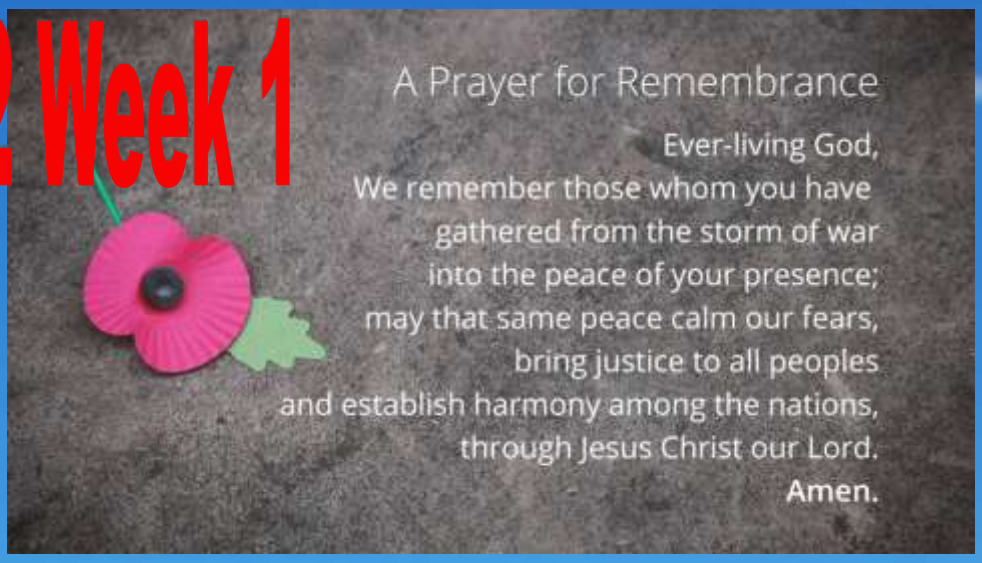
Autumn 2 Week 1

Our Virtue To Live By....Hope



As we enter November we begin our time of remembrance. A time to reflect on all that has gone before and all who has gone before. This coming week, we particularly remember those who have lost their lives in war and we hope that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

We will remember them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Dear Parents and Carers, as you will all be aware the Year 1 and Year 2 bubble has been closed today due to a confirmed positive case in our school community. Please ensure you read the letter sent out earlier today carefully. Siblings of the Year 1 and Year 2 children may still attend school, as per the government guidance, however when dropping or collecting these children you are not permitted to bring Year 1 or Year 2 children to school, as they must by law self-isolate. Whilst I appreciate that this is a very difficult situation this must be adhered to at all times as we must continue to minimise risk. Both the Department for Education and infection control have provided school with very clear instruction and this has been shared with you through today's earlier letter.

Food hampers will be organised for the children in year 1 and year 2 isolating who are entitled to free school meals. Staff in this bubble as well as myself and Mr Sandbach will support children and parents accessing the work through 'Google classrooms'.

We are experiencing uncertainty and disruption but during this we must continue to work together to support one another for the good of our children and school community.

In the words of Pope Francis "All of us are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disorientated, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other".

Please take care and stay safe.

God Bless,

Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin

Remote Learning

As we outlined before the holidays when sharing our remote learning policy, in the event of a child having to self-isolate or a class bubble having to close, work and learning opportunities will be provided for the children.

We have developed online virtual learning to maintain a high quality education for the children who may not be able to directly attend school.

We will continue to use the online platform called 'Google Classroom' to send and receive work and communicate with the children.

All children have a Google account log in to allow them access to their 'class' and as you are aware we have begun posting homework and weekly work on their to enable you to familiarise yourselves with the platform. More information about this will be sent out to parents next week.

NOTICEBOARD

COVID—19 Information

For the latest information please visit https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak

PE Kit

Appropriate white t-shirts must be worn for PE. Please make sure these are full tops and not belly tops.

Please ensure your child wears a full tracksuit and suitable trainers on their PE days.

Children who attend after school clubs may wear their PE kit on these days.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Well done to the 136 children who received 100% attendance certificates for last half term. Please note if your child was absent due to self isolating they will have still have received a certificate.

Attendance Figures

19/10/20-22/10/20

Whole School	97.95%
Reception	95.36%
Year 1	95.10%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97.56%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	99.05%
Year 6	98.47%

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract Calendar 2020 2021

Dates for your diary

12/11/20—Flu Vaccinations

13/11/20—Children in need non-uniform day

w/c 16/11/20—

Anti-bullying week

Children in Need

Next Friday the 13th November your children may come to school in non uniform . The theme for this year is rainbow coloured clothes to support Children in Need 2020. If you would like to make a donation you may do so using our school money system under the Donation section and Children in Need.

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

NHS

Nasal Flu Vaccinations Reminder

If you have sent the blue NHS consent form back to school the NHS National Immunisation school nursing team are attending our school children in years Reception to Year 6 to receive the nasal flu vaccine. They will be visiting school on **Thursday 12th November** to undertake these vaccinations.

Celebrating birthdays in school

As we enter lockdown we are introducing celebrating our children's birthdays in school at the end of each half term. We will inform you of the details and the date in the upcoming weeks.

C E L E B R A T E !

Pupil Premium / Free School meals:

If you are entitled to pupil premium or free school meals you may be able to book the clubs at no cost.

If you would like breakfast club or after school clubs booking please email—admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk or telephone the school office to see if you are eligible or if you would like any more information.

Please also remember that you are receiving free school meals and your child has to isolate they will receive a food hamper.

THE PUPIL PREMIUM
GOOD THINGS FOR YOUR CHILD & SCHOOL

Please ensure you send your child to school with a water bottle.

Medication

We can only administer medicine once parents / carers have completed the administering medication permission form. From September due to COVID-19 restrictions you will have to complete this at the playground. Parents do not have access to the school office due to risk.

Please give all medication to the staff member that greets you on the playground. We can only administer prescribed medication (to be given 4 or more times per day).

Pencil cases for sale: You are welcome to purchase these for 50p each from our school shop on school money and they will be given to your child to use in school.

THE SCHOOL SHOP

Year 4 Skipping Ropes are still for sale on school money in our school shop at £5 each.

We kindly ask that if your child wears a pair of shoes with shoe laces, they can tie their own laces. If not please send them in shoes with alternative fastenings.

French for Beginners

Noms

A noun is "a person, place, or thing." Nouns can be visible (water) or invisible (air). Some are common (stones) and some are rare (diamonds).

Gender

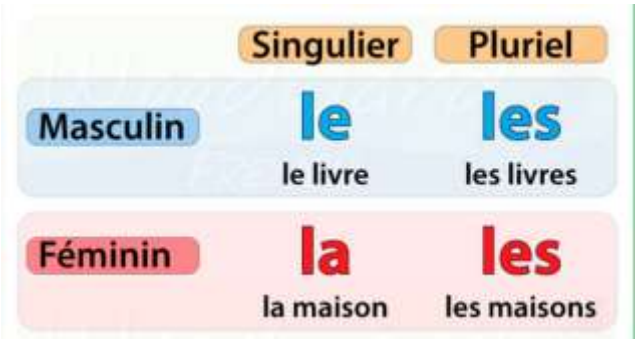
In French, all nouns have a gender. Stones and ideas are feminine, while books and diamonds are masculine. This can be hard to wrap your mind around, but it might help to think about gender in English. Girls and women are feminine, which is reflected grammatically in the use of "she" and "her," while boys and men are masculine: "he" and "his." The difference is that in French, grammatical gender has nothing to do with boys or girls.

It is absolutely essential to learn the gender of a noun at the same time as you learn the noun. The best way to do this is by learning an article with every noun, rather than just the noun itself. Don't make vocabulary lists like this:

- *livre* – book
- *idée* – idea
- *pierre* – stone

diamant – diamond

But rather, like this:



- *un livre* – book
- *une idée* – idea
- *une pierre* – stone

un diamant – diamond

The un or une will then be attached to to the noun in your brain, and you won't spend the next several years asking people "Is ___ masculine or feminine?"

Bon weekend, Mme K

Learning Mentor drop in sessions:

As we are unable to accommodate parents coming into school during COVID-19 we are offering you telephone sessions.

If you would like a telephone appointment with Mrs Clements please contact the school office to arrange this.

Mrs Clements will be available on a Wednesday between 11 and 12.

NSPCC Website 'Share Aware' provides straight forward, no-nonsense advice that will untangle the web, and show parents how they can be just as great a parent online as offline. It includes a guide to social networking sites, a parents' guide and tips about how to talk to your child about staying safe online.

Tackling CSE is a priority for West Yorkshire Police and it is the responsibility of everyone to help spot the signs and say something.
For more information, visit

Mental health support in Wakefield

NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Are you...

- A parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person who needs support with their mental health?
- A young person aged 16 or 17 who wants support for your mental health?
- A health, social care, education or other professional who needs mental health support for a child or young person you work with?

Our child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) in Wakefield are here to help you.

Contact our friendly team directly for information, advice and support:

01977 735865
(Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm)

With all of us in mind.

www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/camhs-wakefield

*A child or young person must be under 18 years of age and registered with a GP practice in Wakefield to be able to get support from Wakefield CAMHS

How to Become An Expert in Your Child's Online World in 6 weeks.
Please follow the link: https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/

St Joseph's supports and advocates 'Operation Encompass' Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools before the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening. It enables children to arrive at school and have their needs met, by trained Child Protection staff, who have been informed of the child's 'experience.' National Domestic Violence 24hr free-phone hotline: 0808 2000 247

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Child Protection Officer– Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin- Head Teacher / Deputy Child Protection Officer: Mrs Jayne Clements –Learning Mentor
(Should parents/carers have any child protection concerns they can ring 'Social Care Direct' on 01924 303 456)