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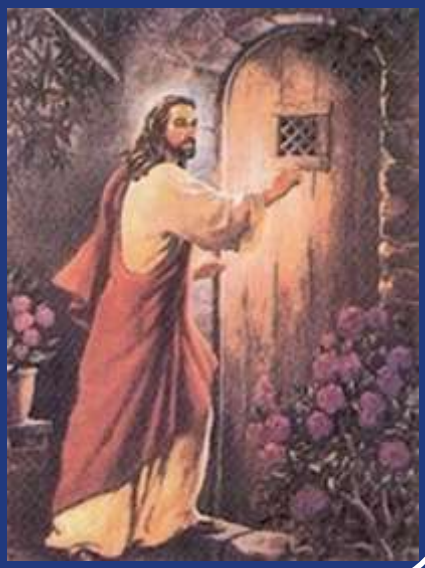
Autumn 2 Week 4

As we enter our first week of Advent, we revisit the virtue of hope. More than ever this virtue is vital as people hold on-to this special time of year as a time they can be with loved ones they have missed in homes that have become less visited. Let us renew our belief in this wonderful waiting time and allow ourselves to really focus on what truly matters in our lives and in the lives of all.

'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.'



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

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 www.southyorkshire.police.uk/uk/spotthesigns

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

NOTICEBOARD

Isaac S
Markuss Z
Annie M
Ethan P
Matthew F
Caleb H
Poppy H
Edward S
Alexander S
James H

Return dates for classes: Year 5—30/11/20 **Please return the loaned laptops on your child's return date.**

Christmas Cards: Due to Covid-19 this year we kindly ask that you do not send Christmas Cards into school. We ask that instead of this you support your chosen local charity such as the Pontefract Foodbank or Prince of Wales Hospice.

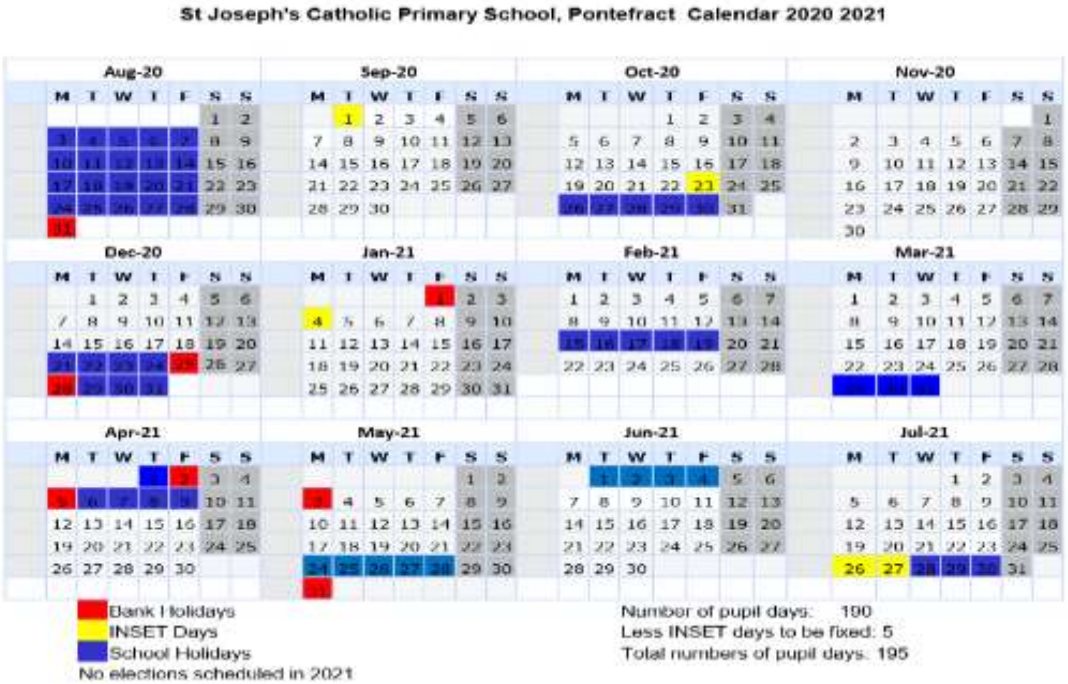
LF Provision payment: You will receive a reminder next week if your payment for next terms lower foundation provision is due for next tem. As per the policy please ensure this is paid by 1st January 2020.

Parent surveys: We have currently received 68 parent responses regarding remote learning and 14 responses for Relationships and Health Education questionnaire. We urge you to keep sending your responses as this will help us to ensure we are providing the right support for you and your child/ children.

Breakfast Club/After School Club/ Lower Foundation refunds:

As in keeping with other employers at St Joseph's , staff have continued to be paid throughout Covid-19. We apologise if this disappoints you but it states in our policies no refunds will be given if your child does not attend but you have booked and paid. This also applies due to bubble closures. We do have plenty of spaces at the moment so you do have the option of booking the day before. Please see below the content of the policy—

- **If a child is absent on a day they are due to attend a club, payment will not be refundable as staffing provision will have been made and these costs will still need to be covered.**



Dates for your diary

w/c 7/12/20—Advent Art Workshops

11/12/20—Christmas Jumper day

w/c 14/12/20—Christmas parties week

18/12/20—School closes for holidays

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PONTEFRACT

Parents whose children will be 5 years of age between September 1st 2020 and August 31st 2021 and wish their child to be considered for a place at St Joseph's school Pontefract, are asked to obtain an application form from our school website https://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/

The completed form and any relevant documents should be returned to school by 15th January 2020.

Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents (including baptismal certificates for Catholic applications) by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application.

To apply for a school place you must also apply via the Local Authority, you can do this on the website https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRACT

Applications, for an April start, are now being taken for children who will be aged three years by March 31st 2021. Parents are asked to obtain an application form from the school website https://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/ The completed form and any relevant documentation should be returned to school by **3.00pm Friday 22nd January 2021.** Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay the correct categorisation of the application.

It should be noted that an offer of a place in the nursery does not guarantee a place in school, for which a separate application must be made.

From January 2021 we are offering extended hours in Nursery

Parents are to obtain their new 30H code and, where necessary, reconfirm their codes by the deadline of **Thursday 31st December 2020**. All parents who are using the extended hours for the first time MUST have obtained or reconfirmed their code to ensure that they have a valid code by **Thursday 31st December 2020.** A parent that has a code with a start date of 1 January 2021 or later will not be able to access the extended hours next term.

We would recommend that parents do not wait until the deadline date to apply, reconfirm or address any issues with HMRC. If any parents need to contact HMRC the number is 0300 1234097.

For more information visit the website: https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/early-years-and-childcare/information-for-parents-and-carers/30-hours-free-childcare

If you would like any support with this or are wanting to use the extended services from January you can telephone Faye Robinson on 01977 701493.

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Bon weekend a tous!
Madame Kaushiv

Online safety activities you can do from home

These are broken up into ages and include quick activities, films and plenty more fun ways to engage with your children. From identifying fake news to online bullying – there is plenty for you and your family to use.

For 3-7 year olds

https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home/for-3-7-year-olds-

For 7-11 year olds

https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home/for-7-11-year-olds-

SENCO:

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 Kaushiva please contact the school office to arrange this.

Mrs Kaushiva will be available on a Tuesday afternoon.

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.