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Newsletter Autumn 2 Week 5

Today we wonder as we listen to the news, is peace possible? We all need two kinds of peace in our lives. We need inner peace, but we also need peace with others. God addresses both. He tells us what to do to find that peace. We need to have the patience to listen to what he has to say so we can move towards Christmas with the peace of Christ within us.

'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'
Mark 1 1-8

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

Adventure Playground Update

We wanted to inform you that now the adventure playground has been resurfaced we will be working with our children to decide how we spend the £4,000 you helped to fundraise in order to further enhance this outdoor space.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper day—Friday 11th December

On this day your child may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper and if your child would like to order a Christmas dinner please order this through our School Grid system.

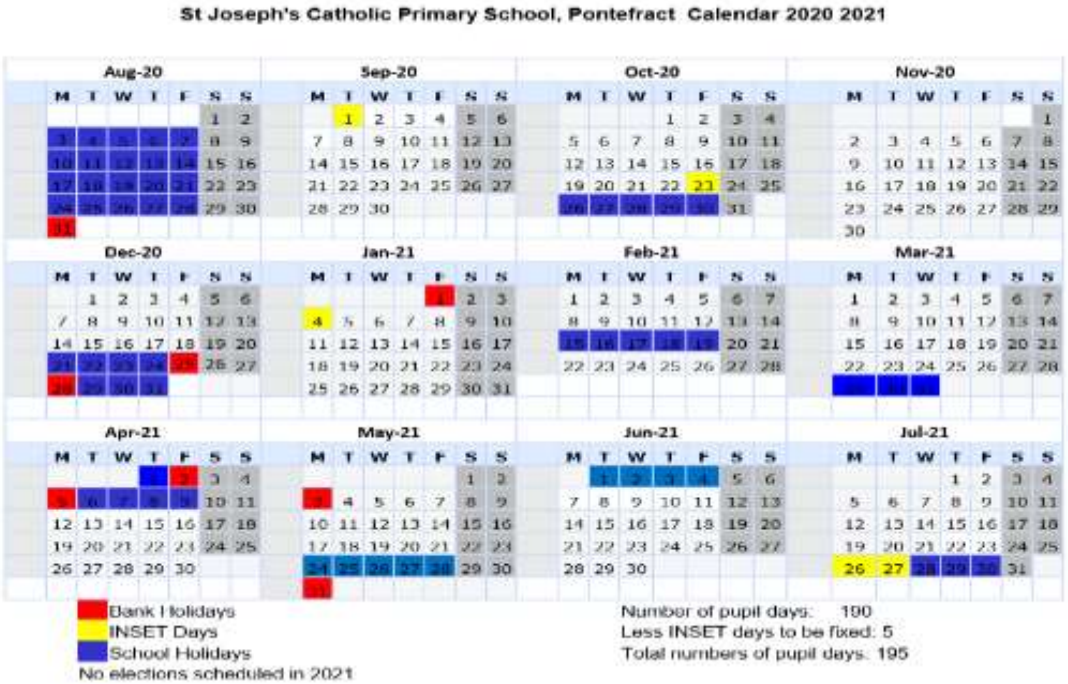
From January 2021 we are offering extended hours in Nursery

If you would like your child to attend 30 hours in Nursery from January please telephone Faye Robinson on 01977 701493 before Friday 11th December.

School communications to parents/carers

Please be advised that school communicates information and key messages to parents/carers through our school website and group call email/ expressions. Therefore please do not follow information shared on parents whatsapp groups regarding school, this week parents whatsapp groups have caused disruption in school.

Advent Art Workshops: The workshops will take place next week and your child will make a lovely Advent craft which they will bring home. We kindly ask for a donation for these items. If you would like to make a donation please do so on School money under Donations and Advent Workshop. We have input a suggested amount of £2.00 but you may change this and donate anything you would like to.



Dates for your diary

w/c 7/12/20—Advent Art Workshops

11/12/20—Christmas dinner day and Jumper day

w/c 14/12/20—Christmas parties week

18/12/20—School closes for holidays

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, PONTEFRACT

Booking can be made for Christmas Masses by calling the Telephone Booking Line from Thursday 10th December. In order to ensure that as many people as possible can attend Mass we ask that you only book for one of the above Masses.

Call 07709 091786

Thursday 10am & 12 noon, 6:30pm and 7:30pm

Friday 10am & 12 noon

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES		
Date	Church	Time
Thursday 24th Dec **Christmas Eve**	St Joseph's	10:15am
	St Michael's (Vigil Mass)	4pm
	St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)	6pm
Friday 25th Dec **Christmas Day**	St Michael's	9:15am
	St Joseph's	11:15am
Saturday 26th Dec **Boxing Day**	St Michael's	11:15am
	St Joseph's (Vigil Mass)	6:15pm

Mini Vinnies

FROM THE MINI VINNIES

THANK YOU for all the food you have brought in for the food bank it has not gone to waste at all but we still need you to bring more just because its Christmas doesn't mean we don't need food. The food bank takes food all year round so we are still needing food. Please don't forget about the people who don't have as much as we do. Especially during Christmas thank you again for all you have done.

FROM THE MINI VINNIES

Pontefract foodbank

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Thank you. Thank you for all the donations to the food bank all food goes to people who need it more than us. Thank you to the people who brought food and could you please bring more food in so we can help. Also we do things to raise money for charity so people can have Christmas gifts.

Please see the letter from the Mini Vinnies who would like you to send more food in to support our local food bank.

Don't be late through the gate! Please make sure your child arrives in time for school!

Over the past two weeks we have had a large number of children being dropped and collected late, particularly in Lower Foundation Please ensure you adhere to the timings for your child/children's class/ classes. Please see the timings as a re-minder of timings for drop off and collection at school. Please make an extra effort vital learning time is lost when you are late.

Lower Foundation Full days– 8.45am-3.25pm	Mornings- 8.45am–11.45am	Afternoons- 12.25-3.25pm
Upper Foundation	9am	3.30pm
Year 1	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 4	9am	3.30pm
Year 5	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 6	9am	3.30pm

French Friday Feature

How do we celebrate Advent in France? Advent in France (l'Avent en France)

In many regions, Advent in France is the occasion for various and popular events.

In France, the celebrations of Saint-Nicolas take place around 6 December with big shows, street parades and fireworks. This tradition of 6 December is also maintained in other areas of Northern and Eastern Europe.

Saint-Nicolas on Place Stanislas.

(la couronne de l'Avent) et (le calendrier de l'Avent)- Advent wreaths and calendars are used to countdown to Christmas.

The calendars themselves are usually large rectangular cards, displaying a Christmas scene or a German-looking medieval town!

Festival of Lights in Lyon

In Lyon, the Festival of Lights (Fête des Lumières) has become the biggest event in town, when its monuments, hills and river banks are illuminated for four days.

Christmas on the Champs-Élysées

In Paris, the avenue des Champs-Elysées is traditionally lit up at the beginning of Advent, marking the start of a period of hectic Christmas shopping in the French capital.

Tim Pinto delivered online safety sessions in Years 1-Year 6 via teams on Wednesday. These sessions helped to further inform school on additional support children may need in keeping themselves safe online. It also raised awareness regarding online safety with our children. Tim shared a useful link for parents when supporting children at home in staying safe when online.

https://www.taminggaming.com/

HAVE AN E-SAFETY CHRISTMAS

Have an e-safety Christmas 1. Put parental controls on new devices if you are giving your child a new device such as a tablet, smartphone or games

esafetyoffice.co.uk

Dear parents/carers, I'm our schools Mental Health First Aider. *Please feel free to contact me, at any time.*

I am here to support you, your child and family in any way and I am always available.

Mrs Clements

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.