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Newsletter Autumn 1 Week 6

On Thursday evening, we celebrated the Confirmation of 16 of our year 6 pupils. It was a lovely, prayerful evening and the children were just wonderful. The Holy Spirit was received with reverence and it was a true reflection of the Advent season. Thank you to all children and parents.

Nativities

Nativities will be available for you to view on our website from Wednesday 16th December until Wednesday 23rd December.

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

Christmas parties

Due to us now closing a day early we have rescheduled Christmas parties as follows:

Upper Foundation - Monday

Year 1 and year 2 - Wednesday

Year 3 and year 4 - Monday

Year 5 and year 6 - Wednesday

On your child's party day they may come to school in appropriate party clothes.

Advent Art Workshops: The workshops took place this week and your child will have made you a lovely Advent craft . 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.

Free School Meals

As we are now closing a day early. If your child is eligible for free school meals we will provide them with a packed lunch for Friday. They will bring this home with them on Thursday.

Punctuality

We have noticed some of our children are arriving too early and this is causing bubbles mixing. Please adhere to the timings allocated to your child's class as we want to avoid bubble closures as much as possible. Children are parents responsibility before the school day starts in the playground and as soon as the school day finishes. Please do not leave them unattended on school grounds.

After School Clubs

Please note: Clubs continue next week.

Please also note after school clubs **do not** take place the first week back.

Breakfast Club

Please pay and book prior to attending and do not leave children unattended before breakfast club.

You are now able to book places for next half term on school money.

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

Number of pupil days: 190
Less INSET days to be fixed: 5
Total numbers of pupil days: 195

Dates for your diary

w/c 14/12/20—Christmas parties week

17/12/20—School closes for holidays **(Please note date change)**

05/01/21—School re-opens

French Friday

CRÈCHE

One thing every French home has at Christmastime is the *crèche*, or Nativity scene. These are very different to our church nativity scenes. Many feature entire villages aside from the traditional manger scene, particularly in Provence where there are many stands at each Christmas market selling the little figurines.

MARCHÉ DE NOEL

The *marchés de Noel*, or Christmas markets, are an important part of the French Christmas tradition. Beginning usually the last weekend of November and continuing until Christmas Day or into the New Year, little wooden stalls pop up in the centre of villages and cities all over the country. Not only can you buy festive treats and decorations here, you can often find smaller producers selling their high-quality goods in holiday packaging. The most popular are in the Alsace region. There are seven markets in the city of Strasbourg alone! Each market and city has its own distinctive flair, giving you the chance to buy regional goods.

RÉVEILLON VS CHRISTMAS DAY

If you're looking to pull out all the stops for a French Christmas dinner, make sure you're doing it on the right day! The biggest meal of the holiday is usually eaten on Christmas Eve, known as *le Réveillon*, instead of on Christmas Day. The starters often consist of foie gras, oysters, or escargots, followed by a bird–often a capon or turkey–and finishing with the *bûche de Noël*, or Yule log, as well as other treats like chocolates and nougat. All washed down with wine. The French then head to Midnight Mass afterwards.

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.

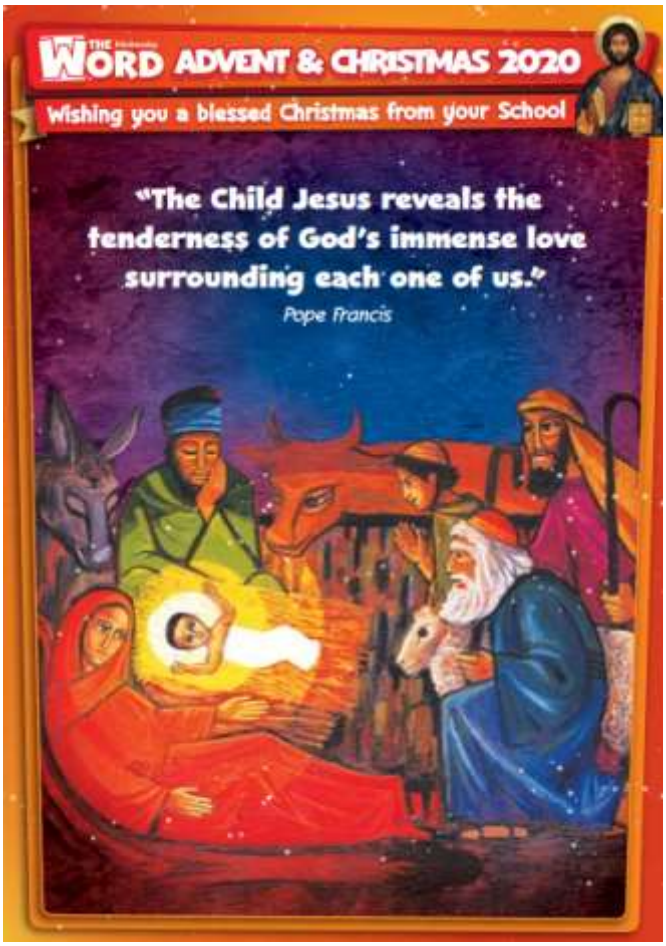
Call 07709 091786

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



Please have a look at the Wednesday Word using this link—http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm

Harry R
Pawel K
Deliah T
Daylan B
Alfie C
Edward S
Isabella O
Brian CF
Madeline S
Leon A
Riley W
Joseph H
Daniel S

Nicole A
Frederick L
Arlo M
Sofia F
Charlie H
Dexter A
Nona T
Alan S
James D
Eve C
Charlotte C
Kaja K

Letting Go & Future Plans

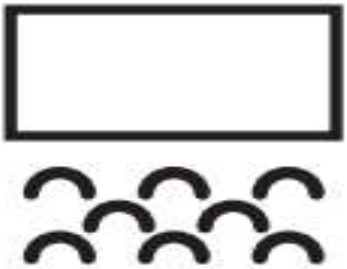
You will need:

There are lots of things that we haven't been able to do due to coronavirus – see friends, hug a grandparent, go shopping or visit a favourite café.

Use our activities to encourage your child to accept and let go of the things they missed out on due to the lockdown, and to look forward to things they can do in the future.

Things I've missed out on - Letting go

Talk to your child about things they couldn't do during lockdown. They can write or draw each item on a small piece of paper. Ask them how they feel about each thing they've missed. We can't change this situation, so we need to accept that those events are gone for ever. One by one, scrunch up the pieces of paper and throw them away, letting them go for good.



Things I am looking forward to - Future plans

Encourage children to make a list or draw pictures of things they are looking forward to doing in the near future. Stick this on the fridge to remind them of good things coming up. They can add new things at any time.

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Tragically we are seeing baby deaths here in Wakefield district as a result of overlay, unsafe sleeping and shaken baby. Please visit the following websites for more information.

Wakefield safeguarding children partnership (wakefieldscp.org.uk)

The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families