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Newsletter Autumn 2 Week 7

Our Virtue to Live By is.....Patience

As we finish for our Christmas break we look to the simplicity of this image. Our ideas and plans for our usual Christmas have to be stripped down and may have to become less busy. This in itself may help us have more time to focus on the true meaning of this wonderful celebration so we can be more hopeful, peaceful, joyful and full of love for those around us.

May you all have a very happy Christmas indeed.

"And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God."

Luke 1:26-28

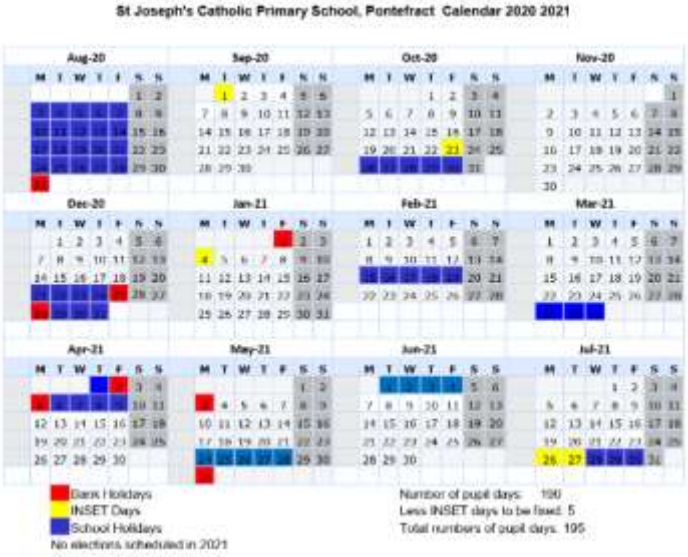
NOTICEBOARD

This week, members of Year 4 and Year 5 took an important step in their faith journey when they participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with Canon Tim.

We are very proud of how well you dealt with your nerves and the respect that you showed for making your Confession.

Dates for your diary

05/01/21—School re-opens



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

After School Clubs—Spring term 1

NO CLUBS THE FIRST WEEK BACK

Monday—Year 3 and 4 Multi skills

Tuesday—Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics

Wednesday—Year 3 and 4 Crocheting

Wednesday—Year 5 and 6 Netball

Thursday—Year 5 and 6 Kick boxing

You are now able to book a place for next half terms after school clubs. Please pay and book on school money prior to attending.

Jeu des différences - Le sapin de Noël

Look carefully at these two images. Can you find seven differences?

Joyeux Noël! Madame Kaushiva

uver les sept différences?

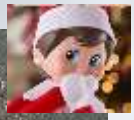
Vocabulaire	
un sapin de Noël	a Christmas tree
une boule de Noël	a bauble
une cloche	a bell
un ange	an angel
une guirlande	tinsel
une étoile	a star

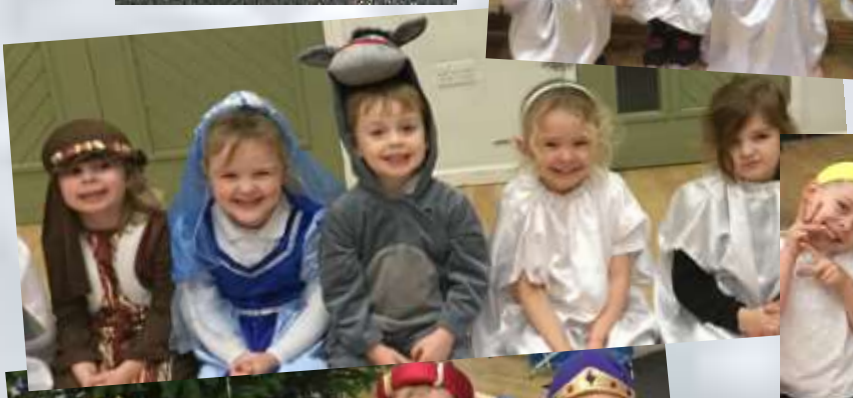
la cime	the top
le pied	the foot
un cadeau	a present
un nœud	a bow
une étiquette	a label

St Joseph's

December in pictures!

Our little elf was mischie-vous last night. As we came into school this morning he was swinging from the ceiling and had sprinkled glitter every-where!





SAFER SCHOOLS

It's important that parents/carers understand what children are doing online, in order to help make keep them safe.

We are delighted to invite you to download our new 'Safer Schools' App'.

To do this, please download the app and then enter our school name and our parent entry code which is 7440. There is also a child's code so your child can also download the app and use the code 9342 for a child friendly version of the app.

Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer.

We are introducing a 'Mobile Free Zone' on our playground to enable you to, 'Take a Moment' when you collect your children from school.

Take a moment to give them a hug and ask how their day was.

Take a moment to listen to and talk to your child.

Take a moment to notice the smiles on the playground as children share their day with their loved one.

The power of talk has a huge impact on children's development. Wisdom grows, vocabulary becomes richer, they develop curiosity and critical thinking and it contributes to good mental health.

Let's make our school playground a mobile free zone.

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

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

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

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Website: www.sjp.bkcat.co.uk
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)