Spring 2 Week 1

NEWSLETTER

Our Virtue To Live By is.....Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the deepest form of love, when we love others beyond their mistakes, beyond the hurt they have caused us.....

The struggle to forgive has opened us up to the presence of God's mercy all around us.

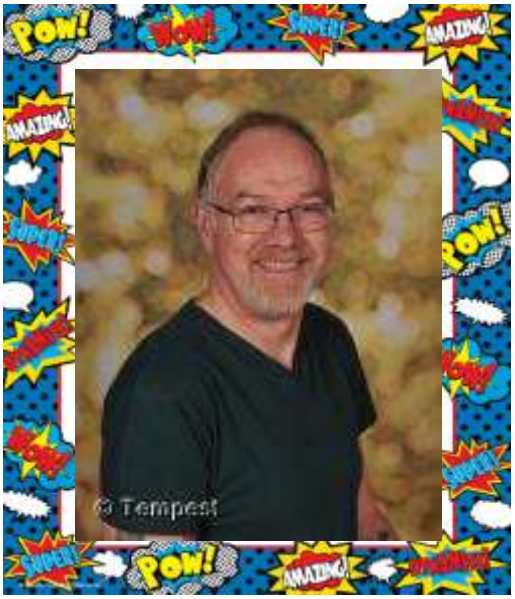
Let us use Lent as a time to forgive others and lead us down the path of reconciliation on our journey towards Easter.

"Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:13-25)

St Joseph's

Sadly today we wave Mr Stringwell off as he starts the next part of his journey, taking up a well-earned retirement.
He has been an instrumental member of our team, putting our children and school community at the forefront of his work.
No job too big or too challenging, he has always come prepared with a toolkit and a great big smile!
From taking care of chicks, to dressing up he always puts our children first and this is what has made all the difference to our children!
On behalf of the staff and children here at St Joseph's I want to express our deepest gratitude to Mr Stringwell for everything he has done.
I wish him all the very best for the future. Enjoy retirement!

With love from Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin and all the staff at St Joseph's



In honour of Mr Stringwell the staff wore checked shirts as we all know him well for this !

Welcome Back to School!

Reminders:

Please take time to read the parents/carers information guide which was circulated to all on 3rd March and is also on our school website, in preparation for reopening to all children next week. Staggered start and finish times are still in place, as per the government guidance. This is non-negotiable.

Siblings with different drop off and collection times can be dropped off at 9am and collected at 3.30pm from their separate classroom doors.

If you are unsure of anything please contact the school office.

Uniform: Please ensure your child does not wear trainers to school and that your child does not wear inappropriate hair accessories such as large bows, cat ear headbands etc. to school.

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 trainers on their PE days. Plain blue or black tracksuits only. INDOOR P.E– Upper Foundation– Year 6– All children (BOYS & GIRLS) to wear navy shorts and white t-shirt. If something doesn't fit do not worry, replace it as soon as you can.

Laptops: Please return any loaned laptops to school on Monday and sign them back in with Mrs Robinson.

Medical: Please ensure that inhalers and Epipens that have gone home with pupils or new inhaler users bring their medication in-date and ready for use on Monday. We also kindly ask that any changes to medical needs or health care plans are shared with us before Monday.

School CLUBS

Breakfast Club: Breakfast club is now available to book on school money for week commencing 8th March 2021.

After School Clubs: After school clubs are now available to book on school money for week commencing 8th March 2021.

The clubs available are:

- **Monday—Multi Skills—Year 3 and 4**
- **Monday—Art Club—Year 5 and 6**
- **Tuesday—Gymnastics—Year 1 and 2**
- **Wednesday—Crocheting—Year 3 and 4**
- **Wednesday—Netball—Year 5 and 6**
- **Thursday—Film Club—Year 1 and 2**
- **Thursday—Kick boxing—Thursday (this club is not through school and you need to book direct)**

All clubs will run at the end of your child's class school day until 4.30pm.

Please note: You must book and pay for any school clubs using our school money system before attendance is permitted. The cost of your child attending is £2.00.

This is a first come, first serve basis and there are 15 places in each club.

School clubs: All parents and carers should now be able to access the booking system on school money to book breakfast club and after school clubs.

SchoolMoney

Reminder: To log into SchoolMoney, visit the website www.schoolmoney.co.uk and enter your mobile number, email address and your password. If for any reason you are struggling to log in, please contact admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk

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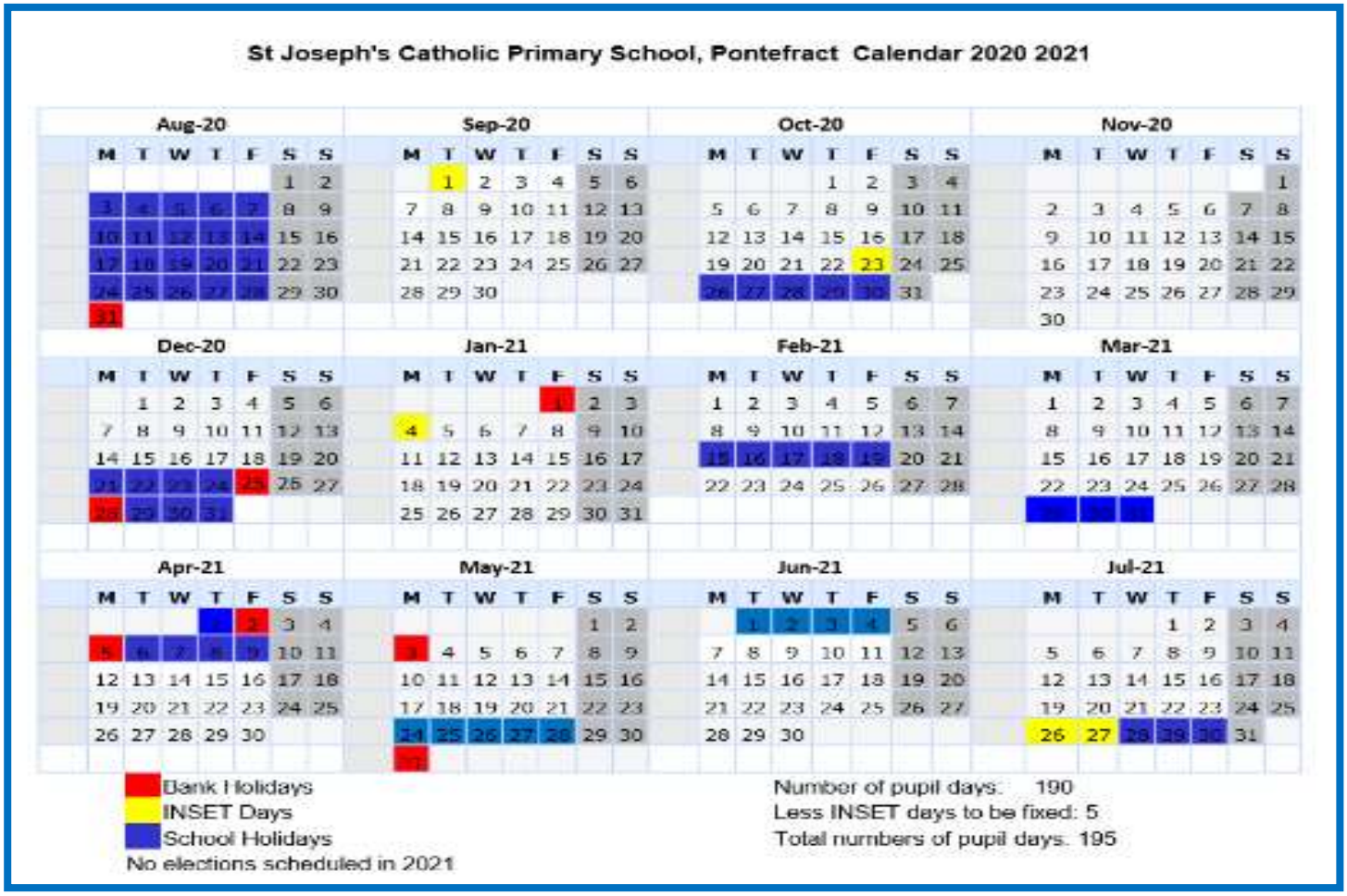


Star Awards

Star Reader

Antoni W—Y1

Julia R—Y3

McKenzie W—Y5

Statements to Live by

Savannah C—Y4

Matthew F—Y5

Curriculum Star

Leo S—UF

Max—Y2

Alan S—Y3

William D—Y4

Erin J—Y5

Oscar G– Y6

Alex R—Y6

Star Mathematician

Iga—Y3

Remote Learning Star

Eve—Y2

Grace—Y2

Savannah J—Y4

Star Writer

Ava G—UF

Matilda M—UF

Ethan J– Y1

This weeks Top Dojo Winners

UF—George B, Elliot and Aria

Y1—Henry B, Euan C, Ethan P and Autumn

Y2—Sophie, Theron and Ben

Y3—Adelaide K and Matilda E

Y4—Maks, Kaja, Isobel and Evie W

Y5—Joseph W, Jasper LW, Alys K and Erin C

Y6—Edward and Kaye

St Joseph's Pontefract Reading newsletter

Dear Parents and children,

I wanted to share with you some links and websites that are useful during the school closure and for further reading opportunities for your children.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

We have purchased a school subscription for this site. Your child should have been given their year group login, giving children access to hundreds of e-books and other helpful learning resources.

https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk

LoveReading4Kids is a fantastic resources for reading. It is an online library of book recommendations and e-books. Often extracts of books are available to download and read. It is a great way to spark imagination – perhaps reading and extract could inspire you to read the whole book. You need to sign up but registration is free.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booksand-reading/have-some-fun/storybooksand-games/

The Book Trust has super recommendations for books, but also has some online stories to read and watch. This is particularly good for EYFS and KS1.

https://literacytrust.org.uk/

To help kids tackle home-schooling, the National Literacy Trust has launched 'Words for Life', which is a free website where parents can go to get ideas for engaging activities that will help their children's reading, writing and language development. Choose from audiobooks, live stories with author Steve Antony, and activity sheets based on popular children's books such as *Where's Wally?*

Free access to children's books from Apple!

If you have an Apple device at home, make the most of this brilliant selection of children's books that have been made FREE to read digitally on their book store!

Go into the BOOKS icon on your phone. Click on book store and there is a link for the free kids' books.

Children use a QR code to access a range of stories being read by their authors. The link is: https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online.

With access to libraries, classrooms and bookshops limited, they've put together some quality online storytimes for children to access freely at home - all read by fabulous authors and illustrators. There are separate sheets for ages 3-5, 5-7, 7-9 and 9-11.

Try this fairytale quiz https://clubskids.scholastic.co.uk/quizzes/23351/question

How well do you *really* know children's books? It's time to find out, because you can test your knowledge with these online quizzes

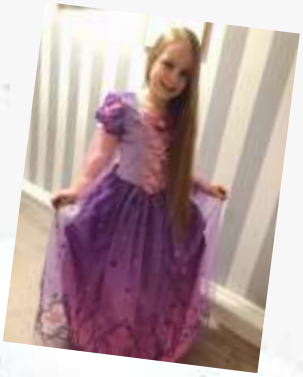
https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/quizzes/

Children's book quiz for children aged 7-11 https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/resources/100-question-childrens-book-quiz-for-pupils-aged-7-11-in-ks2/

Remember we love to see your photos! Extreme reading - can you find a fun or unusual place to read?

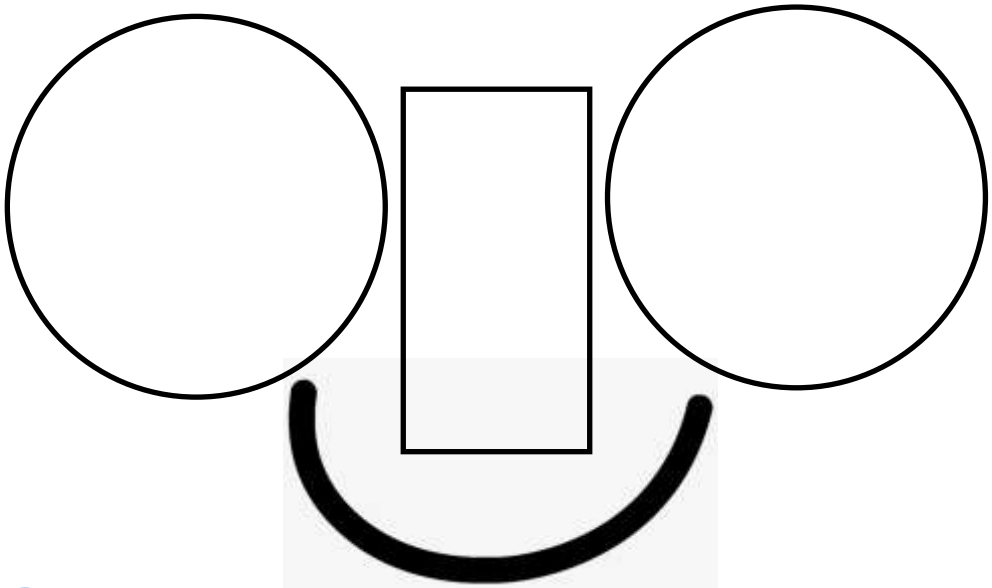
French Friday Feature for World Book Day 2021

To celebrate World Book Day, can you recognise the following Fairy Tales from their front covers written in French?

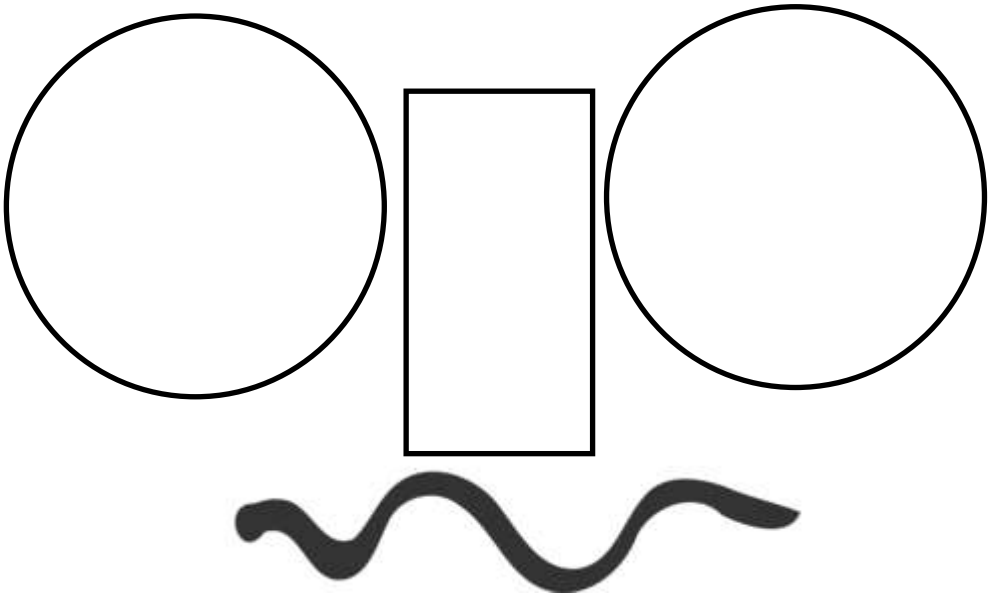


Please complete this activity with your child to discuss their thoughts and feelings on returning to school as a way of helping them settle back into school life.

I feel positive about...



I feel worried about...



If you feel your child needs support on return to school please contact the Safegaurding team via email—admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk and we will get back to you.

Managing separation post lockdown

A quick guide for parents and carers

NHS South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

After settling into new daily routines during lockdown, it's normal to feel anxious about leaving your family as you go back to work or as your children return to school. You may ask yourself, is it really safe? How will I cope with the change? How will my children manage? Here are some things to help make the transitions easier.

New routines

Planning routines can help us to feel calmer as we know what's happening and when. Use a diary or calendar to write down all the things that are happening in your week. You can do this individually or together as a family.

Mark:

1. The **times you will all struggle with**, e.g. returning to work, or school

Add in:

1. **Things you can look forward to doing** with each other. Plan in family time, movie nights, trips out, baking etc.
2. **Things you can each do for yourself to feel calmer** e.g. distraction techniques, slow breathing, exercise, art, reading, music , films, fidget toys.

Back to school

Prepare your children for changes:

- Get in **information from school** about what things will be like—share this with your child.
- **Practice the old routine** e.g. waking up at the right time, getting dressed, having breakfast, walking to school.
- **Talk** to your child about going back to school - how do they feel? What are they and aren't they looking forward to?

Online resources:

- Going back to school
- Calm Zone
- Take Time Out
- What to do if your child is anxious about going back to school?

Home / work

Prepare yourself for being at home without your children or for returning to work:

- Set yourself **manageable goals** each day
- Enjoy your **lunch break** and look after your **health** - exercise and a healthy diet improves mood.
- **Keep in touch** with the people you care about
- Make time for **yourself**
- **Be mindful** - accept that things may feel hard

Online resources:

- Coping Calendar
- 5 Steps to Mental Wellbeing
- Staying Well at Work

With **all of us** in mind.

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/

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

VLE Website www.wakefield.itslearning.com **Email:** admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk **Tel: 01977 701493**
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)