St Joseph's

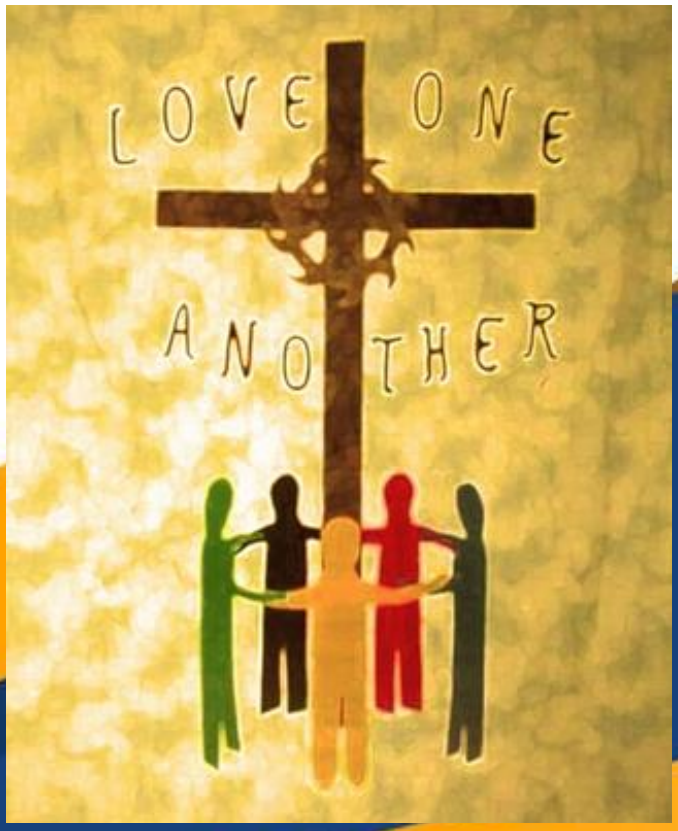
NEWSLETTER

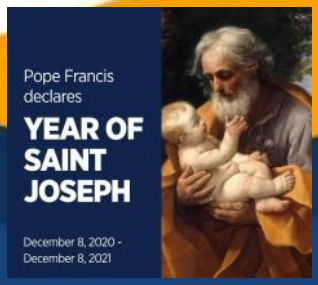
Our Virtue To Live By is ..... Thankfulness

This Saturday, some of our Year 5 children will receive their First Holy Communion. This is a very special occasion for many reasons, most importantly for the gift of Christ they will experience and the journey that they will begin; but also for the reason that we can celebrate together in a church as a small community. There will be restrictions, there will be masks, but there will also be the presence of Christ that we should always be truly thankful for.

"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you."

(John 15:9-17)





Summer 1

Week 4

NOTICEBOARD

Congratulations to Year 3 who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation next week. The children will pray together and will have prepared with their special books and Mr Jones.

Year 6: Please feel reassured that plans are currently underway for our year 6 children to ensure that their last half term will be as special as possible before they continue their school journey to high school. Further information will follow in due course.

Mobile phones on school playground: We have noticed an increase in children using their mobile phone in the school playground particularly to take selfies of themselves and other children. Please ensure this does not continue moving forward as this is a safeguarding issue and is placing our children at risk.

Parent Consultations: Thank you to everyone who joined us remotely for parent consultations this week. It was great to be able to speak with families to share the many successes of the children and celebrate their resilience during these challenging times. If you were unable to access a meeting, please message your child's teacher via Dojo to arrange a telephone meeting before the end of this half term.

Change of details: If any of your details or your family members have changed please ensure you let the school office know. Please email any updates to admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk.

The Big Ask Survey: The Children's Commissioner is giving children in England the chance to share their thoughts with those in power in our country. The Big Ask is your chance to take part in the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. It will be used to show the government what children think, and what children need to lead happier lives. The survey will ask children across England to set out their priorities for improving childhood following the pandemic. The survey will take 5-10 minutes and is split into ages: Ages 4-5, Ages 6-8 & Ages 9-12. Children may wish to be with an adult when completing the survey. To access the survey go to https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/

NURSERY

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSERY PONTEFRACT

Applications for a September start are now being taken for children who will be aged three years by August 31st. In the current situation parents are asked to obtain an application form from our school website www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk. The form is named SIF 2021, please select Parents, then admissions which you can complete and email to us along with the relevant documentation to admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk. The completed form and any relevant documentation should be received by school by 3.30pm Friday 11th June. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will effect 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.

We also proveide 30 hour childcare in our Nursery, if you are interested in this option please contact us by emailing— admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk.

⇒ Nursery prepares your child for school

⇒ Nursery encourages playtime

⇒ Nursery helps children develop social skills and make friends

There is financial support available

http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/early-years-and-childcare/information-for-parents-and-carers/early-years-free-entitlement

Year 5's Class Scientist for the Summer Term is...

Marie Curie

Marie Curie was a Polish physicist.

Marie studied the rays given off by the newly discovered element uranium, which she named "radioactivity".

Working with her husband, Pierre, she discovered two new radioactive elements: polonium and radium.

Marie pioneered the medical uses of radioactive substances.

She trained nurses during World War I in radiography (using X-rays to take images of the body).

Marie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the first person to be awarded two Nobel prizes in different sciences.

Marie's Nobel Prizes

- Physics (1903)
- Chemistry (1911)

STAR AWARDS

CURRICULUM

Beau—2

Martha—4

Evie W—4

Alex S—6

Leon A—6

SPORT

Matthew

Statements to Live By

Matthew T—3

WRITER

Abby W—UF

Dylan B—UF

Nathan—2

Alfie—2

Ellie J—5

MATHEMATICIAN

Harry K—UF

Ethan P—1

Henry B—1

Bobbie G—1

Adelaide K—3

Reader

Sofia F—3

Last weeks Top Dojo Winners

UF— Harry K and Hazel G

Y1— Julia S, Olivia K, Lucy B and Jasmine

Y2—Sophie and Lowenna

Y3—Antonina K and Vinul

Y4—Annie M and Alex S

Y5—Jayden J, Leo W and Maria D

Y6—Oscar and Annie

Henry B
Alex R
Harry W
Jude M
Erin J
Harry K
Felicity D
Bobbie G
Isabella L
Rupert E
Alfie G
Michael B
Ellie J
Matilda E
Savannah C
Anthony F

French Feature – Continuing to learn about School Days in France

School life

Did you know that philosophy is a compulsory subject in France?

Life in a French school

School is compulsory in France between the ages of six to sixteen, but many children start earlier in nursery. Schools are divided between primary and secondary, as in the UK and there are also private and state schools. Faith schools are always private.

French children in primary school

A primary school in Marseille - KS2 French - BBC Bitesize

A day at a primary school in Marseille, including lessons and games. We see children at school from the beginning of the school day to the end.www.bbc.co.uk

Daily routine

French students go to school from Monday to Friday with Wednesday afternoon off. The school day is generally longer than in the UK but the holidays are longer. Lessons usually start at around 8.30 in the morning. Pupils have at least one hour and a half for lunch and usually finish school around 16.30.

The French school year numbering system in secondary school works in descending order. The final year is called la terminale and the first year is known as la sixième.

French	English
Sixième	Year 7
Cinquième	Year 8
Quatrième	Year 9
Troisième	Year 10
Seconde	Year 11
Première	Year 12
Terminale	Year 13

French students typically don't wear a uniform which is usually compulsory in the UK.

Subjects such as Drama or Food Technology are not usually taught in mainstream French schools. Religious Education is only taught in private faith schools.

Why is nature good for our mental health?

From walking in the woods and sitting in the garden, to caring for house plants and even watching nature programmes, there are many ways we can find to connect with nature wherever we are.

Research tells us that there are many benefits to connecting with nature for our mental health, including:

- Feeling happier;
- Feeling less stressed or angry;
- Having more and better-quality sleep;
- Feeling less worried;
- Being more environmentally aware and engaged;
- Increasing self-esteem and self-confidence;
- Improving attention and concentration;
- Encouraging participation in physical activities; and
- Increasing social contact with other people and animals.

Please visit our website page —https://www.sjp.bkcat.co.uk/key-information/safeguarding/

We have added some useful documents on their for you to view.

Nature Guide for Pupils

Nature Guide for Parents and Caregivers

Mental Health Foundation

Safeguarding 07707501042

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:

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)