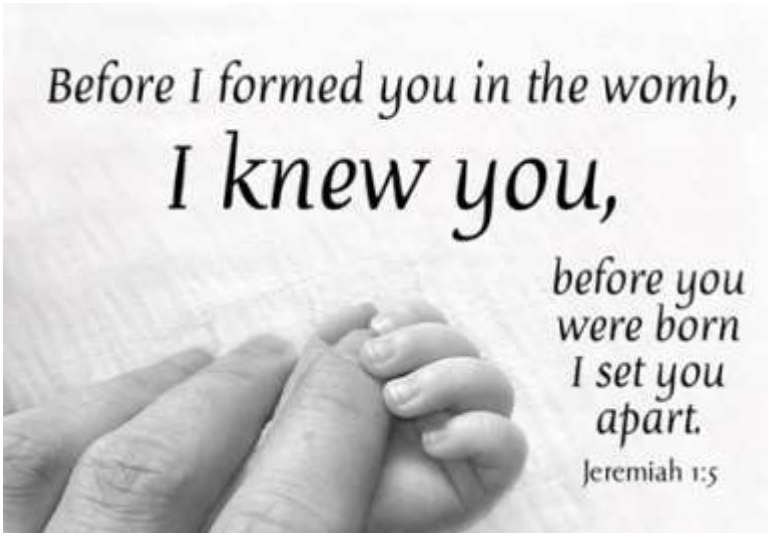
Newsletter Summer 2 Week 7
23rd July 2021

Virtues To Live By…….

Each week we focus on a different virtue that helps us reflect on our own lives and the way we live them. This week, we turn our attention to Mrs. Bickerton, who is retiring this summer. Mrs. Bickerton has been here for over 20 years and has worked with many different age groups. She has been an integral part of St. Joseph's family and has displayed many of the virtues we have thought about. Patience, honesty, resilience, persistence, courtesy and above all faith. She has always put the children first and many children will become confident adults because of her. As a school, we would like to display the virtue of thankfulness for all that she has done for us. May she have a very restful and fun filled retirement! Mrs. B…… we thank you!



We also say farewell to Mrs. Tomlin, just for a short while, whilst she leaves to become a mother. This is such a special time for her and her family and we pray that joy and happiness comes to them (and sleepless nights and all that goes with it!) We thank her for all she has done to ensure the school continues to flourish in her absence and we wish her and her family all the best!

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To our year 6 children, we are filled with sadness that you are leaving us, but we are also filled with such joy as you have achieved so much for yourselves and for St Joseph's school.

You have made us incredibly proud and we pray that you continue to be the remarkable individuals you already are.

Good luck for the next stage in your journey.

With love

The staff at St Joseph's

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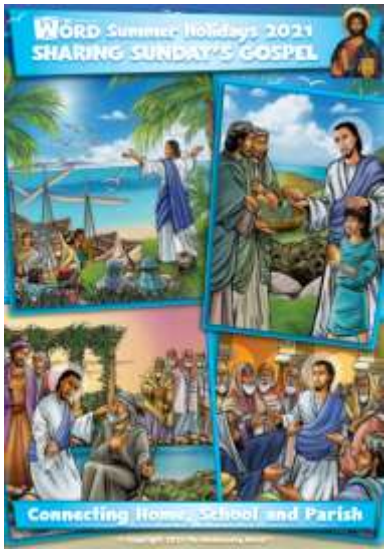
Year 6



Please take a look at the Summer Special Wednesday Word booklet at—

https://www.sjp.bkcat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Wednesday-Word-Summer-Holiday-Special-03-2.pdf

We would like to congratulate Mrs Greatorex on her recent success in being voted Parent Governor.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Greatorex to our Academy Council in the Autumn Term.

Please could parents/carers now access their **new** class on ClassDojo as there will be information posted on there.

Wakefield Council are working in partnership with voluntary and community organisations, local schools and childcare providers as part of the WF Happy Healthy Holidays programme, funded by the DfE to provide a summer of free activities and food for children and families eligible for income – related free school meals throughout the district. The programme aims to reduce inactivity and isolation experienced by many children across the Wakefield district during the school holidays, as well as providing children with healthy meals and nutritional education.For more information please follow this link - https://pontefractcollieriesfccic.coordinate.cloud/

Staffing in September 2021

Interim Executive Headteacher: Mrs Cade

Interim Head of School: Mr Sandbach

Lower Foundation: Mrs Birch / Mrs McHale

Upper Foundation: Mrs Grace

Year 1: Mrs Radwell and Mrs Riley

Year 2: Miss Smith

Year 3: Mr Jones

Year 4: Miss Peat

Year 5: Mrs Everett

Year 6: Mrs Kaushiva

From September 2021 we will welcome Miss Smith a newly appointed teaching assistant and Miss Peat a newly appointed teacher to our team.

Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin, headteacher will be on maternity leave.

Attendance Figures

19.07.21—23.07.21

Reception	**96%**
Year 1	**95%**
Year 2	**98%**
Year 3	**96%**

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Year 4	**95%**
Year 5	**96%**
Year 6	**100%**
Whole School	**96%**

A few reminders for September;

On PE days only, children will come to school in their PE kits and remain in them all day.

Water bottles must be sent with children every day, containing water only.

The correct school uniform must be worn at all times, including the correct and appropriate PE kit.

Healthy snacks only should be sent into school with our children.

After School Clubs: After school clubs for Autumn term 1 will be available to book on school money the first week back. The clubs will start week beginning 13th September 2021.

The clubs available are:

- **Monday—Football —Year 1 and 2**
- **Monday—Art Club—Year 5 and 6**
- **Tuesday—Football —Year 3 and 4**
- **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.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast club is now available to book on school money for week commencing 6th September 2021.

Year 5 and 6 Planners and Reading diary: If you would like your year 5 or year 6 child to have a planner to support their learning in school please pay £2.50 on school money in the shop section and we will purchase the planners in the first week back.

School money: 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 email admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk

Supporting children's transition to secondary school

Guidance for parents and carers

Preparing for secondary school The transition from primary to secondary school is exciting for children and marks a new phase in their lives. Children recognise it as part of growing up and are aware that their lives are about to change in an important way. Like any change, it can also bring uncertainty. Most children will manage the transition to secondary school successfully. However, there may be ups and downs. It's easy for children to slip from feeling happy and confident one minute, to feeling nervous or anxious and back again as they find their feet. As a parent or carer there is much you can do to help your child through the transition period with careful and sensitive preparation.

Please click on the link below to view the full guidance—

https://www.sjp.bkcat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/supporting-children-through-secondary-transition-final.pdf

Building your child's independence and confidence will help them with the transition

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.

How to Become An Expert in Your Child's Online World in 6 weeks.

Please follow the link:

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

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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)