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Newsletter Autumn 1 Week 4

Our Virtue To Live By is…… Thankfulness

We turn this week to look at the virtue of thankfulness.

This is a great time of year to be thankful for the world God gave us. The creation of the world was a gift to us all and as the seasons roll on, let us take a look around us, open our eyes and be thankful for a sunset, a sunny day, a squirrel collecting food or a favourite meal. Pause and look and be truly thankful. Creation is a gift, let us cherish it.

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Date	Time	Event
7th October	Dinner	Census Day – Space themed lunch
12th October	Pm	Flu Vaccinations
19th October – 21st October	3.45-6.30pm	Parents Evening
21st October	All day	Non Uniform day
21st October		School closes for holidays as 22nd October is an INSET
1st November		School re-opens

Dolce Space Themed Lunch – Thursday 7th October

Our School lunch providers are holding a special Space Themed Lunch on Thursday 7th October. There is also the chance of a 'winning plate' for a child to win a £5 Amazon gift card!

A message from our Parish: Children's Liturgy is starting back up at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 7th November at 11am.

On the first Liturgy a parent will have to come out with their child to fill in the consent form.

At the moment you still have to book a place in Church for this Mass, but hopefully this will be totally lifted in November. Volunteers are welcome.

Nursery: Applications, for a January start are now being taken for children who will be aged three years by December 31st 2021. Parents are asked to obtain an application form from the school website https://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/ or the school office. The completed form and any relevant documentation should be returned to school by 3.00pm Friday 22nd October 2021. Please note failure to provide any necessary additional documents by the closing date will delay 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.

If you would like any more information for you child to attend nursery please contact Faye Robinson on 01977 701493 or via the email admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy: We are currently advetrtsing for a lunchtime suppervisor for 8 hours and 45 minutes per week (Term time only) Working days: Monday-Friday. For more information and the application form please visit https://www.sjp.bkcat.co.uk/key-information/vacancies/ or contact Mrs Robinson.

When should my child self-isolate or miss school?

NO

- All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.

YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test), NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.

Parents Evening: The booking system is now live on the Groupcall (Xpressions) app and you are now able to book your appointments. Appointments will be virtual and you will receive your link to your meeting closer to the time. If you have any issues booking your appointment please contact the school office staff.

The dates for each year are:

Lower Foundation and Upper Foundation—18th and 19th October

Year 1 with Mrs Radwell—21st October

Year 1 with Mrs Riley—19th October

Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6—19th October

Attendance Figures 27.9.21-1.10.21

Whole School	**94%**
Reception	**98%**
Year 1	**92%**
Year 2	**85%**
Year 3	**99%**
Year 4	**96%**
Year 5	**95%**
Year 6	**91%**

Dress Up As A Word Day!

Today we were invited to come to school dressed up as a word!
This is a new and exciting way for the children to explore vocabulary, thinking about what words mean and how they can represent them. It has been wonderful to see what words our children came to school as. Well done everyone!

Top Dojo's

UF—Rufus L, Amel A and Felicity D

Y1—Rupert E and Hazel G

Y2—Teddy and Bobbie

Y3—Nathan A and Felicity D

Y4—Adelaide K and Antonina

Y5—Delilah and James

Y6—Francesca, Matthew and Jasper

Remote Learning Star

Jasper LW—y6

Curriculum stars

Arlo O—UF
Ella B—UF
Charlotte J—UF
Freddie B—Y1
Teddy—Y2
Steffin—Y2

Statements to Live By

Eve C—y3
Ben—y3
Matilda E—y4
Sienna L—y4
William D—y5

Curriculum stars

Evie G—y5
Evie W—y5
Erin C—y6
Jayden J—Y6

Star Writer

Amelia W—y3

Archie N—y3

Star Reader

Bonnie S—y1

'Une grande merci' to all the children at St Joseph's for their entries to our 'The High Street in France' competition, last Friday.

Mr Sandbach and Mrs Robinson, who judged the entries, found it very difficult to shortlist. The following winners have now been announced:

1st place Foundation Stage: Megan F

1st place Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2): Orla
1st place Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Iga K

Runners up Foundation Stage : Charlotte J
Runners up KS1: Freddie L and Autumn L
Runners up KS2 : Layla K, Maddie S and Charlotte C

Congratulations to you all. I am looking forward to the competition next year which will test your knowledge of Les Loisiers (Hobbies). Take a look at the French display outside Year 4 for some ideas. Remember to keep logging on to Duolingo to improve your reading, listening, speaking and writing knowledge of French!

Science Challenge of the Week

Ideal for Year 2!

About this activity

Are you a supertaster? Supertasters experience bitter tastes more strongly than other people; this is because they have a higher number of taste receptors within the fungiform papillae. These are the big pink bumps on your tongue that contain your taste buds and enable you to taste. In this activity, you will determine whether you are a supertaster, taster or non-taster.

Equipment list

- Bottle of natural blue food dye
- Cotton buds
- Disposable bag for waste

Instructions

1. Everyone taking part should wash their hands.
2. The person who is going to have their fungiform papillae (pink bumps) counted first needs to sit down with their elbows on the table, supporting their chin.
3. Place a cotton bud into the blue food dye until it is covered. Ask the person taking part to stick their tongue out. Using the cotton bud, coat the front third of the person's tongue with the dye. Only dip the cotton bud in the food dye once. Place the cotton bud in a container such as a plastic bag which will then be thrown away.
4. The blue dye will stain the tongue but slide off the fungiform papillae. Did you know that each bump contains three to five taste buds?
5. Get someone to count how many pink bumps they can see on the person's tongue.
6. Look at the chart below and see how the person's sense of taste compare to the rest of the nation!

How to interpret results

Use this table to work out if your results show that you are a non-taster, taster or supertaster.

Number of fungiform papillae (pink bumps)	Type of taster	How common in population
0 - 5	Non-taster	One in four (25%)
6 - 10	Taster	One in two (50%)
11 +	Supertaster	One in four (25%)

Send a photograph of yourself having a go at this challenge for a chance to win a prize at the end of this half term!

To contact a member of the safeguarding team please contact the school office on 01977 701493 or email admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk.

For out of school hours emergencies please telephone

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found on there.

How can I make YouTube safer?

- **Turn on Restricted mode** as this restricts the availability of mature content. You will need to set up a Google account to do this.
- **Explore YouTube together** and see what they like to watch. Make sure your child understands that they can **talk to you** if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.
- Ensure your child knows how to **report inappropriate content**.

YouTube Kids

YouTube recommends that **YouTube Kids** is used for children under the age of 13 as it provides a safer environment and offers greater controls (you can select the shows that you would prefer them to watch). Find out how to set up the parental controls here: https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308?hl=en-GB

Should I let my child set up a YouTube account?

This article features the benefits and risks of using YouTube and their top tips: https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-let-my-child-set-up-a-youtube-account/

Please download the Safer Schools app, to do this, 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.

ONLINE SAFETY IT STARTS WITH YOU!

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

Be Share Aware NSPCC

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

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