



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE  
OF THE TERM:  
**TRUTH**

*"When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs!"*  
**Matthew 2:10**  
**The God who speaks-Advent Term 2**

Value of the  
Month: November  
**HONESTY**

## Sporting News



On Tuesday, 8 of our Year 6's took part in Agilitas Sports Dodgeball Festival at Spalding High School. They started off with a practice session and learning the rules and then went into a mini tournament to put what they had learnt into practice. The focus was on the School Games values of honesty and determination - which our children displayed. There were 2 teams - St Norbert's 1 who came 4<sup>th</sup> and St Norbert's A who came 10<sup>th</sup>. Well played Ida, Sabine, Nikola, Sophie, Aaron, Gaba, Deividas and Bartosz!

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

The theme for the third week of Advent is Joy. Think about the relationship between gratitude and joy. I started off thinking that we are grateful as a result of joy. For example, I have a great family that brings me joy, and because of that, I am grateful. But it seems I may have been mistaken. Researcher and author Brene Brown says that in her 12 years of research and 11,000 pieces of data she has discovered this, "I did not interview a single person who described their life as joyful or joyous who did not actively practice gratitude." She goes on to say that these people had a tangible practice of gratitude in their life. There is a powerful quote by a Catholic theologian David Rast who says,

"It is not joy that makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us joyful."

At first, I was surprised by this statement. But the more I thought about it, the truer it seems. Joy is not the result of a positive outcome or circumstance in life. If that were the case, then our joy would be tied to external circumstances which we have minimal control over. This is closer to a description of happiness.

Rather, joy is something deeper and from the heart. It comes from living a life of gratitude. And this is not natural; being grateful is a decision and something that is practiced. When we can be grateful in all circumstances, then we can be joyful in all circumstances.

Perhaps that is why the apostle Paul says in one phrase,

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
(1 Thes 5:16-18)

### Right of the month for December 2019



**Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.**

## School News



### Advent 1: Encounter with us

It is Bishop Patrick's vision that every church, chaplaincy, school and home in our Diocese will be a place where people can encounter Jesus. We are being called to encounter and re-encounter Jesus and his love for us. We are called to discover and rediscover Jesus and the call to follow him. Our school exists so we can present the Good News to you our families in engaging and transforming ways. How will you Encounter Christ this term? Perhaps share as a family the Wednesday Word, join us for Wednesday Worship or Mass in our Parish Church.

*"Were not our hearts burning within us"*

*Weekly Mission: Encounter through reflecting watching Advent in 2 minutes by Busted Halo*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCDF@QL8p7w>

*As we approach the third Sunday of Advent perhaps you could write prayers for the courage to share joy with those in need.*

### The Friends Christmas Fundraising Events

Movie Night 16<sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm - 5:15pm open to all year groups - Showing Arthur Christmas. Tickets priced at £3 includes cinema refreshments.

Santa Visit 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December - Children can meet Santa and have a Santa Selfie in his Winter Wonderland during the school day. Tickets on sale next week.

Christmas Raffle - Please support our Christmas raffle for the chance to win great prizes. Tickets will be on sale during the Nativity plays and Carol Concert, where prizes will be drawn. Please ask friends and family to support too. The Friends of St Norbert's continue to use the money you've raised to support and develop the school. In addition to the fantastic Woodland Reading Area, we have recently been able to purchase a trolley for the ICT suite enabling equipment to be easily moved around school.

Thank you for your continued support as we look towards our December events.

### Save The Children: Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you for your kind donations we raised £170.00 so far today for save the children watch the thank you video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK6psG2Vmgg>

### Festive Websites

<https://cofad.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Advent-calendar-for-children>

<https://www.portablenorthpole.com/>

<https://www.noradsanta.org/>

<https://reindeercam.com/web-free/>

## Dates For Your Diary:

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am – Whole School Pantomime at SHDC  
3.15-5.15pm – Movie Night (Arthur Christmas)

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Reception and KS1 Meet Father Christmas

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Meet Father Christmas  
Children's Christmas Lunch  
6pm KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Return to school



## Priorities for School Improvement for 2019-2020:

**Key Improvement 1: Catholic Life of the School -SMSC** To improve the quality of the R.E. teaching so that it is consistently good / outstanding in all classes. *Article 14: You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.*

**Key Improvement 2: Quality of Education** Improve the quality of teaching in order to increase rates of progress and raise standards for all groups of pupils. *Article 3: All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.*

**Key Improvement 3: Personal Development** To improve the personal development of all pupils *Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.*

**Key Improvement 4: Leadership and Management** Develop the effectiveness of all middle and senior leaders *Article 6: All children have the right to life and develop healthily. Article 28: All children and young people have a right to a primary education, which should be free. Discipline in schools should respect children's human dignity. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.*

**Key Improvement 5: Outcomes for children and learners.** To improve the teaching of English in order to raise standards of attainment and rates of progress for all pupils across the school. *Article 13: You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, and writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.*

## Pupil of the Week

**EYFS-Elsa** for being focused and ready for learning. Some great writing this week!

**Year 1-Pijus** for working hard when forecasting the weather to the rest of Year 1 in our Science lesson.

**Year 2- Andriya** for working hard to include and support others in their learning.

**Year 3- Aman** for super drama skills.

**Year 4 –Mawusinu** for settling into Year 4 so well and taking everything in her stride. She has been very kind helping other children with their learning.

**Year 5- Oskar** for beautiful reading in Church at Mass at the visit to Walsingham.

**Year 6- Bartosz** for his contributions and opinions during reading comprehension activities.



## The Heart that See's Award

Each week the pupils can all nominate their peers for this award, for those acts of mercy and kindness. Nominations are placed in the heart that sees box in the hall and a weekly winner selected.



**Maya P** was nominated because of various children recognizing her kindness in helping and supporting them.

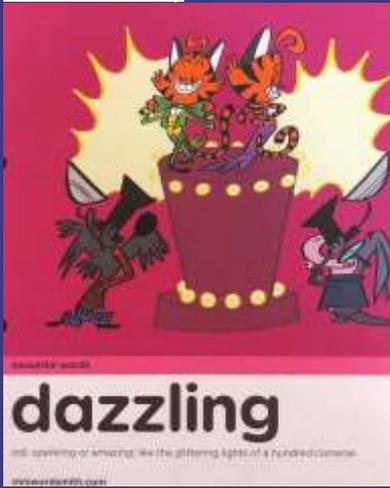
## Attendance

Remember as we start the school year our school target is 97% and anything below **90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice**. We are also required to report any families to the local authority whose children have had 10 consecutive days absent from school or any that take unauthorised/absence or holiday. Attendance figures for 18-22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Well done Year 6.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
94.5%	95.4%	95.6%	95.1%	96.3%	96.9%	96.8%

## Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

### Word of the Day



### EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off on his adventures to Aiden and his family's house for a fun weekend with his family. If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



### JRSO Message

<http://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/T-to-Ts/Be-bright-be-seen/>

### E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>  
<https://www.norberts.org.uk> or download the Net Aware app for android and IOS.



Make sure your child knows what to do if they come across cyberbullying. Encourage them to be an upstander not a bystander with the **Stop, Speak, Support** code. Developed by the Royal Foundation, we've been working in partnership with a coalition of organisations, including O2, and young people themselves. The code gives advice on how to respond to online bullying. Use the link below:

[https://www.npsa.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m\\_source=4dest=aduhm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=VideoAuhm\\_campaign=181017\\_cam-netaware\\_LE5](https://www.npsa.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_source=4dest=aduhm_medium=email&utm_content=VideoAuhm_campaign=181017_cam-netaware_LE5)  
**Top Tips for safer digital living!**

1. **Prioritise Safety-** Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to. Think about what YOU share about your child on social media too!
2. **Set Parental Controls-** Agree a list of websites and apps your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook or YouTube.
3. **Discuss their activities-** Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and online friends.
4. **Set Boundaries-** Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and game consoles. Make sure to set side time for "unplugged" family activity.
5. **Be open-** Let your child know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet, and that you'll listen without judgment

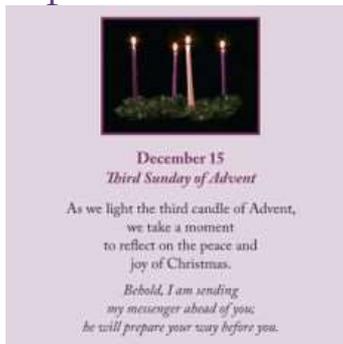


## House point Dojo Points

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
The final results to be added over to next weeks final total...			

## Prayers Please!

Take Time to pray as a family thinking about the message of Joy as we light the third candle upon our wreath this Sunday.



**Faith in Action:** Read about Joy in Luke 1:5-25,39-45,57-79: the Joy of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

Nativity Scene: The first was created with people by St Francis of Assisi, can you create the scene in your home?

Mrs. J. Withers (Head of School)