



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
TRUTH

"If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you."
Matthew 6: 14

The God who speaks-Advent Term 2

Value of the
Month: November
HONESTY

Mission through Gospel Worship

Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. It is very exciting when we know that someone is coming to visit us. We make sure that we are ready when they come. During our Gospel Worship we thought about what it means to be welcoming, and how we get ready to welcome Jesus. We also thought about the new month we welcome a new value...Honesty.

The children enjoyed singing our Psalm this week, follow the link if you would like to reflect on the words through song.

Psalm: Ps 121:1-2, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9 r. 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yow_pW0Dra8

The gospel story is telling us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time. Jesus asks to be ready when he comes again. How do you think we can get ready to welcome Jesus in our lives? What will you do this week to make sure you are ready when Jesus comes?

This week's Mission:How will we Encounter?This week I have given all the classes a wreath and Holly leaves to build in their class worship journals. I have asked the children to write or draw on the leaves how they will prepare and be ready for Jesus. I am looking forward to looking at their wonderful ideas.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

This week, Pope Francis shared a special letter to all Catholic Communities highlighting the beauty and significance of the Nativity Scene. This scene is most synonymous with a Christian Christmas and prepares our minds and hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth, never ceasing to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Son of God being made real, true and present on Earth. Our Holy Father states that 'The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture.' As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man and we come to realise that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

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.



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 on Love and Adoration by reading about the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)



One of our Year 5 children have shared their beautiful Mrs Wordsmith 'Word a Day' book that they use at home. Mrs Wordsmith combines cutting-edge research with Hollywood creativity to make smarter vocabulary books. Current finances in all schools are limited - so we are inviting parents to sponsor a classroom for £35.00 (combined sponsorships accepted!).

Any sponsors would be greatly appreciated; we thank you in advance for your continued support. We have attached a few photos to you can see what a valued resource it is.

The Friends Christmas Fundraising Events

The Friends have some exciting fundraising events happening over the next month to fill the end of term with festive fun. Look out for details coming home via email and book bags. Here is a taster of what's to come. We hope there is something for everyone to enjoy!

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

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

Christmas Post Box - Why not post your Christmas wish list in Santa's post box. Last post is Friday 13th and remember to include your name and class in the letter for a reply!

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 is on **Friday 13th December** we invite you to wear your uniform with a Christmas jumper. Don't worry if you do not have one, you can decorate a plain jumper with tinsel or baubles, be as creative as you like. Bring in £1 donation and BOOM - that money will help children all around the world. How cool is that?

Dates For Your Diary:

Tuesday 10th December

2.15pm KS1 Nativity (Tickets ONLY)

Wednesday 11th December

Year 5 Walsingham Trip

9.30am KS1 Nativity (Tickets ONLY)

1.30pm Year 6 – Carol Concert at Dementia Café

Thursday 12th December

School Closed – Polling Station

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

6pm Christingle Service at St Norbert's Church

Monday 16th December

9-12pm – Whole School Rapunzel Pantomime

3.15-5.15pm – Friends Movie Night



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- Levon for his great choices during child initiated learning to further develop his understanding.

Year 1- Ariel for trying so hard at the Nativity Practice.

Year 2- Dominic excellent understanding in math's and supporting others

Year 3- Markus for his fabulous Charlie and the Chocolate Factory writing.

Year 4 - Sandra for showing she is preparing her heart for Jesus this Advent by helping others and being kind and thoughtful.

Year 5- Millie for her perseverance using methods in Math's to find factors.

Year 6- Siyanda for her poetry reflection, considering the authors choice of words and how they made her, the reader, feel.



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.



Liam was nominated because he was recognised for his honesty and kindness.

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 18-22nd November 2019. Well done Year 6.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
86.7%	90.6%	92.3%	94.6%	88.9%	97%	97.6%

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

Word of the Day



EYFS Message

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



A new APP we are using in school:



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.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp> 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=adum_medium=email&utm_content=VideoAdum_campaign=12017_cam-netaware_LFS
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 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
St. Bernadette 540	St. Francis 360	St. Lucy 353	St. Dominic 275

Prayers Please!

Encounter and learn more about Advent. Try exploring "The Advent Wreath Explained" with Lego

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKpFoMaQsGc>

Advent Prayer

For the desert places in which we walk, the streets we roam, the paths we cross: Guide our feet. Take us to places where you would go, Give us words that you would use, that in this Advent season of promise and preparation we might point the way with John the Baptist to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Amen.

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