



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

"The empires of the future are the empires of the mind."
Advent Term 2

Sporting News



A huge well done to our footballers on their third match in the Elite Sports Boys League against Monkshouse last night. The boys are starting to play fantastically as a team and were the better side in the second half - commented on by the referee and other members of staff who attended! Unfortunately the boys lost 3-2 but showed great determination and sportsmanship and had the final whistle been delayed by a minute I think it may have been a draw. Our goals were scored by Nojus and Ethan. Well played boys - Spalding Primary School next week.

A huge thank you for all of the Aldi stickers that have been coming into school, we have nearly completed our second poster and it's all thanks to you! Could I ask that we have one final push on stickers please, any that are lurking on the worktop or in the bottom of your bag, could you please bring them into school so we can add them to the poster. We require 125 more stickers - the promotion ends on 03/11/19 - but I'm sure we can do it and gain another entry into the £20,000 prize draw! Thank you for all of your support!

We are also very proud to announce that one of our Year 5 pupils has been selected to represent England in the Top 12 Futsal Cup. Nojus Klimas will be travelling to Barcelona in February to take part in the competition against the best Futsal players across the globe. We wish him great success and look forward to hearing all about it on his return. Well done Nojus, a great achievement and reflection of your dedication and commitment.

Today we honor those holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and have done so in a glorious way. As we honor these great champions of faith, let's reflect upon who they are and what role they continue to play in the life of the Church. Those who have gone before us and now share in the glories of Heaven. We do not see them and we cannot necessarily hear them speak to us in the physical way they did while on Earth. But they are not gone at all. St. Thérèse of Lisieux said it best when she said, "I want to spend my Heaven doing good on Earth."

The saints also give us a model of holiness. The charity they lived on Earth lives on. The witness of their love and sacrifice was not just a one-time act in history. Rather, charity is living and continues to have an effect for the good. Therefore, the charity and witness of the saints lives on and affects our lives.

'Lord, as the saints in Heaven adore You for eternity, I beg for their intercession. Saints of God, please come to my aide. Pray for me and bring to me the grace I need to live a holy life in imitation of your own lives. All saints of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen'

Right of the month for November 2019



Article 4:
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights.



School News



Advent 2: 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: To at home or school save a donation to buy a Poppy or other item. See our letter sent by the School Council today.

Worship Together

We have come together as a school family this week at St. Norbert's Church for All Saints Mass 9:45am. We enjoyed seeing so many parents and families there all coming together in our Parish Family. Join us on Wednesday 6th November at 2:50pm for Year 6's Class Collective Worship, we look forward to seeing you. If you would like to purchase anything from our Poppy Appeal you will be able to do this on the way in. Thank you as ever for your generosity and support.



THANK YOU- A big thank you to all our volunteer walkers, we truly appreciate the time you give; without this support we would not be able to walk to church to join our Parish Family for Mass.

Message from Fr. Jim

THE SANTA MARTA GROUP is an international initiative of the Catholic Bishops throughout the world working in partnership with the police and other agencies to bring an end to human trafficking - a form of modern-day slavery. It is a fact that human trafficking exists in every country, and probably in some form in every city and town - and, sad to say, that South Lincolnshire is highlighted as one of the many 'Hot Spots' in the UK. It is hard for us to comprehend that people are being tricked, deceived and traded in our part of the world.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales, through the Santa Marta Group, seeks to create awareness of the trafficking situation and abuses that go on within the agricultural sectors around the Fenlands and nearby Peterborough and Skegness (Lincolnshire) - but they need the help of some volunteers to achieve their aim. The Santa Marta Group is, therefore, appealing for volunteers to be trained to assist in creating awareness of the problem of modern-day slavery in our locality. The volunteers will be commissioned to go out into the community to help promote the campaign against the abuses in the agricultural sector. The training will take place on Saturday, 30th November 2019 in St. Norbert's Community Hall, 52, St, Thomas's Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2XX from 11.00 am to 3.30 pm. Lunch will be provided. The training programme is open to all interested in helping create awareness and to work with other agencies and groups to bring an end to all forms of modern-day slavery in our area. If you would like to participate in this training day please contact the parish office on 01775 722056 or email the parish priest directly: fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk - Thank you.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support at the book fair we held during the Parents Evenings. We raised a grand total of £495.89 which meant that we were able to spend £237.54 on books for the school.

Dates For Your Diary:

4th November – After School Clubs Start
5th November – Reception 2020 Open Event – 1.30pm
6th November – Reception 2020 Open Event – 10am
Year 6 Class Worship – 2.50pm
7th November – Reception 2020 Open Event – 6pm
11th November – Remembrance Service with Deacon Dennis 11am
13th – 15th November – Bikeability Years 5 & 6
13th November – Year 1 Class Worship – 2.50pm
19th November – Professor Bubbleworks Science Workshop Whole School
20th November – Universal Children's Day Liturgy with Fr. Jim – 1.30pm



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 his guided reading task, drawing an illustration to go with a title.

Year 1- Oliver for coming up with a lovely prayer about patience in front of the whole class.

Year 2- Noah for excellent discussion in RE using scripture

Year 3- Virgilio for his amazing efforts in writing about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Year 4- Chloe for being a wonderful, kind and thoughtful buddy for our new pupil.

Year 5- Robert for his contribution to the Catholic Life of the school, completing his charity climb during the half term holiday.

Year 6- Aaron - for his application of letter writing skills when sharing his half-term 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.



Harley in Year 5 voted for several times by his peers, but this week I was especially touched by his offer to stand in the rain to help direct children in Reception to their class. Well Done!

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.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.5%	95.6%	92.6%	91.3%	94.8%	94.3%	97.9%

EYFS Message

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



If anyone has any old headphones that don't work, we will be removing the cable, then EYFS would love them for their reading corner. Thank you



We are School Council. Ethan and Maya Year 6, Jude and Rosie Year5, Jack and Florence Year 4, Raziell and Tajus Year 3, Finley and Melanie Year 2 and Alice and Toby Year 1. School Council is a group of pupils who help to progress the education of St Norbert's Primary School. If you have an idea for a way to improve the school, you can write it down on a little slip of paper and put it in the bright ideas box in your classroom. Written by School Council.

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



JRSO Message

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



E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>
Visit 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_sources/4/dest/adult_mediums/email/4/m_content/Video/4/m_campaigns/18/017_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

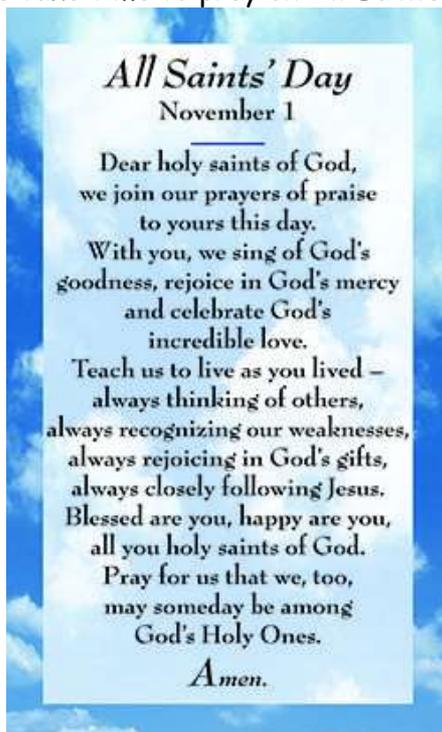


House Points

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
St.Lucy 890	St.Dominic 436	St.Bernadette 337	St.Francis 275

Prayers Please!

Let's take time to pray on All Saints Day.



Mrs.J.Withers (Head of School)