



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE  
OF THE TERM:  
**HOPE**

*"Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them." John 14: 23*

**The God who speaks- Lent 1**

**Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word**

Value of the  
Month: November  
**DIVERSITY**

### Let's Get Reading!

Eat Green by Melissa Hemsley (9 Jan) -As we become more aware of how our eating habits can impact the planet Melissa Hemsley, one half of the Hemsley + Hemsley sister duo, is on a mission to nudge us in the right direction. With recipes that focus on UK-grown and easy-to-buy ingredients they promise to cut down on our food waste as well as being affordable and extremely tasty too.



A is for Avocado: An Alphabet Book of Plant Power by Carolyn Suzuki (2 Jan)-We all know the perils of trying to convince little ones to try a new fruit or vegetable. Despair no more. This alphabet book will not only teach tots their ABC, but they'll also learn about the power of those 'yucky' foods you keep trying to give them.



Unlocking the Universe by Stephen and Lucy Hawking (9 Jan) -How did we get humans to land on the moon? Unlock your mind in 2020 with this collection of essays, incredible facts and astonishing photographs from Professor Stephen Hawking, one of the greatest scientists of our time.



#### Other books/magazines to try include:

I am the Seed that grow the Tree/Poems for everyday of the Year/ Michael Rosen's A-Z/You can't take an elephant on the bus/The Squirrels who squabbled/The girl who stole an elephant/Great women who save the planet/Discovering Architecture/Exceptional Men in Black History/Lost Book of Adventure/Storytime (magazine)/Aquila (Magazine)

#### Why not Visit Spalding Library? Find the opening hours below:

Monday-Wednesday 9am-5pm/Thursday 9am-6pm/Friday 9am-5pm/Saturday 9am-1pm/Sunday CLOSED

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...

Based on the gospel for Sunday 12 January - Matthew 3:13-17

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."*

Jesus comes to the river Jordan to be baptised. At first John the Baptist refuses, he does not feel worthy. But Jesus persuades him that this is what should be done. How easy it can be to dismiss what God is asking of us. We might think that we cannot possibly be the one that God is calling. And yet, just like John the Baptist we each have a purpose which is ours to fulfil, if only we are willing to say yes.

Through our own baptism, we are given a new start and are called to live our lives as God asks of us. As we look around us, we can see many things that are not as they should be. Violence and injustice mar God's beautiful world. So, what is it that God is asking of us today?

Let us listen to his voice and make it our task to live out the promises made at our baptism. Let us open our eyes to see each person as a beloved child of God. And let us find courage in the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who is with us always.

### Right of the month for January 2020



Article 8: You have the right to an identity-an official record of who you are. No-one should take this away from you.



# School News



## Lent 1: Encounter with us through being a Disciple...

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? How will you be a Disciple? 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: Think during this week following Epiphany of the gifts you have been given. How will you use them to serve God? Help at home or in your community? Commit to a club/activity and share your gifts?*

## Uniform

*Please remember it is Winter Uniform. Please ensure your child has a warm dark black, navy tracksuit as when dry and cold sports can still be outside.*

*Thank you!*



## LET'S KEEP CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER

As a School Community we would very much like to support Coats for Kids Lincolnshire. Are you able to donate any children's coats that are in a usable condition? Please bring them into school so we can then pass them on to children and families who may need extra help during this winter.

**NO CHILD SHOULD EVER BE COLD.** *Article 27: You have the right to clothing.*

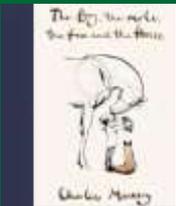
Thank you for any support you can give.

## Tuck Shop

*Our healthy Tuck Shop is back up and running at break times for both KS1 and KS2! Healthy fruit bars and fruit crisps are available priced at 50p each. Available are apple and strawberry bars, apple and raspberry bars, pear crisps and sweet apple crisps! Thank you!*

## Reading

- Carrying on from our Reading spotlight remember to go to the class website pages for each teachers reading recommendations for the term.
- Look inside your child's Reading Record for Mrs. Withers 20 for 2020 Reading Challenge, I have made a start and the children can look at my door in school to see which challenges I have completed.
- Book Club has changed to Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm Year 5 and 6. We will meet each week share books, hot chocolate and talk about quality reads. This term we will be exploring metaphor starting by exploring the wonder, The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. Sign up today...



- Why not explore the Scholastic Lollies Award winners <http://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies>
- Pink Lady Apples Writing Competition [www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it](http://www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it)
- BBC2 500 Words Competition is back <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HqL26FCW0mCtq95x5kK8/500-words-2020>
- Canterbury Writing Tales Writing Competition <http://chaucer.org.uk/the-canterbury-tales-writing-competition-2019-20-hopes-and-dreams/>

This January from the 14th to the 20th, the UK is being asked to join in a national New Year's resolution to help improve the nation's health. Whether it's cooking more healthily at home, avoiding snacks at playtime, or being a little more physically active, join in National Obesity Awareness Week.



### Dates For Your Diary:

January takes its name from Janus, meaning 'archway'.

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1 and 5 Dance lessons

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Private Guitar Lessons

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Y5 Class Worship 2:50pm

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Y4 Swimming Lessons

History Corner: Benjamin Franklin was born 17th January 1706 Could you research how he became one of the most celebrated scientists in American history? Tell us at 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-** Rayyan for a great start to a new term focused and ready for learning.

**Year 1-** Maya A for writing beautiful instructions for a toy.

**Year 2-** Filip for an excellent effort and attitude, particularly in writing.

**Year 3-** George for his hard work in solving number family calculations.

**Year 4** – Bianka for showing her fantastic teamwork skills in Art, she helped, supported and listened carefully to her group.

**Year 5-** Harley for identifying parenthesis (without being asked) in his reading book.

**Year 6-** Sabine for her excellent understanding and application of skills in translating shapes using coordinates in Maths



### 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.



**Milly in Year 5 was nominated six times for her kind heart and attitude towards others! 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. Attendance figures for 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Well done Year 5 & 6.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.8%	96.9%	91.6%	95.2%	97%	99.1%	99.1%

# Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

## Word of the Day



comes or vly worth  
**shrewd**  
 (adj) clever or sharp-witted; like someone who comes up with a smart plan.  
 (n) a small animal that makes its money.  
 mawordsmith.com

## EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off to Thiohfi's house this weekend. Have fun! If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



## JRSO Message

<http://link.direct.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\\_sources/4/dest/adult\\_m\\_mediums/small/4/4m\\_content/Video/4/4m\\_campaigns/12/017\\_cam-netaware\\_LFS](https://www.npsa.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_sources/4/dest/adult_m_mediums/small/4/4m_content/Video/4/4m_campaigns/12/017_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 point Dojo Points

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
St Bernadette (478)	St Lucy (327)	St Francis (285)	St Dominic (204)

## Prayers Please!

God of light,

You sent the Spirit down upon your Son so that all might know who he was.

Send your Spirit on us, so that we might listen to your word and spread your message of love and peace to others.

Amen.

## OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR



Mrs. J. Withers (Head of School)