



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
MISSION

'Let all that you do be done in love.' Corinthians 16:18
The God who speaks- Pentecost 2
Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word

Value of the Month: July
ASPIRATION

Weekly Updates:

Good Afternoon to our school community,

I hope you are all keeping well, I would like to start this edition by confirming I have submitted our Risk Assessment to our Trust this week and once approved will be writing to you all with further information about how school wider re-opening will work in September. As a starting point I have published a school recovery statement on the homepage of our school website also sharing our new class names for next year.

<https://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/>

As always may I take this opportunity to remind you if you have any queries now or throughout the Summer period please contact me via my email

jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

Next Week:

- Drop Off Times: Key Workers 8:45am/ EYFS 8:50am/ Year 1 8:55am/ Year 6 9:00am
- Collection Times: EYFS 2:50pm/ Year 1 2:55pm/ Year 6 3:00pm/ Key Workers 3:05pm (This allows end of day deep cleaning)
- Please send your child with a packed lunch or packed lunches can be ordered through Farm Kitchen online-No hot meals currently.

We today completed our fifth Friday Celebration virtual worship between our 'bubbles' and it was a joy to have a socially distanced dance to our musician of the term. Today we thought about Love and the love that the 'Little Flower' St. Thérèse of Lisieux had to serve others-we thought about how we can serve others today. We cannot wait for the day we are all safely reunited. We are excited for the safe socially distanced transition picnics on Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July. Please send your child with a packed lunch and drink. Events will take place outside or spaced in hall and rooms if wet. Parents may only attend with New EYFS and Year 6.

Monday 20th July

10-12pm only: New EYFS (Reception 2020) and parents and New Year 1(our current EYFS)

1:00-3:00pm only: New Year 2(our current Year 1) and New Year 3(our current Year 2)

Tuesday 21st July

10-12pm only: New Year 4(our current 3) New Year 5(our current 4) New Year 6(our current 5)

1:00-3:00pm only: Year 6 Leavers Celebration with parents.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

As ever you remain in my thoughts and prayers,

Best Wishes

Mrs Withers xxx

Thought of the Week:

Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus. They used stories of everyday things to explain profound truths - and Jesus was a master at teaching this way. Some images had commonly understood meanings: for instance, a vineyard, sons or servants were understood to represent Israel; while a master, king or father represented God. Using seed to give a picture of the word of God would help his followers understand something of the life, capacity for growth and productivity that they would understand seed to have; and the receptivity of the soil gives a picture of how we need to be open and receptive and not allow other concerns to crowd it out of our lives. This parable would have had a great appeal to the rural population living in the arable region around the Sea of Galilee - so unlike the desert areas further south around Jerusalem. The parable is aimed at those who are losing faith in Jesus - God will give the harvest. Can you recall a time when God's word really connected with you, took root in your heart? What was this experience? Do the Scriptures form a rich source for your own prayer life? During this week try to be rich soil, not just for the word of God, but for your family and those around you. Look to messages from God in the events of everyday life.

Lord, we gather to listen to your words, so that we can learn to follow your ways. Help us to understand so that our hearts and lives are filled with your love.

Amen.

Right of the Week



Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.



Pentecost 2: Encounter with us through being a Missionary 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 or Missionary? Perhaps share as a family the Wednesday Word we sent all editions home with you on the last school day.

"Were not our hearts burning within us"

Weekly Mission:

- *Or...Missionary Discipleship Challenge: Draw an image to celebrate your family this week Save some pennies and contribute to our Briars Collection this term, as a charity they will be feeling these hard times, so let's give what we can to support them. Donations can be delivered to our school post box or sent in with children attending.*
- *Attend church safely for private prayer-see information attached and email sent last week.*

Information: helpline launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child or need help and support do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Withers and Mr Morton.

jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

sam.morton@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk



Books of the Month – July

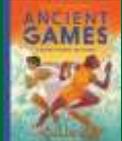
Here are some fantastic recommended reads for this month and many more can be found here <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books/>



Ultimate Earth: Oceans and Seas age 4-6. Author: Miranda Baker. Full of stunning high-colour illustrations and thrilling facts, this is an excellent introduction to the oceans and the life they contain for young readers.



Mabel and the Mountain age 4-6. Author: Kim Hillyard. Mabel might be small (in fact, she's a fly), but she has some big plans, one of which is to climb a mountain. Her friends tell her that it's impossible, but Mabel is determined and sets off immediately. A lovely book about the power of believing in yourself, expressed simply and with impact.



Ancient Games: A History of Sports and Gaming age 6-8. Author: Iris Volant Illustrator: Avalon Nuovo
A stunning book exploring the history of sport across the world, from the sword fighter the Lady of Yue to boat-jousting on the Nile in Ancient Egypt. As ever with Flying Eye titles, the illustration and lovely book production means that this is a special treasure of a book that kids will adore.



Wonderscape age 9-11. Author: Jennifer Bell Illustrator: Paddy Donnelly. Three friends slip through a time portal and find themselves thrown 400 years into the future, trapped in a complex virtual reality video game world called Wonderscape... but how will they find their way out?

Healthy Minds - <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire>

This service has created a range of online workshops to be completed from the comfort of your own home. These workshops are designed to provide children/young people and their families with the opportunity to learn new strategies to help manage a variety of emotional wellbeing concerns.

We currently have the following workshops available:

- Survival Guide to Change
- Managing Worries and Anxious Feelings
- Parents supporting children with Anxiety and Additional Needs

Free School Meals

The Covid Summer Food Fund will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM) to be supported over the summer holiday period. All vouchers for the summer holidays will be ordered for you before the end of term for you to claim in the same way you would normally do through Edenred. The costs will be met centrally by the Department for Education.

Geography Spotlight

The River Nile!

1) Found in northeast Africa, the Nile has long been recognised as the longest river in the world – stretching a massive 6,695km! There is some debate over this title, though – some scientists argue that the Amazon river in South America is longer.

2) The Nile is often associated with Egypt, but in fact, it flows through 11 countries: Tanzania, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and Egypt.

3) This mighty river has two main tributaries (branches, or smaller rivers or streams) which meet to form 'the Nile'. One tributary is called the White Nile, which starts in South Sudan, and the other is called the Blue Nile, which starts in Ethiopia.

4) The Blue Nile and White Nile merge together in the city of Khartoum in Sudan. From there, the river continues to flow north through Egypt and, finally, into the Mediterranean Sea.

5) The Nile has been an important source of life for people throughout history. Around 5,000 years ago, the Ancient Egyptians relied on the Nile for fresh water, food and transportation. It also provided them with fertile land to farm on.

For facts visit the source of this information: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/nile-river-facts/>

Eco Spotlight

Our wonderful world -What is the environment?

The environment is everything around us. All our surroundings including the air, soil, water, plants, and animals make up the environment.

Facts about our Earth:

The Earth is our home and when it's clean and healthy, the people, plants and animals that live on it are clean, healthy and happy. The Earth is a fragile place that can be damaged easily by people. The good news is that people can also clean it up and take care of it. We get everything we need from the Earth – food, clothing, shelter and even medicines. But we have to be careful not to take more than we need and to use our resources carefully. Loggers cut trees down in forests for paper, furniture and buildings. But if they don't plant more trees, soon the forests are gone. Animals have no place to live.

To find out more facts about our Earth visit the source of this information:

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-taking-care-of-the-earth/>

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.



St. Norbert Shout Outs:

Send yours in from home to be featured next week but for now...

A shout out for Rosie's amazing video about stewardship it brought a smile to the whole team here at school. Well Done!

A shout out to Sandra who sends in and shares her learning through photographs with us each week-you are working hard. Well Done!

Mr. Matchett who has completed the Reading Challenge 20 for 2020-Great work!



The Heart that See's Award



To Milly for being such a big sister planning and organising so that her sister had an amazing birthday at school in the Key Worker Group.xxx

Children's Mental Health Week Resources

Following on from last week's focus week here are further resources for all year round;

Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/?f3=10152#listing>

Place to Be <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools>

Mentally Healthy Schools hub by Heads Together

https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/?utm_source=place2be.org.uk&utm_medium=referral

Our Time <https://ourtime.org.uk/resource/explaining-mental-illness-to-under-11s/>



History Spotlight 10 facts about Ancient Egypt!

- 1) Most Ancient Egyptian pyramids were built as tombs for pharaohs (rulers of Ancient Egypt) and their families. To date, over 130 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt.
- 2) The afterlife was incredibly important to the Egyptians. They believed that by preserving a dead person's body - which they did through the process of mummification - their soul would live on in the after-life forever.
- 3) The Pyramid of Khufu at Giza is the largest Egyptian pyramid. This incredible structure weighs as much as 16 Empire State buildings!
- 4) Both Egyptian men and women wore make-up. The eye-paint was usually green (made from copper) or black (made from lead). As well as offering protection from the sun, the Egyptians believed make-up had magical healing powers, too!
- 5) Unwrapped, the bandages of an Ancient Egyptian mummy could stretch for 1.6km. Yikes!
- 6) The Egyptian alphabet contained more than 700 hieroglyphs! Uncover the meaning behind these ancient symbols by checking out our awesome hieroglyphics feature.
- 7) Ancient Egyptians believed in more than 2,000 deities! They had gods for everything, from dangers to chores! Each had different responsibilities and needed to be worshipped so that life could be kept in balance.
- 8) Cats were considered to be a sacred animal by the Ancient Egyptians. It's thought that most families kept a cat as a pet, which they believed would bring the household good luck!
- 9) Love playing boardgames with your pals? Well, so did the Ancient Egyptians! One popular game was Senet, which was played for over 2,000 years! The game involved throwing sticks (in the same way we throw dice) to see how many squares to move your piece forward on the board.
- 10) The Ancient Egyptians invented lots of things we still use today, such as paper, pens, locks and keys and - believe it or not - toothpaste!

For more facts and interesting information visit the source of these facts :

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>



JRSO Message

<http://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/Be-bright-be-safe/>



E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-marcus-lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>
<https://net-aware.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.natoc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/turn-source-4education_medium-enrollform_content-Videosform_campaign-121-017-com-networks-JRS

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



During this unprecedented time of the church and school closures, Ten Ten is offering all schools and their families the opportunity to access FREE prayer resources for the home. These include detailed daily reflections and prayers rooted in the Sunday Gospel and also a Sunday Liturgy for families, which will allow you the opportunity to lead your own Sunday liturgy. It will follow the order of the Mass and will include a Gospel film, a short family friendly homily from a priest and finally the liturgy will lead to 'Spiritual Communion'.

In order to access the resources, follow the link below. Links will be sent out weekly via email, however they can also be found on the school website homepage.

Daily Prayers for Home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/homeprayer-2020-03-23>

Sunday Liturgy for Families

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

Prayers and Reflection Please!

“He who has no root in him, he does not last.”

While we may be worried about the future, let us also try to see what good things could bear fruit in the fallow stretches of our lives.

*Jesus, you invite us to have eyes to see and ears to hear your truth. Help us to resist the thorns that grow up and choke the word of the Kingdom.
Amen.*

Mrs. J. Withers (Headteacher)