



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
Mission

"Whenever I hold back the rain or send locusts to eat up the crops or send an epidemic on my people, repent and turn away from the evil they have been doing, then I will hear them in heaven, forgive their sins, and make their land prosperous again. I will watch over this Temple and be ready to hear all the prayers that are offered here" 2 Chronicles 7:13-15

The God who speaks- Pentecost 2

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

Value of the Month:
June
Courtesy

Weekly Updates:

Good Afternoon to our school community,

We once again reach the end of another busy week. Thank you so much for your on-going community I enjoy receiving your calls, emails and Twitter correspondence. It has been lovely to see our families taking up the offer of email or phone call check in's with our teachers. If you would like your child to communicate with their teacher via email or a phone call we can organise times for this during the week please just put in a request by emailing it through to me at jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

We have really enjoyed welcoming back more families this week into our new 'bubbles'. Just a few reminders about how it all works to keep you and us safe following the guidance.

- 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 now through Farm Kitchen online-No hot meals currently.
- We have been asked one question about Uniform. The reason we ask for clean fresh casual clothes each day is to reduce risk of transmission and it is part of our wider risk assessment. Also, as a mum of two young children I know mine have outgrown uniform and I did not want to place pressure on parents to buy uniform for this last term of the school year. If your child wants to wear uniform, they can but either new uniform must be worn each day or washed each night. It is entirely your choice. For many children they are returning to a different type of school to the one they left so sometimes it is a comfort to be in their personal home clothes.

We today completed our first virtual worship between our 'bubbles' and it was a joy to hear the singing and participation from around school. We were able to make it interactive using the chat feature on Microsoft Teams and really came together to celebrate our faith. We have also started St. Norbert's Shout Outs instead of Pupil of the Week, so for those of you still at home, we are inviting parents to send us your shout outs to celebrate what your child/children have been doing at home. I will share these in next week's worship but also type them in next week's newsletter. So, parents please email your shout outs to me and with your permission I can also share on Twitter.

As ever you remain in my thoughts and prayers,
Best Wishes
Mrs Withers xxx

Thought of the Week:

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, which we celebrated yesterday (11th June) is a joyful celebration of the abiding presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is usually marked with Blessed Sacrament processions throughout the Catholic world and is a day of great devotion.

Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament flows from the heart of the Mass and the Holy Communion into which we enter in receiving Christ in the Eucharist. The Mass is the re-presentation of the action of Jesus on the night before he died. During the Last Supper he took bread and wine, blessed and broken, and gave Himself in these Sacramental signs to His disciples. "My Body, My Blood, given for you".

In those words and actions, in that sacred moment of giving, Jesus pre-figured the greatest action of all - the offering of Himself on the Cross. We believe and repeat that sacred action in obedience to His command each time the Church, gathers around the altar, remembers and puts back together again the broken Body of Christ.

Ponder the depth of your faith in the Eucharist today and strive to renew it, worshiping God as one who believes with your whole being.

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace.

May we never take the gift of your presence for granted.

Amen.

Right of the Week



Article 2:
Article 2 says every child is entitled to all of the rights in the Convention, regardless of any protected characteristic.



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:

- Engage in conversation on the phone while in isolation or write a letter or email to us here at school or your wider family with the supervision of an adult.
- 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.
 - Or...Missionary Discipleship Challenge
- This week's missionary disciple challenge is based on Reverence. We are challenging pupils across the diocese to create a prayer space at home and then take a picture of it and send it in to me or live@ndcys.com see the challenge video here: <https://youtu.be/gAwrNiPLbR8>

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.

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)

Here is a fantastic, FREE digital information book produced for children, to support and help explain the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. Follow the link to download your copy.

<https://axelscheffler.com/books-for-older-children/coronavirus>

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



History Spotlight

6 super History facts

1. The Wright Brothers only flew together once (though both piloted the planes individually): on May 25, 1910 they took a six-minute flight piloted by Orville with Wilbur as his passenger.
2. Regardless of their size, naval tradition declares submarines be called "boats" rather than "ships."
3. Hedy Lamarr was a famous Hollywood film actress who also invented what became modern day Wi-Fi.
4. Walt Disney started sketching regularly when he was just four years old.
5. Abraham Lincoln lost five separate elections before he became president of the U.S. (Never, ever, ever give up!)
6. Pablo Picasso entered art school around the age of 10. The Picasso Museum in Barcelona, Spain includes many "early works" from his childhood.

From source: <https://redtci.com/quinky-facts-and-trivia-for-kids/> If you would like to find out more.

Geography Spotlight

Amazing Amazon Facts



1. The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. Covering over **5.5 million square kilometres**, it's so big that the UK and Ireland would fit into it 17 times!
2. The Amazon is found in South America, spanning across Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.
3. Running through the north of the rainforest is the **Amazon River** — a network of many hundreds of waterways that stretches **6,840km**. Although there is some debate, most scientists agree that the Amazon is the world's second longest river after the River Nile.
4. In 2007, a man named **Martin Strel** swam the entire length of the Amazon river! To complete his splashing jungle journey, Martin powered through the water for up to ten hours a day for 66 days!
5. Around 400-500 indigenous **Amerindian** tribes call the Amazon rainforest home. It's believed that about fifty of these tribes have never had contact with the outside world!
6. The Amazon has an incredibly rich ecosystem - there are around **40,000 plant species**, **1,300 bird species**, **3,000 types of fish**, **430 mammals** and a whopping **2.5 million different insects**. Wow!

Source : <https://www.netgeekids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/> If you would like to find out more!

Eco News Four ways to help the wildlife:

1. Feed the butterflies- Give them a helping hand by creating these colourful butterfly feeders from recycled materials. You can also help by growing long grass and leaving fallen fruit under trees for them to feed on. Thistles and stinging nettles are important to butterflies; their larvae depend on them to feed and grow, so don't be in a hurry to clear them.
 2. Build a wildlife water feature.
 3. Feed the birds
 4. Build a hedgehog home
- Source: <https://www.ecokidsplanet.co.uk/blogs/news/world-wildlife-day-5-ways-to-help-wildlife> for full information and tips on all the above enjoy looking after a beautiful wildlife.

Olympic Day Celebration

Whether at home or school, we can still celebrate International Olympic Day. Held annually on 23 June, Olympic Day celebrates getting active and living the Olympic Values (friendship, excellence and respect). Visit the website to find out more about the challenges you can do to get involved. https://www.getset.co.uk/resources/home-learning/olympicdayhome?utm_source=smcrecruitment&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=juneiodprimary&utm_content=cta1
<https://www.agilitassports.com/lockdown-resources>
Agilitas sports ltd has weekly skills based activities with videos and ideas to do at home, might be good to direct children/parents to.

This link

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/60-second-physical-activity-challenges> is on Agilitas sports ltd website and has 60 second challenges, children/parents might like to complete at home.

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.

Healthy Living Week

As part of healthy living it is really important to remember to have a healthy diet, this helps us to stay healthy in body and mind. Can you find the words important to a balanced healthy diet in the word search below:



St. Norbert Shout Out's:

Send yours in from home to be featured next week but for now a staff shout out has been received...

For Mrs McMurray and her amazing reading sessions with excitement, adventure and brilliant voices!!!! We love her reading to us 😊



The Heart that See's Award



To Leo and his Mum, who knew Mrs. Withers has been having difficulty curling her daughter's hair (Holly (5) has been begging for curly hair) they kindly gifted them some amazing hair foam to create safe curls without using heat. How thoughtful-Thank you 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/>



As you are aware it would have been our School Games Day today - because we are unable to hold this, we would like you take part in a virtual School Games Day and send us your score sheets so we can see which of our houses, St Bernadette, St Lucy, St Francis or St Dominic, are the winners! Attached are the activities we would like you take part in and record your scores. Please return to enquiries@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk - you can do this by taking a photo or scanning the finished score sheet and attaching it to the email. All of the activities use everyday items you have in your home, we are looking forward to seeing how you get on! Please could we have all completed score sheets returned by Friday 19th June. There will be a certificate emailed out to all those who take part! Thank you for your support and remember to stay active!

We are pleased to announce that St. Norbert's has been recognised for its commitment to School Games with an award from our School Games Organiser. We are very proud of our pupil's achievements and participation in School Games this academic year and look forward to when we will be able to compete again alongside other local schools.



JRSO Message

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

E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.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.nsbcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/turn-source-4education_medium-emailform_content-Videosform_campaign-121-017-com-networks-1115

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!

The whole world may seem to be falling apart, but if we are sustained by the presence of Christ, we can walk with the absolute certainty that he goes before us. He is behind us, beside us and lives inside us through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Lord Jesus, help us not to put faith in things that perish, but to feed on your word and abide in your presence. Now and forever. Amen.



Mrs. J. Withers (Headteacher)