



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE  
OF THE TERM:  
**HOPE**

***"Come back to the Lord your God. He is kind and full of mercy; He is patient and keeps his promise. He is always ready to forgive and not punish."*** Joel 2:13

**The God who speaks- Lent 1**

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

Value of the  
Month: January  
**SELF-DISCIPLINE**

## Year 2 Prayer Service

Year 2 gathered together for a special Prayer Service led by Mrs Amess and the children in class. We reflected on the special story of the Feeding of the 5000, the only miracle in Jesus' life to occur across all four Gospels. The children were excited to sing, pray and share with parents while enjoying bread and giving thanks the God for all that he has given us.



### Thought of the Week:

When faced with the darkness of the world, it can be hard not to despair about what we see. Images of fires raging around the world, pollution, people fleeing their homes and families struggling to get enough food to eat.

However, our faith is one of hope. When Jesus tells his disciples that they are light for the world, he is asking them to reflect the light and love of God. As Pope Francis reminds us in his letter to the world, *Laudato Si'*, we are not acting on our own, because the "God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way."

*Lord, please renew us with the hope and strength to be shining lights amid the darkness.  
Amen.*

### Right of the month for February 2020



**Article 31: You have the right to play and rest.**





# 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 ahead over half term about your spiritual journey this Lent. What will you do?*

### 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.
- Why not explore the Scholastic Lollies Award winners <http://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies>
- BBC2 500 Words Competition is back [https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1Hgl\\_Z6FCWDmG1q9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1Hgl_Z6FCWDmG1q9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020)

### Friends News

The Friends of St Norbert's have an easyfundraising account where we receive donations for your online shopping. All you need to do is register through the link and shop through the easyfundraising website/app. Thousands of retailers offer donations at no extra cost to you for your online shopping. So far we have raised over £90 with only a few members, the more people sign up, the more we can raise. See link below and follow the simple steps to register.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostnorbert/3invite=7XJ0BU&referral-campaign=c2s>

### School Visitor

On Thursday 5th March we will be having a special visitor in school to talk to the children about her inspirational sporting journey. Eden Francis, a field athlete, will be coming to put the children through their paces with an age appropriate circuit training session. She will be talking to the whole school about her amazing sporting achievements in both discus and shot put. The children will be coming home with a sponsorship form tonight - please could you sponsor the children to take part in the circuit training session. Any money raised will be split between our school to spend on new PE equipment and the Sports for Champions charity which enables athletes, like Eden, to pursue their dreams. This is a fantastic opportunity for us as a school to raise money and inspire the children! Please could you return all sponsorship money and forms by Friday 27th March. Thank you for your support!

### Hockey News

A team from St Norbert's took part in the Spalding Primary Schools hockey tournament on Friday last week. Struggling to get started against Moulton John Harrox A team, they found themselves 1-0 down before Jessica scored to level at 1-1 Harrox went on to score a further 7 goals for the final result 1-8. In their second game, St Norbert's found themselves against a tough opposition in St Thomas's who went the whole tournament without conceding a goal, the final result was 0-0. A goal from William in the last game, the final score 1-2. The team look to continue their development in the Intermediate League.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We would like to thank you all for your support raising money for the Poppy appeal in November we raised a total of £169.76.

**St Gilbert of Sempringham 1083-1190-**Gilbert founded the only English order of monasteries. He was persuaded to set up a nunnery by women in the parish of his birth, Sempringham. He studied theology at Paris University and became clerk to Bishop Bloet of Lincoln. Growing out of his school for boys and girls he established a monastery for men and women where the two were kept separate. The order became known as the Gilbertines and monasteries were established across Lincolnshire and beyond.

**History spotlight:** Nelson Mandela, the leader of a movement to end South African apartheid, was released from prison 30 years ago on 11 February, 1990. Mr Mandela, who died in 2013 aged 95, was South Africa's first black president after spending 27 years in jail.

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**Geography spotlight:** Geography facts: What is the name of the largest canyon in the world? The Grand Canyon in Arizona/USA is the largest canyon in the world. Its steep sides have been cut out by the Colorado River for a length of more than 440km/270miles.

What is the name of our planet's largest hot desert? The Sahara desert in Africa is the largest desert in the world. In fact, Sahara is only the largest HOT desert as the Arctic desert and the Antarctic desert are bigger, but are usually referred to as polar deserts.

KS2 parents - Please could you ensure that your child has a dark tracksuit - trousers and jumper, and trainers for PE next term as we will be outside and it may be cold. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied up and earrings are removed for PE lessons - thank you!

### School Transport

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2020, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020. For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

## Dates For Your Diary:

February takes its name from Februum, meaning 'purification'.



### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1 and 3 Dance lessons

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Athletics at Spalding High School

Friends Cake Sale

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

9.45am Ash Wednesday Mass at Church with Fr Jim

### Thursday 27<sup>h</sup> February

Year 4 Times Table Meeting

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4 Swimming



## 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-** Amanda for her excellent problem solving in math's using part part whole.

**Year 1-** Daria for working hard in our science lesson whilst investigating parts of a plant.

**Year 2-** All of Year 2 for their lovely Prayer Service.

**Year 3-** Wiktorija for her amazing enthusiasm during Science.

**Year 4** – Maja S for her wonderful newspaper report on Viking Raids.

**Year 5-** Rafael for his amazing math's work.

**Year 6-** Nicole for her understanding and application of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar during our recent assessments.



## 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.



**Look for the Heart that See's in your Family and Friends this half term!**

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Well done Year 1!

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.7%	93.7%	98.6%	95.5%	96.6%	98.3%	99.3%

**Word of the Day**



**EYFS Message**

Norbert Bear is having a rest this half term. 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-see/>

**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.rsfcs.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m\\_sources/4/dest/adult\\_m\\_mediums/small/3/3m\\_content/Video/4/4m\\_campaigns/12/017\\_cam-netaware\\_LFS](https://www.rsfcs.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_sources/4/dest/adult_m_mediums/small/3/3m_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 222	St. Lucy 213	St. Francis 197	St. Dominic 178

**Prayers Please!**

**ST. VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER**

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O glorious advocate and protector,  
 St. Valentine,  
 look with pity upon our wants,  
 hear our requests, attend to our prayers,  
 relieve by your intercession the miseries  
 under which we labour, and obtain for us the  
 divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to  
 join you in praising the Almighty for all  
 eternity: through the merits of  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Mrs. J. Withers (Head of School)