



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE  
OF THE TERM:  
**Mission**

*'Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in him.'* Romans 15:13  
**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 reach the end of a hot and changeable week weather wise, we hope you are all keeping safe in the sun. Thank you so much for your on-going emails, calls and distanced talks at the gate. I enjoy receiving your calls, emails and Twitter correspondence, if you haven't yet please do follow us on Twitter as we share a wealth of reflections, activities and we celebrate all our children and learning. If you need help or support to set up, please just contact us we have information we can send to assist. 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](mailto: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 now through Farm Kitchen online-No hot meals currently.
- Cool Milk Orders have also resumed.

We today completed our third Friday Celebration 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. Keep your eyes peeled as I am excited to announce we will be launching Teams with all our families so that we can operate more remote and virtual learning safely in the future including weekly videos going through homework answers. We still have 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. Today we thought about journeys and our thought for the day is, 'Jesus will be with us wherever we go.' remember we are apart but together. We cannot wait for the day we are all safely reunited. We are excited for the safe socially distanced transition picnics on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Don't forget we emailed you earlier in the week with all the details around the re-opening of St. Norbert's Church for private prayer.

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

## Thought of the Week:

*"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me." - Matthew 10:40-42*

*Some people have a mat at their door that says 'Welcome'. What does it mean to welcome someone? Have you ever felt welcomed, or unwelcomed? Jesus always had time for other people, even when he was feeling tired. In the reading Jesus tells us that when we welcome others and are kind to them, it is just as if we are welcoming Jesus. Jesus' instructions to the twelve disciples before sending them out is addressed not just to them, but all who would follow as his representative. In Biblical days an agent, or someone who acts on behalf of another, was seen to be the people themselves. Jesus recognises this concept when he affords great significance to the treatment of those who follow him, explaining that it derives from God himself through Jesus. Through our work as missionary disciples, we must understand how God wishes us to welcome all and have the courage to pass that message on to other people. During this week make a special effort to be open and welcoming and offer hospitality to someone.*

*O God, You love and care for every person. Help us also to respect everyone as Jesus showed us, and remind us that by welcoming them we are really welcoming you.  
Amen.*

## Right of the Week



**Article 17: Every Child has the right to reliable information from the media. This should be information that children can understand. Governments must protect children from materials that could harm them.**



### 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 earlier in the 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](mailto: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](mailto:jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk)

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### History spotlight

This Summer we were de to have the Olympic hosted by Tokyo but they have been postponed until 2021. The first Olympics was the Ancient Greek Olympics In 776 B.C.E, about three thousand years ago, the first Olympic Games took place. Originally, the games were part of a religious festival to honour Zeus. He was the God of the sky and the leader of the Greek Gods who lived on Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece.

Where Were the Ancient Olympics Held? The Olympics was one of four all-Greek (Pan Hellenic) games. Even though the games were named after Mount Olympus they weren't played there. Instead they were held in the religious sanctuary of Olympia near Greece's southwest coast. The land there was beautiful and rich with olive trees.

What Events and Awards Were Part of the Ancient Olympics? At the beginning, the games were just short foot races designed to keep Greek men fit for the intensity of war. The path for the foot races was about 700 feet long and straight. It was also wide enough for twenty men to run side by side. Only men who spoke Greek were allowed to take part in the races. Gradually, other events were added but there were no team sports like in the modern Olympics.

Prizes There were no medals like the gold, silver, and bronze medals we have today. There was only one winner and he was given a wreath of olive leaves as a prize. But these weren't just any olive leaves. These olive leaves were taken from a sacred tree that was located at Olympia behind the temple dedicated to Zeus.



Source: <https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greek-olympics.html> If you would like to find out some more facts.

Geography Spotlight-Tokyo the host of the Olympics is located Japan here are some facts about Japan. Japan is on the Asian continent. Japan is a chain of islands along the eastern coast of Asia, reaching from the northern coast of [Russia](#) to the South East China Sea. On the map below you can spot where Japan is located in Eastern Asia.



The Japanese islands consist of 4 main islands and dozens of smaller isles. The largest of the four major islands is Honshu, which is also the seventh largest island in the world. The biggest cities are Tokyo (where almost 1/3 of all Japanese people live), Yokohama, Osaka and Nagoya. The highest mountain in Japan is Mount Fuji, a dormant (sleeping) volcano, which last erupted in 1707. Japan lies on the Pacific 'Ring of Fire', a chain of volcanoes which are responsible for the most dramatic volcanic outbreaks and tsunamis in the recent years. In Japan, there are more than 108 active volcanos. A flight to Tokyo takes a 8 hours flight from Singapore, 13 hours from London/England, 12.5 hours from New York/USA.

Source: <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/japan-facts.html> if you would like to find out more facts.

## Eco Spotlight

<https://ypte.org.uk/topics/home-learning-packs>

This is a lovely website I have discovered with lots of lovely ideas for things you can do at home, there are home learning packs with a range of activities from making bug hotels, making your garden nature friendly and videos on how to make elephants out of plastic milk bottles. They also offer the opportunity to find out facts and a range of activities for the children to have a go at. I hope you find something of interest.

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.

A huge thank you to those children (and families) who took part in The Rainbow Games last week! Certificates have been given and emailed out to those children. I am pleased to announce that St Bernadette was the winning house - well done!

This week I'd like to challenge you to create a short video of an exercise/activity that you would like your friends to take part in. If you upload these to twitter and tag us @St\_Norberts in them we can share them for your friends to have a go. We look forward to seeing you getting active!

## 10 Fascinating Facts About Butterflies

- **Butterfly** Wings Are Transparent.
- **Butterflies** Taste With Their Feet.
- **Butterflies** Live on an All-Liquid Diet.
- A **Butterfly** Must Assemble Its Own Proboscis— Quickly.
- **Butterflies** Drink From Mud Puddles.
- **Butterflies** Can't Fly If They're Cold.
- A Newly Emerged **Butterfly** Can't Fly.
- **Butterflies** Often Live Just a Few Weeks.



<https://www.thoughtco.com/fascinating-facts-about-butterflies-1968171>

## St. Norbert Shout Outs:

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

I have a huge shout out to our Key Worker Team the Group that are in every single day of the week including deep clean Wednesdays working with up to 30 children in all year groups you are doing an incredible job!!!! There are star badges on the way to you xxx

Mrs. Bradley would like to say well done to Guste, Hunor and Mario for the bridge they built such great team work. She would like to say thank you to Miss Whyles for taking learning packs and producing great activity sheets. She would also like to say to Mrs. Fairbanks and the team great EYFS activities and creative tasks in the Key Worker bubble, having all the year groups is not easy.



## The Heart that See's Award



To Mrs Bach thank you for my Friday lunch treat that was so thoughtful of you and for your kind comments about our virtual Friday Celebration Worship it was lovely to have you join us. 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](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/>



<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

The Mental Health Foundation has a wealth of information to support the mental wellbeing of your family, whether you're at home, at work or worried about the easing of lockdown. There are a number of tips for looking after yourself and others, as well as information on where to seek help.

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/genre/bom/Books-of-the-Month.html>

Check out which books have been chosen to stand out from the crowd this month. There is a wide range for all age groups.



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/>



#### 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-marys-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.npscc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/turn-course-4-education-medium-english-parents-videoform-campaign-121-017-com-networks-1215>

#### 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



## Prayers and Reflection Please!

Based on the gospel for Sunday 28 June – Matthew 16:13-19 By Catherine at the CAFOD Theology Team

Jesus chooses Simon Peter to lead his Church, and at first glance this would seem an odd choice. He was not the first disciple; he is impetuous; worst, he will deny Jesus three times.

Yet he is a seeker, he always wants to know more and for him, the answers Jesus gives need to be pondered. When he says, “You are the Christ”, you can almost hear the gasp as the rest of the apostles hear their thoughts put into words.

Immediately he has his name changed to Peter – the “rock” – and is told he will be the leader of the Church on earth, with authority and power handed by him down through the ages. The Acts of the Apostles concentrates on both of today's saints and their missionary efforts, yet Paul, great teacher and leader as he is, recognises the primacy of Peter.

While the Church leadership is founded in this gospel passage, the working-out of the Church's mission under Peter's successors is still being developed down to our own time.

And in our lives and personal mission to reach out to those who need us, we are all part of that bedrock on which the Church is built.



*Saint Peter and Saint Paul, be with us today as we carry out our mission of spreading the Good News in the world. We ask you to bless our efforts and guide us as we go about our daily lives. Amen.*

Mrs. J. Withers (Headteacher)