



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Value of the term: **LOVE**

"To enable a child to read is akin to giving a bird its wings!"
Advent Term 1

Value of the Month:
September
RESPECT

Competition Time!



Last Thursday, the new Year 5 and 6 boys football team played their first match in the Elite Schools Large Football League. We played away, against Spalding Parish Day School. We played well and our goal keeper, Marco was very busy saving goals, although they managed to score 4. Even though we hadn't played as a team before we supported each other and showed great sportsmanship. The match ended 4-0 to them but we all really enjoyed playing and are looking forward to the next match against St John the Baptist School on October 1st. In the team were Year 6 – Marco, Ethan, Archie, Eric, Armandas and our captain for the match Charles, Year 5 – Beon, Marcel, Liam and Nojus. Report by Marcel and Liam.

Thought of the Week

Prayer for families is the very foundation that keeps a family unit together. Have you heard the phrase "A family that prays together stays together"? The concept is true - a family that has their focus on praying to the Lord Jesus Christ has a foundation that may be shaken at times, but it will withstand all that comes against them.

The family is a small church and our ministry first starts at home. In 1 Timothy 3:5 we read, "If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?" Managing your family is caring for each member, teaching them God's ways, leading them to grow in the Lord, and equipping them for adult life. Prayer is an important element in this process. A family who has a heart of prayer for each other will have a heart of prayer for the world.

Right of the month for September 2019



Article 4:
Governments must provide extra money for children of families in need.



School News



Advent 1: Encounter with us

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? 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"

This week's Encounter Challenge: Sing/Share a joyful hymn with your family

Worship Together

We have come together as a school family this week to celebrate Year 3 Class Collective Worship celebrating all that makes a house a home. Join us next Wednesday at 2.50pm for Year 4 Class Collective Worship. We look forward to seeing you there.

Launching PARENT PAY

St. Norbert's will be launching Parent pay in October, from half term all clubs and trips will be booked and paid for via this on-line service we will no longer be taking cash in the School Office. We will be sending activation letters out to parents with instructions how to set up your account. This is an exciting time for us to adopt a new system within the School Office that will assist parents, make payments easier and save on lots of paper. Thank you for your support. Mrs Bach and Mrs Wide

Science Club

Children in science have had a fantastic beginning to the term. My young scientists have been exploring how to strengthen materials to help them to become more ridged and waterproof. This next week we are going to be exploring forces and it would be lovely if children could bring empty plastic bottle with them on Wednesday such as a squash botte or empty pop bottle. Thank You Mrs Franklin

Congratulations!

This we are proud to announce the appointment of our 2019-20 School Council Team.

Year 1: Toby and Alice

Year 2: Finley and Melanie

Year 3: Tajus and Raizel

Year 4: Jack and Florence

Year 5: Rosie and Jude

Year 6: Maya and Ethan

Word of the Week



Make time to...

The following link provides ideas to set your children free with our 50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ activities. Let them feel the wind in their hair, smell food cooking on an open fire, track wild animals and eat a juicy apple straight from the tree. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>



This September, Aldi is giving primary schools a chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school, through their Kit for Schools promotion. For us here at St Norbert's to be in with a chance of being entered to win this amazing amount of money we need your help, please! For every £30 you spend in Aldi you will be given a Team GB sticker....we need 300 stickers to complete the poster which will be displayed in school.

Once we have received 300 stickers our school will receive a free sports kit for the children and be in with a chance to win £20,000.

So why not head over to Aldi and "GET SET to eat fresh" whilst helping St Norbert's too.

Thank you for the amazing response to the Aldi sticker promotion - I'm thrilled to say we have made a good start on our poster - which you will be able to see on the window near the gate! Please could you keep bringing the stickers in so we can add them and hopefully reach our target - thank you!

Dates For Your Diary:

30th September- Start of Little Way Week
30th-International Translation Day
1st October-Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux
2nd October-Year 4 Class Worship
2nd-No Pens Wednesday
4th-Praying the Novena with Newman
9th October-Year 6 Class Mass 9.30am
15th/16th October-Parent Consultation Evenings and Book Fair
16th October Y2 Class Worship 2.50pm
18th October – End of Term 1/Harvest Service 1.30pm

28th October – INSET Day (no children in school)

After School Clubs will start the second week of term – details to follow.

29th October – Start of Term 2

October is the month of the Rosary

Finally, thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.



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- Guste for listening and following instructions so carefully and always being ready for learning.

Year 1- Chloe for working really hard in Math's this week.

Year 2- Chenumi- Settling in really well and having consistently good learning in class.

Year 3- Whole of Year 3 for a fantastic assembly this week.

Year 4- Emilia for showing such perseverance and determination. She has just got on with things despite having a broken arm!

Year 5- Lisa for excellent work in RE so far this term.

Year 6- Gaba for his exceptional 'selflessness' on Monday, placing others before himself and considering their well-being before his own. Awesome!



Family Faith Journey

This term's Saint of the Term is one of our house saints- St Francis. St Francis's Feast Day is on the 4th October. He was canonized as a saint just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by his former protector, Pope Gregory IX. Today, Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists — a title honouring his boundless love for animals and nature. St. Francis loved all God's creatures and followed God's example of kindness, mercy, compassion, and love for all creation. To decorate our prayer web this term let's fill it with images, models and collages of different animals and birds to share our love of nature and remember St Francis's love of God's Creation that we are all stewards of. Thank you for all we have received so far!

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.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98.4%	93.6	97.3%	98.6%	98.9%	98.6%	95.3%

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!

EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off on his adventures to Guste's house for a fun weekend with her and her family. If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



JRSO Message

<http://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/earlyyears-and-primary/parents/7-to-11/Be-bright-be-seen/>



E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.hoos.sch.uk/e-safety.asp> O2 and the NSPCC have teamed up to launch a brand new website and app called netaware. The site offers insights and easy to follow guidelines on how the most current and popular apps and games can be made safer. It also offers key information and 'need to knows' as well as thoughts, likes and dislikes from both parent and child views. The O2 gurus also give their tech savvy advice and there are risk ratings that are thought provoking. A very worthwhile tool for parents for understanding modern day apps and games and a great way to start a dialogue with children about their understanding of how to stay safe.

To find out more follow the link <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.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm_source=Ades&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Video&utm_campaign=12-10-17-cam-netaware_LFS

House Points

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
St. Bernadette 183	St. Lucy 168	St. Dominic 104	St. Francis 103

Prayers Please!

Take time to pray as a family this week, Let's Pray:



Dear Father in heaven,

We thank you for your mercy and for your great goodness and power, revealed to us through the ages and in the present time. We live by your revelation, Lord God Almighty, for you perform wonders on earth and you reign in heaven so that heaven can bless and help us on our earthly pilgrimage. Grant that your loving-kindness and your justice may be revealed through all the world. Come, O Lord our God, bring the light for us who believe in you, and be the light for the whole world. Glory to your name, for you are indeed our Father in heaven and on earth, and you give certainty for our life in time and in eternity.

Amen.



Mrs. J. Withers (Head of School)