



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUE
OF THE TERM:
HOPE

"Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them." John 14: 23

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

A huge well done to our KS2 dance troupe, who performed at the Agilitas dance festival at the South Holland Centre on Tuesday morning. The children showed great emotion and passion throughout the performance to "Leave a Light on" by Tom Walker. Have a look at our Twitter page @St_Norberts to see an extract from the performance. Well done!



Thought of the Week

Matthew 4:12-17

What do you remember from this reading?

It talks about people who lived in darkness seeing a great light. Who do you think the people living in darkness were? Where do you think the light came from?

One way of thinking about this is that when we are sad or lonely, everything feels dark and gloomy. This is the dark. But then when someone does something nice for us, like including us in their game or making us laugh, everything seems brighter again. This is the light. This is the light that Jesus brings into the world. Some people in the world do not have enough food to eat, safe houses to live in, or clean water to drink. And so the world can feel like a very dark place. We can try to bring light back into everyone's lives, by helping to make the world a fairer place so that every person has what they need to live a healthy and happy life.

We all live in one world, with the same sun shining down on us. We are all God's children and belong to one family. Jesus asks us to look after each other. If we do this we can help the light of Jesus to shine in the world.

Right of the month for January 2020



Article 8: You have the right to an identity-an official record of who you are. No-one should take this away from you.

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: What will you do this week to make the light shine for someone, either here or in another part of the world?

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>
- Pink Lady Apples Writing Competition www.pinkladyapples.co.uk/write-it
- BBC2 500 Words Competition is back <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HqL26FCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>
- Canterbury Writing Tales Writing Competition <http://chaucer.org.uk/the-canterbury-foles-writing-competition-2019-20-hopes-and-dreams/>

Is the writing fiction or non-fiction!

- 1 Fact books tell you information.
- 2 Letters to give your opinion and to persuade.
- 3 Fairy tales are story books to interest you.
- 4 Instructions to guide you.

Match them up.

- Once upon a time there lived a princess.
First put the flour into a bowl.
Dear, Mrs Withers..... Yours Sincerely.
The digestive system starts with your mouth.

Maths challenge

Answer the calculation below. Anyone who answers it correctly or answers it with full reasoning, will be entered into the raffle. The winner of the raffle will get 20 dojos. The others will get 5 dojos. Do not use a calculator.
Never, Sometimes or Always

When you divide a number by 3, you will always have a remainder

History Spotlight

This weeks Lincolnshire historical figure is Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809-1892:

Alfred was born in Somersby near Louth. After a few setbacks with his poetry writing, praise from Prince Albert amongst others set him on the journey to fame. He was made Poet Laureate in 1850 serving for the longest of any other until 1892. His writings are known worldwide and he is still held in high regard today. The Tennyson Archive held at Lincoln Central Library claims to be the only worldwide collection of one man's work and life.

Wacky science fact for the week

Lizards slithering up walls or dangling precariously from overhead lights are a common sight in tropical countries. These slimy creatures zipping up walls are called geckos. They are the only lizard species that make any sound, other than hissing — in fact they make a loud clicking noise that sounds like "gecko", hence the name.

Recent studies show that the gecko's ability to cling on to surfaces could well lead to the creation of the world's first non-sticky, self-cleaning adhesive! According to scientists at the University of California, gecko feet function a bit like the tape we use for sticking. Of course a gecko's tenacious hold is far, far stronger than any earthly tape

Dates For Your Diary:

January takes its name from Janus, meaning 'archway'.

National Story Telling Week

Monday 3rd February

Year 1 and 5 Dance lessons

Tuesday 4th February

Private Guitar Lessons

Wednesday 5th February

Y6 Class Worship 2:50pm

Thursday 6th February

Friday 7th February

Y4 Swimming Lessons

3.45pm Hockey Tournament at Surfleet Hockey Club



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- Leonard for his ideas, perseverance and skills developed and used in our new construction area.

Year 1- Ariel for working hard and getting on to different math challenges

Year 2- Nicole for supporting others beautifully in their learning.

Year 3- Sara for her fantastic choreography in dance learning.

Year 4- Oliwia for showing excellent perseverance in her math's learning this week!

Year 5- Julia for stepping into her new role of math's leader with such diligence.

Year 6- Siyanda for her amazing mini-leadership role in supporting and challenging her peers through maths.



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.



Maya for being a great support and a good friend! Well done

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 20th - 24th January 2020. **Well done Year 1 100%!**

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
85.7%	100%	96.3%	95.5%	92%	98.3%	96.6%

conscientious



EYFS Message

Norbert Bear is off to Jack's house this weekend. Have fun! If you wish to follow Norbert Bear on his adventures, follow him @NorbertBear1



In EYFS we are developing our construction area and would like to ask for your old cereal boxes, tissue boxes, cartons etc. for children to build and be creative with. Please keep sending them in throughout the year, we appreciate your help and support. Thank you Mrs Bradley.

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



JRSO Message

<http://thinkdirect.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/T-to-Ts/Be-bright-be-seen/>

E-Safety

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website. <http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>
<https://www.norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp> 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.npsa.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/3/3m_sources/4/dest/medium/3/3m_content/Video/4/3m_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 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
St Bernadette	St Lucy	St Dominic	St Francis

Prayers Please!

God of hope, share your light with all your children, as we try to help others who are in need. Amen.



Mrs. J. Withers (Head of School)