



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

VIRTUE OF THE TERM:
Compassion

'A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.' (Psalms 50(51) 3-6, 18-19)
The God who speaks- Lent 2
Celebrate God's Word~ Live God's Word~ Share God's Word

Value of the Month: March
Cooperation



This Week's Highlights!

- We have explored the British Value of 'Rule of Law' this week.
- Year 1 showcased an amazing worship to the school and families about 'Compassion'.
- Letter about our 'Spring' Non-Uniform event/competition sent this week pop 31.03.2023 on your calendars and remember your £1 on the day.
- Our Friends Committee have launched their Easter Fundraisers -see Mrs. Withers or SLT on the gate to buy your Square or Guess the name of the Bunny. £1 a go.
- International Commonwealth day - 13th March: Commonwealth Day is an annual celebration of the 54 countries in the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth countries are found in the Pacific, Africa, Asia, Europe, The Caribbean, and The Americas.
- Year 5 and 6 had an amazing time at Singsation this week-see Twitter for more!

We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight extreme poverty. We will be walking the daily mile around the school grounds, to raise funds for charity. Our target is open ended. CAFOD suggested 200km, but we are certain we can smash this target! Please send any donations or funds raised into school throughout Lent- even the smallest amount can make a big difference! The money raised will be totalled at the end of next term. CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE-From Fr Jim

Parish Administrator/Secretary: We are currently looking to appoint an Administrator\Secretary for our parish office based near to the Spalding town centre. The successful applicant will be mainly based at our Spalding office, but will also, from time to time, be required to work from our soon to be constructed office in Holbeach. Minimum 20 hours per week, but open to negotiation. For full job description, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr. Jim Burke, jim.burke@dioceseofnottingham.uk
Closing date for applications is the 23rd March 2023.



A very big thank you to all the parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1 who support their children's learning in Maths by helping them to access White Rose 1 Minute Maths during their home learning. It is a fabulous free app that really supports and encourages our little ones to gain a solid understanding of the four operations and subitising. Learning is targeted at a specific area of Maths in 1 minute chunks. With instant visual rewards for children to enjoy their success. Keep up the excellent work EYFS and Key stage 1 Mrs Franklin Maths co-ordinator

Discovery Coaching Breakfast Club-If you would like to book your child's place then please visit discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings

If you hadn't heard already we now have a community football session on site every Saturday morning during term time. Discovery Sports Coaching deliver these sessions from 10-11 o'clock, for children in reception through to year 6. Aimed at introducing children to football and developing existing skills it is a great to keep your children active during the weekend. Sessions are open to all local children, not just those who attend St Norbert's. If you would like to book your child's place then please visit discoverysportscoaching.co.uk/bookings

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing weekend with your families, perhaps enjoy a walk and keep up our Lenten CAFOD Challenge, trying to cover a mile a day. Please remember we are collecting donated loose change in each class.

With Prayers and Blessings

Mrs Withers x

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK...Have you ever been thirsty? What do we need water for? When Jesus was thirsty he asked a Samaritan woman for some water. Because the Jews and the Samaritans had a long-standing hatred, this was a very significant encounter.

Sometimes we can have a very superficial understanding of our faith and what Jesus really offers us. Can you identify a time when your appreciation of your spiritual life has become acute and deeper? When have you experienced a personal invitation to faith? Had you been thirsting for God at the time? Visualise your spiritual life as a map with ups and downs. See if you can identify the points of change and what was happening at the time. Who assisted you on your faith journey at these times? What thirst do you have in your life at the present time? Are there others around you who might be thirsty for company or feeling excluded by society that you can reach out to during this week?

Lord God, we thank you for the blessing of water and for the life-giving water which you give us through Jesus at our baptism. Help us to share this with those who are thirsty. Amen

Rights of the Week





Lent 2: 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 or use the booking system to attend Mass at St. Norbert's Church safely, stewards are on hand to help and support.

Discipleship

Our theme for this term is discipleship: Being a disciple means following a teacher or way of life. It reminds us that to follow Jesus we have to live like him and shape our lives in a way that reflects who he was and what he taught.

Every Catholic School has a Mission Statement - words, sentences or phrases that remind us what our calling is as followers of Christ.

Our Mission Statement: a love of God, a love of one another and a love of life itself

Weekly Mission: Why not start the new year volunteering time and contributing to an organisation? Maybe you could help at the Hub In Hub out Project at church.



Next week's Ordo Theme- Almsgiving means simply giving what we are able to those in need. It's not just about giving money to charity however. You can give of yourself in so many ways - you can give your time, your compassion or your love to those in need and by doing so truly understand what Lent is all about.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-eQ-INx4hDYRhy8KqP8Q>



Recommended Reads

Bear and Bird: The Picnic and Other Stories - Jarvis

Bear and Bird are best friends, and, like many friends, sometimes one or the other of them makes a mistake or gets cross or jealous of the other. Luckily, though, they're good enough friends to get past any hiccups or mishaps they might encounter, and get on with the important stuff: enjoying each other's company and being a bit silly, now and again.

The Funniest Boy in the World- Helen Rutter

Billy dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian, so can't believe his luck when celebrity comic Leo Leggett offers to be his mentor. At first, Billy loves the attention, but after a while, he begins to question Leo's motives. A funny, heart-warming tale about the trappings of fame and the importance of standing up to bullies.

Ten Ways to Build a Brilliant Brain- Nicola Morgan

We all have a brain, but it's likely that, ironically, we very rarely ever think about what it's doing for us all day long (and at night). But it's doing some pretty amazing things: keeping us breathing, giving us dreams, regulating our blood pressure and all manner of other complicated things.

DT Challenge- his week practice using back stitch. Follow the tutorial video

https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/60/07/t-tc-1634578942-back-stitch-embroidery-video-tutorial_ver_1.mp4?_token=&exp=1644565277~acl=%2Fresource%2F60%2F07%2Ft-tc-1634578942-back-stitch-embroidery-video-tutorial_ver_1.mp4%2A~hmac=f82e6e51d0b2ba388368b401ae1a78805b16fd515841ef1a3b2ef29a564c2a74

Spalding Music Centre Concert



Children in Year 4 have been learning to play the ukelele in their music learning and now they are very excited to be invited by Lincolnshire Music Services to play at the Spalding Music Concert at Spalding Music Centre, Broad Street Methodist Church. The children will be playing a piece they have learnt in class and then they will join in and play a piece with a larger group of musicians. The event will take place on Tuesday the 21st of March at 5.45pm. If you would like to attend the event to support the children that would be fabulous.

British Science Week:10th to the 19th of March



Connections

The theme for 2023 is...'Connections'! As we celebrate togetherness, after a period where isolation was a sad but necessary reality, 'Connections' is an apt theme.

Remember we are celebrating MyMaths champions each week in Celebration Worship each Friday so don't forget to log on and take up the challenges.





Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary
 March-I will keep my Lenten Promises

ORDO:
 Monday 13th March - *Week 3 Lent*

Class Photos -Full School Uniform please - If it is PE day bring the PE kit in to school to change into.

Day 1 Bikeability for those who are signed up - remember bike and helmet

Tuesday 14th January - *Week 3 Lent*

Smart Uniform and Smart PE kit please Filming and photography for our new website

Day 2 Bikeability for those who are signed up - remember bike and helmet

Wednesday 15th March- *Week 3 Lent*

Day 3 Bikeability for those who are signed up - remember bike and helmet

Thursday 16th March- *Week 3 Lent*

Day 4 Bikeability for those who are signed up - remember bike and helmet

Lenten Reconciliation 1.30pm

Friday 17th March- *Week 3 Lent St.Patrick Bishop*

Missionary : 8:45 am onwards Special Celebration

Worship for Mothers and Special Women

Composer of the term

Our composer of the term is Tchaikovsky. He was a Russian composer in the Romantic era and is considered one of the most popular of all Russian composers. He wrote melodies which were usually dramatic and emotional and his compositions include 11 operas, 3 ballets, orchestral music, chamber music and over 100 songs. His famous ballets (Swan Lake, The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty) have some of the best known tunes and Tchaikovsky is widely regarded as the greatest composer of ballets. Scan the QR code or follow the link to watch a child friendly version of the Nutcracker, with Tchaikovsky's musical accompaniment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIc4sqGztpY>



Geography

On the 8th March it was World Math's Day. Geography and math's go hand in hand. 'Geography and mathematics are natural partners in the curriculum. Much geographical learning requires the application of mathematical techniques and mathematics teaching is much enhanced by the use of real world data'(Whittle, J., 2019)
 Here are some ideas how we use math's in geography.

Mathematical tool	Geographical application and example
Enquiry and problem solving	Any investigation that involves asking and answering geographical questions
Logical thinking, pattern seeing, classification	Identifying spatial patterns in the environment eg symmetry in ferns, detached houses, the location of convenience stores
Number calculating	Calculating the velocity of a river at different points along its course
Measurement	Estimating and measuring distances within the school grounds to plan an identify a good route for the 'daily mile'

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Eliza - for being keen to join in learning and complete the weekly challenges set!

Year 1- All of Year 1 for working so hard on their Collective Worship

Year 2- Noah for his fantastic effort in his spellings and writing this week, striving to ensure he included similes! Well done Noah.

Year 3- Maria for amazing efforts this week!

Year 4- Maya for her fabulous Big Write

Year 5- Franciszek for using pathetic fallacy when sentence stacking this week - well done!

Year 6- Wiktorina and Gabriela for excellent attitude, dedication and hard work in preparing and creating the Station of the Cross at home.

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.



Thank you to Year 4 the class who have donated the most so far for the CAFOD fundraising - your efforts are incredible-what a team!- Thank you xxx

Weekly Attendance: % Remember our school target is 97% and anything below 90% is Persistent Absence and can result in a fixed penalty notice.. You must inform us when your child is not attending school if we are unable to make contact we will conduct a home visit. Pupils should be at school by 8:45 to avoid being marked as Late.

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
96.31%	89.57%	99.63%	94.83%	99.18%	94.85%	97.41%

Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child or need help and support do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Withers and Deputies Mrs. Hibbert and Mr. Morton.

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Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children



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.
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying-and-cyberbullying/?utm_source=Adesrodutmr_medium=email&utm_content=Video&utm_campaign=121017-com-netaware_LFS

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As our children move up through the school their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but our children and parents all need to be aware of various online risks. We would like to draw your attention to the following weblinks to help share and support our online safety message across the school and help keep your children safe whilst they research, access learning or practise their skills online.

<https://youtu.be/X9Htg8V3eIk>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/tesse-and-friends/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runners/>

Are your children using electronic devices and accessing the internet at home? Whatever their age, the link we are sharing below can help you to find out more about what they might be doing online and give you practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe in their digital world. Take a moment to look through the website and see what is advised for the ages and stages of your child/children. It is really important that we all work together to keep the children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>



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/>

Prayers Please!

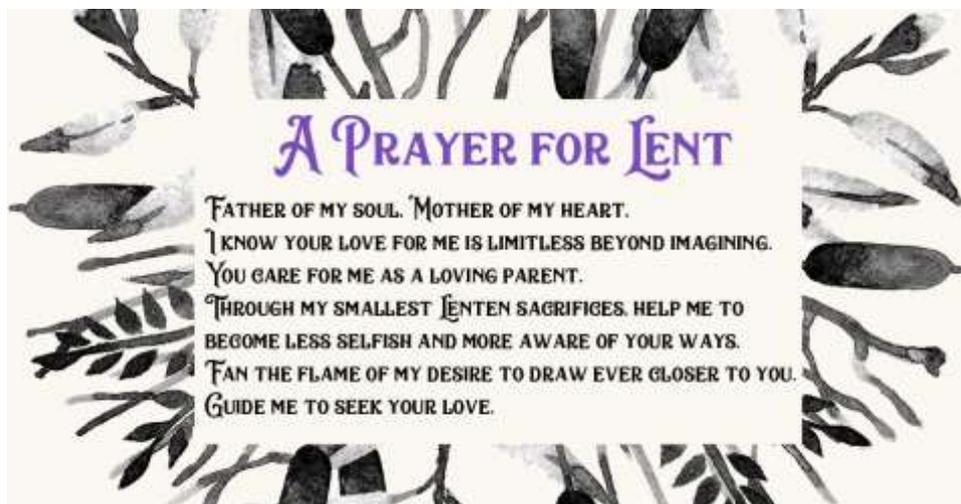
Daily Prayers for Home

<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/>

The Wednesday Word is offered to you as a new, weekly, special 5 minutes Family Time together. The Wednesday Word is a gift to families because of their connection with a Catholic school. Wednesday Word Family Time presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week. Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. It is structured around the Sunday Gospel, because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive. The Wednesday Word Family Time leaflet is designed in a family friendly fashion to ensure that all family members feel included. It aims to be informative, enjoyable, and to help families maintain a special closeness throughout the school years. You can download your own copy from your child's MS Teams account where it is shared weekly or directly from their website <http://www.wednesdayword.org/>



The Pope's intention for March: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Amen. Mrs.J.Withers (Headteacher)