



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 'Mutual Respect' this week.
- Year 5/6 Worked hard on their Bikeability Course.
- 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.
- A deeply reflective Reconciliation Service with Fr Jim and Fr Stan.

History of Mothering Sunday

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'. Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.) And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

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.

Discovery Coaching Breakfast Club-If you would like to book your child's place then please visit discoverycoachingsports.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 discoverycoachingsports.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...

What do you think it might be like to be blind? Think about how you would do all the things you have already done today if you could not see. What do we know about the blind man in this story? How did Jesus give him back his sight? What new things would the man have been able to see and do after that? What happened to the man afterwards that was even better than getting his sight? Have you had an experience of having your eyes opened, of seeing or coming to understand some new insight? What do you see now that you didn't see before? Has this experience had any impact on your life? As you reflect on areas of 'spiritual blindness', can you identify any blocks to your faith? What signs of God are visible in your life? During this week become aware of bringing light to the people you meet during the week.

Lord God, we see your goodness in all creation. Help us to live so that others can see the light of Jesus shine through us.
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- This week we will be thinking about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. His death and resurrection are at the heart of our faith and they are the reason we have our Church and school today. We are called to make sacrifices too, not necessarily to give our lives, but maybe to give our time, or our love or our compassion. Think about the people who make sacrifices for you and what that means to you. Think about how you can make sacrifices this week. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP-_sQ-INx4hDYRhy8KdP8Q



Recommended Reads

The Worry Jar - Lou John

Frida is a bit of a worrier. She worries what clothes to wear to go out, whose table to sit at at school, the peas on her plate and she definitely worries about swimming. What if there's a shark in the pool?

Not now Noor! - Farhana Islam

All the women in Noor's family wear headscarves and she's curious to find out why. Is a hijab worn to hide big ears or keep snacks safe?

Epic Animal Journeys: Navigations and Migrations by Air, Land and Sea- Ed J Brown

Migrating animals are found in all areas of the animal kingdom: birds, fish, reptiles, crustaceans, amphibians, mammals and insects. But why do they do it, and how does it work? There's so much to learn, from the varying migration routes of different birds (gannets can cross oceans easily as they can take breaks to swim, float and fish for food, and storks rely on thermal column or rising air) to the yearly habits of whales, who migrate from the freezing waters of the Arctic and Antarctic to warmer waters to give birth.

DT Challenge- Here is another stitch to try



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. 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 arrive at 4.45pm for rehearsals and it starts at 5.45pm If you would like to attend the event to support the children that would be fabulous.

Maths

5 of the best times table sites to help you children perfect their knowledge

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.teachingexpertise.com/classroom-ideas/times-tables-games/>

<https://childhood101.com/times-tables-games/>

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/times-tables-games/>



Orca duo kills 17 sharks in one day



ANIMALS A notorious pair of orcas killed 17 sharks in one day and ate only their livers during their deadliest hunt yet off the coast of South Africa

The big weather change coming to Australia



WEATHER The climate driver that has led to years of drenching rains is "near its end", the BOM has said. But that only brings new weather challenges.



Dates For Your Diary: See school website for Diary

March-I will keep my Lenten Promises

ORDO:

Monday 20th March - Week 4 Lent St.Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 21st March - Week 4 Lent

Netball Match Vs Moulton Harrox - 3.30pm at Home

World Downs Syndrome Day

Wednesday 22nd March- Week 4 Lent

Thursday 23rd March- Week 4 Lent

Girls Football Match Vs Spalding Primary - 3.30pm at Home

Friday 24th March- Week 4 Lent

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=ylc4sqGztpY>

WRITING PROMPTS

It's Dr. Seuss's birthday! Write about your favorite Seuss book.	I am looking forward to spring because...	Look outside your window. Write about what you see.	Write a list of everything you can think of that is green.	Write a Thank You letter to someone.
Write about your favorite memory from winter.	Make up an animal and describe how it looks, what it eats, and where it lives.	Describe your dream room.	Write about finding a magic four leaf clover.	Write a story about the day in the life of a leprechaun.
You find a rainbow. What is at the end of it?	Write all the words you can from "Happy St. Patrick's Day."	If you could be a character in your favorite show. Who would you be and why?	Would you rather have a pig or a raccoon as a pet?	Write about what you love about your parents.
What is your favorite food and what do you love about it?	Write instructions on how to make a sandwich.	You were hired to build an unusual merry go round. Describe what you build.	What is your favorite book and why?	Write 5 things are you thankful for today.

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Geography Challenge-Know Where You Live

This geography game will help children understand the continent, country, county, city, street and home where they live.

How to:

- On a chart paper, draw six circles from the biggest to the smallest, one inside the other.
- Starting from the outermost circle, name them in the following hierarchy — continent-country-county-city-street-home.

Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Aidens for his independent writing about Penguins.

Year 1- Nathan for great resilience this week.

Year 2- Freya for her resilience towards her learning all week.

Year 3- Leonard for his persistence in working independently in Maths this week.

Year 4- Alex for his fabulous warm up in PE.

Year 5- Ilya for his focus and effort in his Maths learning this week - well done.

Year 6- George for his excellent improvement in Maths (Fractions, Decimals and Percentages)

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 our PTA Group who have donated funds to develop our sensory room in school called the Galaxy Room-We now have a bubble wall which is incredible-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
94.67%	93.57%	97.33%	90.33%	97.04%	96.00%	98.00%

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

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.

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.



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

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)