



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

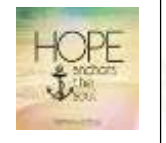
NEWSLETTER



“Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass. It’s about learning how to dance in the rain.”

Advent Term 2

Value of the Term-HOPE



Walsingham Pilgrimage



On Tuesday 4th December the Yr 6 Children accompanied by the Chaplaincy Team went on a Pilgrimage to Walsingham to visit the Shrine of our Lady. We arrived at Walsingham which was shrouded by mist and fog - a peaceful, calm blanket descending on our spirits. The children were able to experience first hand the exceptional nature of this special place in our faith as they began to explore the grounds. Our lead for the day was Sr. Jane Louise, whom greeted us all and welcomed us in faith. The children were guided through the Stations of the Cross (a garden laid out for reflection and reconciliation) whilst being introduced to the Chapel of Reconciliation. The children were able to share in faith their journey through the 12:00pm Mass, taking a lead in Reading the Word, sharing Prayers of Intercession and leading a post communion song - a beautiful way for our children to share their love in Christ (See video Link to 4th December mass). Our day progressed through into the Slipper Chapel where we learnt about the history of the chapel, were able to ask questions and reflect in the silence of the building. The children then lit their own candle sharing a gift of love in prayer - the children then sat quietly in a time of contemplation, invited to share prayers with the group or reflections on how the day had touch their faith. Our day concluded with a Pilgrimage along the Pilgrim's Way into Walsingham - singing worship songs and bathing in the peace of the day!

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

“A communion of high achieving Catholic Schools where every person meets Jesus and grows uniquely in God’s love.”

Thought of the Week

Finding Peace this Christmas

If you want to find peace this Christmas, you will need to look for Jesus and also re-evaluate how you spend your holiday. Sometimes we busy ourselves buying gifts for others, baking, visiting family far and near and attending get-togethers and parties. But will all these things find us peace? Does being exhausted every night of Advent make you any more prepared for Jesus? True inner peace can only come from God and taking the time to spend with him through our prayer life. It is this that will enable us to find the true meaning of Christmas and fully prepare our hearts for the Jesus.

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. These will be his royal titles: “Wonderful,” “Counselor,” “The Mighty God,” “The Everlasting Father,” “The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

Advent 2 Family Challenge

As we are focusing on Mary, our Mother this term your family challenge is to get creative and make a rosary. You could make it with pasta, woolen pom-poms, beads, papier mache! Be as creative as you can. All Rosaries will be displayed on the prayer web in the main entrance - keep them coming in! Thank you for all those we have received so far-they look beautiful!

Right of the month for December 2018



Article 9: You have the right to be part of a family



Message from Bishop Patrick – Encounter How can we Encounter Christ?

Meditation. In meditation we make connections to our personal lives. In lectio divina, for example, we ask ourselves, "What does the Biblical text say to us?" (Pope Benedict XVI, Verbum Domini, 87). What is God saying to our pupils when they learn about a teaching, read the Bible, listen to a story, listen to music, pray, etc? The connection between what they learn and experience in class and what is going on in their lives at this present moment helps make the things you do in class become an encounter with Christ.

Reminder!

If you haven't already, don't forget to get your tickets for KS1 Nativity on either Tuesday 11th at 9.30am or Wednesday 12th at 2pm.

Could I ask parents whose children were asked to bring in their own party clothes to make sure they are in a named bag no later than Monday 10th December as children will be sharing their dress rehearsal with KS2. The children have worked very hard and are looking forward to sharing it with you all!

Year 4 Spotlight

Year 4 have been researching the gifts that Jesus received for his birth from the Magi. We have reflected on the sanctity of each gift, giving reasons why each one was special in its own way and fit for a king. The pupils then created fact files, writing up their information in their own words and sharing it with each other. Do you know which of the three kings gave which gift? Find out from a Year 4 pupil!



French Spotlight

In many regions in France, Christmas celebrations start with St Nicholas Day on the 6th of December. On this day, the children receive sweets and little gifts. Cities are decorated in France, especially in the Alsace region, where they say the first decorated Christmas trees appeared as far back as the 14th century. On Christmas eve, Children put their polished shoes out in front of the chimney and hope that 'Père Noël' (Father Christmas) fills the shoes with sweets. Christmas Day, 25th of December is a public holiday and families get together for a big feast. On this day also, presents are exchanged.

Have a go at practising this Christmas themed vocabulary.

- Noël - Christmas
- La veille de Noël - Christmas Eve
- Le jour de Noël - Christmas day
- Joyeux Noël - Merry Christmas
- Joyeuses fêtes de fin d'année - Happy Holidays
- Le Réveillon de Noël - Christmas meal

Trips

When your child has a school trip and the letter states to provide a packed lunch please remember this can be provided by Farm Kitchen if you usually order hot meals. When parents go into the weekly menu selection page you will see,

"If you have ordered a hot school lunch and your child's school organise a school trip, as long as we are notified by the normal order deadline (3pm on the preceding Tuesday), we will ensure a healthy packed lunch is provided for your child. If you would rather receive a full refund, please email enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com and we will arrange for the cancellation of the meal. Please ensure at least 24 hours' notice (1pm the preceding day) is given for any meal cancellations". If you have any further queries regarding this please speak to myself, Mrs Wide or Mrs Bach in the School Office.

In a thrilling final for the Elite Sports boys football league, as title contenders St Norbert's played Surfleet primary school last Friday. In the first half, St Norbert's got off to a 3-0 start heading comfortably into the second half. St Norbert's carried on their winning ways scoring another at the start of the second half and then shockingly conceded a penalty. However the team pulled together and came back with 3 more goals eventually winning 7-1 which meant they won the league and came home with the trophy!
Report by Tom and Alan

Thank you to the parents for transporting the children to the matches and for supporting the team! We are looking forward to the girls football league next term!



Three players were absent for the photo.

Priorities for School Improvement for 2018-2019:

Key Improvement 1: Catholic Life of the School -SMSC To develop a stronger pupil driven spiritual ethos led by the Chaplaincy Team that enables all stakeholders to encounter Christ to develop as leaders in their own faith journeys and missionary discipleship. *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: Effectiveness of leadership and management To embed external outward facing school leadership within the St. Therese of Lisieux CMAT, based on inquiry research and a pro-active, self-improving culture, with all leaders exhibiting high expectations for every pupil and member of staff. *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: Quality of teaching, learning and assessment To improve the quality of teaching and learning to ensure 90% is consistently challenging and inspirational, achieving at least 75% at age related expectations and 20%+ Greater Depth for core areas of Religious Education, Maths and English. *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: Personal development, behaviour and welfare To ensure our pupils are ready for a life beyond school and develop resilience and motivation for applying core skills of reading, writing and arithmetic across the curriculum. *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 raise standards in Maths particularly how reasoning and problem solving is embedded across the curriculum, ensuring pupils have the opportunity to achieve Mastery of core mathematical skills and apply in a range of contexts. *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.*

Word of the Week

How can you be innovative?

Can you make something innovative out of recycled materials?

Can you be innovative and make a Rosary for our Prayer Web in the entrance hall?



Pupil of the Week

EYFS - Oscar Joe for segmenting words independently to write his own list.

Year 1 – Anna Macujeva for her excellent singing and dancing when rehearsing for the nativity.

Year 2- Max Papakuls for a positive attitude in his learning and beautiful singing in our Nativity Play rehearsals

Year 3 - Olivier Martys for the enthusiasm he has shown in his learning about Anglo Saxons.

Year 4- Lorenzo Mendoza for his consistent practising of spellings and achieving 10/10 every week!

Year 5- Maja Maciaszczyk for making so much progress in her writing!

Year 6- Jasmine Macasaddu for her amazing reading skills during our Mass at Walsingham on Tuesday.



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. This week's winners are Year 1. Well done Year 1.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.33%	98.62%	96.33%	95.17%	95.52%	95.33%	96%

We have noticed an increase in applications for Holiday's during Term Time may I remind all parents that no holidays may be taken during term time and will be recorded as unauthorised attendance and may result in a fine.

The Heart that See's Chaplaincy Award



The Heart that See's Award this week is awarded by the team to Silvia Elloway who spent her day at Walsingham helping and learning with a younger pupil with such sensitivity and care. Well Done!

Book Recommendations-Poetry

Even My Ears are Smiling-Michal Rosen(All Ages)

This is a book written to be read aloud with words that jump off the page. A glorious collection of poems with fantastic illustrations by Babette Cole.



Evidence of Dragons-Pie Corbett(Age 7+)

A shimmering collection of poems, each new poem is a joy to discover from dragons to unicorns a new world emerges...



Keep Reading...



Safeguarding Messages: Working together to stay safe!



JRSO Message

<https://think-direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/7-to-11s/Be-bright-be-seen/>



E-Safety - Do you know what your child is doing online? Ask.

Visit our E-Safety page on the school website.

<http://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.asp>

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.

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

<https://www.safeguardingessentials.com/stories/360/strangers-online-or-are-they#w99I26hK1s>

An interesting article calling for a change in how we talk to children about being safe online. It is calling for a change in the terminology we use. Instead of 'strangers' online, the perhaps more useful way of addressing a new type of stranger is as 'new players' or 'new people'. This reflects on the ever changing and shifting way children communicate online through gaming and are less aware that friends who invite other friends (who are unknown to the child) are less likely to be perceived as strangers, therefore more readily trusted.

House Points Advent 1 Final Results

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
479	160	116	98
St.Bernadette	St.Dominic	St.Francis	St.Lucy

Take Time to Pray as a family this week focusing on the First Week of Advent.



Heavenly Father,

Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas.

Father God, every word in scripture points to the gift of hope that we have because of Christ Jesus. The Christmas story wasn't the beginning of that message of hope because the old testament is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when we read the story of Jesus' birth in scripture.

You showed us a glimmer of that hope as you chose to send your son into this earth through a family tree that was a little bent and scarred. We glanced it again as you chose a tribe that was small and a city that was lowly. It can be seen when we recognise that you don't send your Son to be birthed in a fancy palace among the wealthy and the elite, but our King of Kings and Lord of Lords was born among common shepherds and livestock in a barn.

Your plan to redeem and restore mankind was to dwell among us, fully God and fully man. You chose to come to earth enrobed in the fragile soft skin of a newborn baby and set aside all of the glory of heaven for one purpose. You came to be with us. You came to love us. You came die for us, so that we might live.

Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the salvation that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe on your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.Amen



Mrs Withers (Acting Headteacher)