



NEWSLETTER



“He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.”

Advent Term 2

Value of the Term-HOPE



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

On Thursday 13th December, St Norbert’s School went to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. We walked to the South Holland Centre where the pantomime took place. Everybody thought it was incredible because we had quite a bit of water and fake snow (foam). Everybody had an amazing time. Even the Teachers had fun! Then we walked back to school, ready for lunch time and enjoyed the rest of the day at school.

By Jude Crossman-Vyse (Year 4)

Thought of the Week

Our modern world is so immediate that we have lost the joy of waiting patiently. The build-up to Christmas can be so frenetic that it’s easy to lose sight of its true meaning. It’s great to buy gifts for our loved ones, but do we need to spend so extravagantly? To prepare well for the Christmas celebration it can be helpful to make space to sit quietly for a few minutes in the presence of God; to take time to wonder at the beauty of creation and to give thanks for all that is good. Why not take the time this week to give the gift of time to family and friends, creating memories that shall be cherished forever.

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?

TEACHINGS: In reality, the majority of our time passing on the teachings of the Church is in the form of lessons, textbook readings, activities, and discussions. These, too, can be valued opportunities to encounter Christ if we help our children to make personal connections between the teaching and their daily lives.

Christmas Jumper Day

We've had a fantastic day taking part in our sponsored Christmas Jumper Day Festive Daily Mile! 8 laps of our field is one mile and the children have been set a challenge to see if they can walk to Lapland by the end of the term - it's over 2,000 miles so the children will be encouraged to do many miles as possible!



KS2 Christmas Carol Concert - Wednesday 19th December at 6pm

The children in KS2 will be busy next week rehearsing for the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert to be held at St Norbert's Church. Please ensure that the children arrive at 5.45pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible it is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together in faith this Advent and to spend time with friends and family, refreshments will be available afterwards in the Hall.

KS1 Meet Father Christmas - During the day on Tuesday 18th December the KS1 children will be getting the chance to meet Father Christmas if a reply slip has been handed in.

KS2 Meet Father Christmas - During the on Tuesday 19th December the KS2 children will be getting the chance to meet Father Christmas if a reply slip has been handed in.

Last Day of Term - Thursday 20th December 2018.

Start of Term 3 - Monday 7th January 2019.



Geography Spotlight

How good is your geographical knowledge?? Have a go at this Geography Christmas quiz!

1. On which day do they celebrate Christmas in Poland?
2. What country does Lapland belong to?
3. Which country won the race to the South Pole?
4. How many films have currently been released in the Ice Age film franchise?
5. What type of animal is herded by the Sami people of Northern Europe?
6. Father Christmas is known as Pai Natal in which European country?
7. Which country traditionally gives London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree?
8. Bethlehem is a tiny village in which UK country?
9. Which country does Christmas Island belong to?
10. Why is it named Christmas Island?

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.*

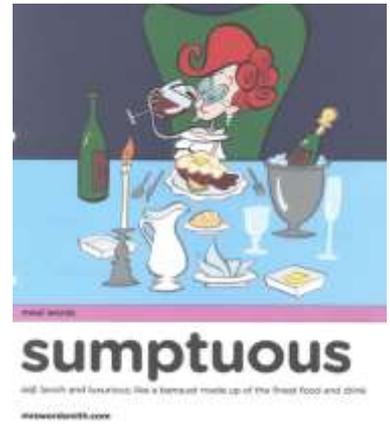
Key Improvement 4: Personal development, behaviour and welfare To ensure our pupils are ready for a life beyond school and develop resilience and motivation for applying core skills of reading, writing and arithmetic across the curriculum. *Article 6: All children have the right to life and develop healthily. 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

What sumptuous food will you enjoy this weekend?

Challenge: With family and friends how many times can you accurately use the word sumptuous?



Pupil of the Week

EYFS- Pijus Lingys for a real improvement this week, showing a great attitude to learning!

Year 1 – Oliver Nijak-Czeczowski for showing great confidence when stepping in to the camel role at the nativity at short notice.

Year 2- All of Year 2 for a fantastic effort in their Nativity performance. One very proud Teacher!

Year 3- Sebastian Jones for all his hard work and effort in the whole curriculum this half term. Well done!

Year 4- Rafael Monteiro Read for his confident contributions to class discussions all week! Well done Rafael!

Year 5- Daniel Delon for making fabulous progress in his writing.

Year 6- Mateusz Derewonko for his creation of a new Christmas Carol inspired by our Advent RE theme.



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 4.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.33%	97.59%	96.67%	95.52%	98.65%	94.14%	90.33%

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

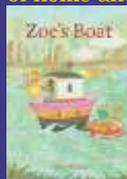


The Heart that See's Award this week is awarded by the team to Silvia Elloway who spent her day at Walsingham helping and learning with a younger pupil with such sensitivity and care. Well Done!

Book Recommendations-Poetry

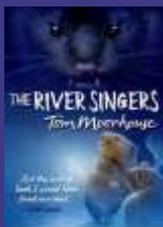
Zoe's Boat-Gillian McClure(Age 5-9)

This is a sun soaked collection of watercolour work in perfect harmony with lyrical prose. It is a graphic novel for early readers. The themes are of friendship, loyalty and courage we are reminded in it of the importance of home and loved ones.



The River Singers- Tom Moorhouse(Age 8+)

Assured powerful writing and great characterisation carry this plot. Sylvan and his water vole siblings are forced to abandon their burrow and seek a new home further along the Great River that both sustains and owns them. A dangerous adventure story...



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#_W96I26hK1s

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 2 Final Results

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
188	139	129	102
St. Francis	St. Dominic	St. Bernadette	St. Lucy

Take Time to Pray as a family this week focusing on the Second Week of Advent:



In the Advent wreath prayer for the first week of Advent, we asked Christ to come to our aid; this week, we ask Him to move us to action, so that we can prepare ourselves for both His coming at Christmas and His Second Coming. He offers Himself freely, but we must freely accept His offer in order to attain salvation.



Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Mrs Withers (Acting Headteacher)