



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## This week's Act of Mercy

Clothe the naked. A wonderful example of this is St Martin of Tours, a Roman soldier, who saw a poor man shivering in the cold and cut his own cloak in two to share it with the beggar. We may not have a cloak to cut in half, like St Martin, but we can help to clothe the naked by donating our good-quality excess or outgrown clothing to charity.

## Mass for the new school year

We marked the beginning of the new school year on Wednesday with a concelebrated Mass, led by Fr. Jim, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and everyone had the opportunity to venerate a relic of the True Cross. Fr. Stan explained to the children about the relic and was very impressed with the answers they gave to his questions.



We are very grateful to everyone who helped with the Mass; our servers, readers and technical team. Especially we thank Fr. Jim., Fr. Paul, Fr. Stan, Fr. Michael and Deacon Dennis for leading us in celebrating this very special Mass with the whole community of St Norbert's School.

## Modern Day Slavery Workshop

Article 32: Governments must protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health or education.

Article 35: Governments must ensure that children are not abducted or sold.

There are approximately 13,000 people living in slavery in the UK. It is estimated that 1 in 5 of these are children. It is shocking statistics like this that made it so important for children in Year 5 and 6 to take part in a Modern Day Slavery workshop led by Just Enough UK. The children were educated on calculating risk, recognising unhealthy relationships and aspects of online safety.

The key message to the children was that "one person can make a change" and that they can grow

up to be active global citizens, dedicating to upholding the rights of others. The children in both classes were highly engaged and worked hard, joining in with role plays, games and discussions. To find out more about Just Enough UK, visit the website link below.

<http://www.justenoughuk.org/#intro>

## Poetry Competition

Following on from our successful performance in English competitions last academic year, we are once again going to be encouraging our children to take part in as many reading and writing competitions to share their fantastic ideas. To start this term we are inviting children to take part in, "The Willoughby Memorial Trust" competition. This year national poetry day is being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and the theme is, "Messages."



The organisers state the poems can be about messages or any other theme you choose. They must be no more than 40 lines long and written clearly in ink on one side of A4 paper. Each poem should have marked at the bottom your child's Key Stage, age group, date of birth and school.

The closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> October so we are asking for entries to be returned to school by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We always encourage our children to use and apply their skills outside of school and this is a good opportunity to show off their imaginations!

The prizes are as follows:

Key Stage 1: 5-7 years old 1<sup>st</sup> prize=£15 2<sup>nd</sup> prize=£10 3<sup>rd</sup> prize=£10

Key Stage 2: 7-11 years old 1<sup>st</sup> prize=£20 2<sup>nd</sup> prize=£15 3<sup>rd</sup> prize=£10

## 11+ Tests

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting the first of their tests tomorrow at local secondary schools.



### Roald Dahl Day

St Norbert's School marked Roald Dahl Day in style with pupils and staff dressing up as characters from Roald Dahl's many books and a wide range of exciting learning activities.

The day was rounded-off with a presentation by Mrs Withers on the life of Roald Dahl and by a fashion parade featuring all the pupils who had dressed up for the day. There was a fantastic range of costumes on view and clearly lots of effort had been put in by parents and children alike, with some amazing results.

All our 'chidders' were fantastic on the day and we would like to present every child with a prize but have had to make some very difficult choices and limit ourselves to one prize per Year group. The prize-winners are listed below. Congratulations to them all and very well done to everyone!

**Reception - Olivia Pagani** who came as the Ladybird from *James and the Giant Peach* and coloured and cut out all the spots by herself.

**Year 1 - Chloe Church** dressed as 'Matilda'

**Year 2 - Robert Darnes** who dressed as the Centipede from *James and the Giant Peach*. He coloured all 40 feet himself!

**Year 3 - Samuele Pagani** as *The Enormous Crocodile*.

**Year 4 - Alejandro Holmes** who made a fantastic pelican costume and came to school dressed as the pelican from *The Giraffe And The Pelly And Me*.

**Year 5 - Francesca Crossman-Vyse** who maintained a really scary persona as Miss Trunchbull for the whole day!

**Year 6 - Paulina Stasiulaityte** dressed as the Ladybird from *James and the Giant Peach*.

### Pupils of the Week



**Reception - Thomas Paciora** for always trying his best, being willing to join in all activities and being a super role model in circle time.

**Year 1 - Linda Vagele** for showing good independent skills in all areas of the curriculum

**Year 2 - Liam Summerfield** for excellent participating and answering questions in Mass.

**Year 3 - Antonina Such** for her amazing ability to challenge herself in achieving the standards and expectations of a Year 3 child.

**Year 4 - Olivia Mohale** for a beautiful book cover design using real flowers

**Year 5 - Thomas Davison** for trying to be a good friend and being a role model to others

**Year 6 - Francis Maltby** for original and engaging short story plot ideas

### The Student Support Centre

Our children will be bringing envelopes on Monday of next week from the Student Support Company. This is a company which provides resources and materials to support learning at home at a cost to parents, which varies depending on the age of your child.

St Norbert's School has agreed to distribute this information to parents but does not endorse the company, it is entirely up to parents whether you choose to take up the services followed or not. In any case, whether parents wish to follow up with this service or not, we would be grateful if parents could return their reply slips by Friday of next week please. Thank you.

### Road safety

Parents are reminded that the speed limit for vehicles in the school grounds is 5 mph. Unfortunately, this seems often to be ignored and vehicles driven far too quickly through the car park, potentially putting children and adults at risk. Please observe the speed limit and please drive sensibly through the site. Sometimes it takes a little time to unload small children from a vehicle in the morning so please be patient.

Parents are also asked to refrain from parking in the school drive, as this blocks the exit for vehicles from the school site.

### Attendance

Week commencing: 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2016						
REC	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
99.42%	97.63%	93.28%	97.22%	99.59%	97.79%	99.23%
			%			%

Congratulations go to Year 4 this week for the best attendance

### Rewards-House Points

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
St Bernadette 130	St Lucy 125	St Francis 113	St Dominic 85



Well done St. Bernadette House, you were the winning house this week.

### English Challenge: Exploring Expanded Noun Phrases

Pick a card, any card. Ask your child to pick a card below and then to think of a noun or verb that could be described by them. Challenge the children to include some of the words selected in their next pieces of written homework.

A picture speaks a thousand words. Display a selection of images of people or objects and ask your children to verbally add an adjective or a series of adjectives to describe a physical attribute. This activity can be extended to include non-physical features, not only for the people but for the objects too!

The happy home  
The threatening dagger



### Maths Corner Challenge

Can you find the missing numbers to complete the calculations?

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2 \times & = & 16 \quad 7 \times & = & 35 \\ & \times & 9 = 81 & \quad & \times 6 = 60 \\ 3 \times & = & 9 \quad 8 \times & = & 48 \\ & \times & 4 = 24 & \quad & \times 12 = 60 \end{array}$$

Create your own missing number calculations and try them out on friends and family.



### Prayers please!

Pope Francis is meeting with other faith leaders in Assisi next Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, to pray for World Peace. At St Norbert's, we shall be thinking about Peace and what it means to each of us.

### Let us pray:

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mr J Burns**

**Headteacher**

### Diary Dates September – December 2016

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Caythorpe Meeting 3.30pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM Meeting
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Hockey Tournament
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Bags2School Collection
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm	Harvest Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Children return to school
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Mass
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School photographs
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	E Safety Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm	Remembrance Service in school
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Briars Residential Y6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Takeover Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Hockey Tournament
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play 2pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play 9.30am
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto in school
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert 6pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term

### Class Worship Timetable

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 4 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Class Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 Class Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Worship 2.50pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Reconciliation 1.30pm