



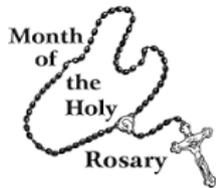
ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## This week's Act of Mercy

**Forgive offences against us:** when others say or do something which makes us cross with them, do we stay cross with them or do we forgive them? Let's try this week to remember the words of the Our Father and forgive those who make us cross, just as Jesus forgives us and pardons us of our sins.



**ROSARY CLUB** The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7<sup>th</sup> in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without doubt the great power of the Rosary.

All children from each year group are invited to come along to our Rosary Club to learn to pray the rosary. Why not encourage your child to make an extra effort to come along, especially during this special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We will be meeting in the Our Lady's Prayer Garden on Friday morning's during the Month of October. (Weather permitting).

decade of the rosary together. Also don't forget to dust off your rosary beads and bring them along with you!

## Winter School Uniform

Parents are reminded that all our pupils will be expected to wear the winter uniform from Monday 3rd October.

All children will need to be wearing a school tie, if you have not already purchased a school tie from Uniform Direct we do have some available for sale from the school office at £3 and £4. We recommend elasticated ties for EYFS/KS1 and non-elasticated ties for KS2, if your child is wearing a non-elasticated tie please ensure they are able to manage doing up their own tie. Make sure your child's name is on all clothing.

If girls choose to wear tights as part of the winter uniform, they must be grey in colour, white tights are not part of the winter uniform.

The Governors expect that all children will wear the full school uniform, and will be neat and tidy at all times.

## European Day of Languages

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, St Norbert's School marked European Day of Languages, which is all about providing opportunities for the children to experience different languages and European cultures. Each class chose a different language for their focus. There was a 'European Café' in the school hall, with refreshments from different countries and songs in different languages sung by our children, including a

very energetic Spanish song with actions by Year 3 pupils. Parents visited classes to share their language and culture with the children and lessons had a European theme. The day was rounded-off with Collective Worship, featuring prayers spoken in different languages. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the day, especially Mrs Jameson who organised it, and all parents who participated in any way.



### **Sponsored Walk Success!**

Last month, Kirsty and Sophie Lee completed a Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Society. The girls worked hard to raise awareness of Dementia outside of school, raising an impressive £80 for the charity. Kirsty and Sophie completed a 4.5km walk and were awarded with medals to thank them for their support and dedication to Alzheimer's Society. Well done girls!

### **Tuck shop**

The school's Tuck Shop is proving to be very popular. As parents will be aware, items cost 40p each and we request that pupils bring either the exact sum or a 50p coin to pay for purchases. We will not be able to serve children that bring £1 and £2 coins as the tuck shop does not have enough change for this. Thank you.

### **Dates for Parents' Evenings**

✓ 18/10/16: 15:30 - 17:30

✓ 19/10/16: 16:30 - 19:30

Please ensure that appointment request sheets are returned to school as soon as possible to book your appointment.

We are also happy to announce that the Scholastic book fair will be at this year's Parents' Evening sessions.

### **Year 6 Worship - Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Next Monday afternoon, Year 6 will be working with a group from the Briars to prepare Worship for the end of the school day. Parents of Year 6 pupils are cordially invited to attend.

### **Friends News.**

The Friends of St Norbert's held their AGM this week and discussions are underway to plan some exciting fundraising events for the year ahead. Ideas were explored as to what projects the Friends could help fund this year, with some great ideas suggested for the playground area. We look forward to sharing the news with you over the next few months.

### **Bag2School Collection Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Bag2School is a collection company that reuse or recycle unwanted donations of clothing. Any clothing ( not uniform) should be in good condition & can include bags, shoes & soft toys.

This is a great scheme as our school also receives payment for the filled bags we donate. A donation bag will be sent home to all, please fill & return to school from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, but no later than the morning of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>.



### **Pumpkin Decorating Competition.**

Once again Bowmans, a local pumpkin farm, will be kindly donating a pumpkin for all to take home. To celebrate this annual harvest, we invite children to decorate their pumpkin and return them to school for display.

A competition will be held with prizes awarded for the most creative designs from each class. Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated however you choose.

This year, decorated pumpkins will be displayed in the school hall at 3:15pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October where judging will take place. Children & parents are welcome to come along and view what are sure to be some fantastic creations.

**Pupils of the Week** 

**Reception - Sophie Harvey** for super work in all areas and also for being an outstanding friend and role model.

**Year 1 - Patricija Griskeviciute** for her lovely interpretation of the Mona Lisa.

**Year 2 - Oskar Chomicz** for excellent Mental Maths skills when adding two 2 digit numbers.

**Year 3 - Marco Moreira** for his confidence and self-belief in learning lines off by heart. Well done Marco.

**Year 4 - Alan Michael** for showing perseverance in Maths when using tricky written methods.

**Year 5 - Erin McMurray** for exceptionally creative homework!

**Year 6 - Laura Boroweic** for outstanding creativity using scarves to create shapes in a dance routine.

**Attendance**

Week commencing:						
REC	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
95.9%	97.84%	95.41%	97.84%	98.75%	97.04%	96.55%

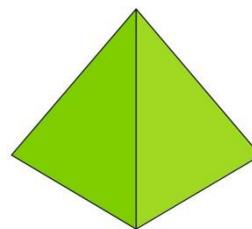
Congratulations go to Year 4 this week for the best attendance.



**Rewards-House Points**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
St Lucy	St Bernadette	St Francis	St Dominic
132	101	101	83

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



**English Challenge**

We are really working on developing our spelling skills at St. Norbert's, earlier this week a letter was sent home exploring the spelling expectations in different year groups. Practise words from your year group list. This week's method is Pyramid writing.

"Pyramid write" your spelling words. You must write neatly!

\*Example: home                    h  
    ho  
    hom  
    home



**Prayers please!**

As we mark the year's harvest in our school and at home, let us remember those in the world who are not so blessed as we are and for whom there is never enough to eat:

Let us pray:

Dear Lord  
 Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy,  
 With sunny days and rainy days, our crops grow larger,  
 Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.  
 Thank you for all the food we have to eat.  
 Let us remember people who may not have enough.  
 Help us to be kind to others in thought, word and deed. Amen

Mr J Burns  
 Headteacher