



ST. NORBERT'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

16th December 2016

## Staff changes

Mrs Gray will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a teaching role in Crowland. We would like to thank Mrs Gray for all her hard work with our Reception class this term. Mrs Bradley will be returning from maternity leave to take over the role in our Reception class from January 2017. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Bradley back to Saint Norbert's.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Barnes for all her hard work and commitment over the past few years on the gate at the beginning and at the end of the school day. Miss Bell will be taking over this role from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017, we look forward to welcoming her to this role.

## Christmas Carol Concert

On Thursday evening of this week, Key Stage 2 children gave their annual Carol service at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Norbert, in front of a full house of parents, grandparents, family and friends. During the course of the evening, the Christmas Story was told through readings delivered by children from the school whilst a Nativity scene gradually unfolded at the front of the church. The readings were interspersed between a range of traditional carols, sung with great clarity and enthusiasm by our Key Stage 2 pupils. The evening concluded with a blessing from Fr. Jim and a rendition from the children of the modern Christmas classic, "Walking in the Air", followed by refreshments afterwards in the church hall.



Our thanks go to Fr. Jim and Deacon Dennis for their support, and for allowing us to use the church for our performance, and to all the Key Stage 2 teachers and other colleagues who have worked so hard, rehearsing the children and preparing them for the big event. Finally, our

congratulations to our Key Stage 2 children, who really pulled out all the stops to make last night's performance such a memorable one. Well done!

## Attendance reminders

We know this time of year can be one in which we see a few seasonal illnesses, so I would like to remind you of our school practice. Our aspirational school target for attendance is 97% and the national expectation is 95%. If your child's attendance falls below 90% with unauthorised attendance this is considered to be "persistent absence". With viruses and sickness it is expected that after a period of 48 hours your child would be able to return to school, therefore the first two days of absence would be authorised following this we would require medical evidence for further days absence or they will be recorded as unauthorised. Please always call the school to inform us of absence and follow with a letter when your child returns to school. If you are seeking permission for a period of absence you must collect a form from our main office and return to the Headteacher who has the authority to approve absence in exceptional circumstances. If you have any questions about the government and our school's attendance initiatives do not hesitate to contact the school attendance officer Mrs. J. Withers.

## Save the Children Fundraiser

Thank you to all those children that donated to Save the Children for our Christmas Jumper Day. If you have not donated £1 you can still bring this to the school office on Monday.



## Reception places 2017

It is time for parents and carers to begin applying for places in Reception 2017. The application process opened on Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> and we have limited copies of

letters for those who would like to apply for a place.

All details and application forms, including for those parents or carers requesting a place based on Faith, are available online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by telephoning 01522 782030.

We are very happy to show parents, and their children, around the school who might be considering sending their children to St Norbert's. If you do know of anyone in this position, please ask them to contact the school for further information.

### Admissions Consultation

A consultation on school admissions is taking place between 28/11/16 and 09/01/17. Please see our website for more details.

### Pupils of the Week



**Reception** -Virgilio Nicolas for persevering with his cutting out despite it being a challenge.

**Year 1** - Spas Ukov for recognising and writing high frequency words.

**Year 2** -.Gabriel Nowicki for consistently trying even when he found things challenging.

**Year 3** - Ethan Stoffel for his amazing memory in reciting his lines for KS2 Carol Concert.

**Year 4** - Marisa Kieviets for an outstanding effort and contribution to the KS2 carol concert.

**Year 5** - Liene Melne for speaking beautifully in her role as Mary and knowing her lines.

**Year 6** -Jacob Barnes for his superb big write assessment writing an instructional piece explaining how to use a new and improved sleigh. Great use of sub-headings and themed paragraphs.

### English Challenge- Contractions

Turn the words in *italics* into a contraction (shortened form). Remember that the apostrophe is located where letters have been removed. The first one has been done for you.

1. Trudy *does not* understand her homework. *doesn't*
2. Sam rarely laughs while *he is* sleeping.
3. Bill likes chocolate but *he has* stopped eating it.
4. *We have* tried to be fair to everyone.
5. Karen and Sarah think *they are* cuter than you.
6. Maria refused to admit that *she had* put butter in her pocket.
7. Ashley promised that *she would* send us an e-mail.

8. The report will be handed in but *it will* be late.
9. I wonder if *it is* proper to eat soup with a knife and fork.
10. That is the silliest song *they have ever* sung.

### Attendance

Week commencing: 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2016						
REC	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
93.33%	98.15%	98.89%	97.67%	90.33%	96.33%	93.1%

Congratulations go to Year 2 this week for best attendance.

### Rewards-House Points



1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
St Lucy 224 points	St Dominic 154 points	St Francis 146 points	St Bernadette 128 points

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

### End of Term

A reminder that children finish school at 3.15pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017. We wish you a very peaceful Christmas.

### Clubs

A clubs letter has been sent home with your child today, please complete and return to school By Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children will bring home a slip informing them of which clubs they have been allocated on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Clubs will start Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.



### Prayers please!

And they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us  
Matthew 1:18-24

God sent his only Son to live among us. God was physically present here on earth in Christ. But God is also around us every day, in every living thing which moves and has its being because God created it.

Each creature, flower and plant gives glory to God and sings God's praises.

The world is not ours to do with as we please, rather it belongs to God. We merely hold it in trust for God and for future generations. None of us has a higher claim to its resources or its beauty than any other, because God has given it for us all.

At this time of year, when we are pushed to consume more than ever - gifts, food, clothes, this year's must-have gadget - let us take time to step back and think about what we really need rather than what we want. Let us be inspired to view creation as a precious gift from God and to recognise that God is with us.

**Reflection for the week**

Lord awaken our senses so that we may be aware of your presence in all that you have created. Lead us to treat this great gift with reverence and care. Amen.

**Mr J Burns**

**Headteacher**