

St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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ST NORBERT'S IS A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Poverty Proofing

We are proud of our longstanding efforts to ensure that no child feels excluded or marginalised due to financial constraints. However, this is and will continue to be an ongoing process.

Please speak with me or your child's Class Teacher if you feel that something we do in school may result in additional financial burden for families and risk children experiencing stigma or feeling excluded.

Homework

Homework will be available from Friday 21st April for the first time this term. Please contact the Class Teacher if your child has any difficulty accessing or completing homework so that we can find a way to overcome problems together.

Homework Club will be restarting from the week beginning Monday 24th April and may offer your child an opportunity to complete all or some of the tasks expected. Please note however that some learning - such as reading and the rehearsal of times tables - is better-suited to frequent practice rather than only once each week.

Summer Uniform

Thank you for upholding our summer uniform; it was wonderful to see the children returning to school looking so smart and ready for the term ahead. If at any time you are unsure of our uniform policy, please view our Welcome Brochure which is available on the school website (www.stnorbertscrowle.co.uk). Should you be unable to source black short trousers for boys, dark grey will also be acceptable.

Year 6 Booster Clubs and SATs

The daily breakfast booster club for children in Year 6 will continue from today until Friday 5th May inclusive. All children in Year 6 are invited to continue attending the Breakfast Club free-of-charge during SATS week (Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May) though there will be no further revision during this time.

The after-school booster club for Year 6 will take place for two more weeks: Thursday 27th April and Thursday 4th May.



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SATs week itself is usually an enjoyable week for children in Year 6 and we will aim to ensure that all are happy and supported during this time. If you have any questions about statutory assessments, please do speak with me or your child's Class Teacher.

Mass

Canon Matthew has agreed to say Mass at St Norbert's Church on Monday 24th April in celebration of St George's Day (23rd April) and the start of our new school term. Please do join us if you are able – you will be most welcome.

Easter Bingo

Our Easter Bingo, organised by the Friends of St Norbert's, was a huge success. I would like to thank you again for supporting us by sending in prizes for the bingo on mufti day. The total amount raised was £600 – an amazing achievement for our small school and funds which will make a real difference.

Big Lent Walk

Your support and the wonderful efforts of our children have raised £966.70 in cash and online donations. Our original target of £200 has been well and truly exceeded and I would like to thank you again for your humbling generosity.

Volunteers Needed

In my previous letter, I invited interested volunteers - who might be able to listen to children read or provide some additional help in classes - to contact us. This proved highly beneficial in the past and is something that we now feel able to consider restarting, if possible.

If you know anyone who may be interested (perhaps a parent, carer or grandparent for example), then please do ask them to contact the school office about this. Thank you.

Mr Tibble

You may or may not be aware that we have been advertising for a replacement Deputy Headteacher since the end of last year. So far, this search has proved unsuccessful.

As we take steps in the meantime to find a suitable candidate for this role, I am pleased to report that Mr Paul Tibble – a consultant and ex-Headteacher working within the Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT – will be joining us on a temporary part-time basis to provide additional leadership capacity within our setting. Although Mr Tibble will not have any teaching responsibility, we look forward to working with him and his considerable experience will be of real benefit to our school.

After-school activity clubs

All activity clubs begin from Monday 24th April although Goldstar after-school club is available from today. If your child would like to take part in Football in the Community, please contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange payment.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson