

# St Norbert's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Mission statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

ST NORBERT'S IS A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reminder – Collective Worship with Class 5**

Collective Worship led by Class 5 takes place this Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### **Reminder - Collective Worship with Class 4**

Collective Worship led by Class 4 takes place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

Doors for both will open at 2.20pm with the actual Collective Worship starting at 2.30pm. As usual, there will be no admittance once the children have started.

### **Netball/Basketball Club**

The After-School Sports Club with Miss McKenzie with finish on Thursday next week. This will not continue after half term.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will open in the school hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3pm. This will open each night until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish to take a look, please collect your child at the gate as normal and walk down the path to the school hall. Payments for any books purchased will be in cash please. Thank you.

### **Reminder - Year 6 Breakfast Club**

The Year 6 Breakfast Club will begin after half term from 7.45am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. All Year 6s are invited and encouraged to attend. Breakfast will be provided and additional support and revision will be offered from 8am.

### **Staffing**

We have been working hard to maintain stability in the Reception and Nursery classes. I extend my sincere thanks to our Early Years team for their significant additional efforts over the past week, as well as to our dedicated office staff for their hard work in helping to secure quality replacement teaching behind the scenes.

Recruitment in education is challenging at the moment, so I am particularly pleased to confirm that we now have two very experienced Class Teachers who will be leading in the Early Years Unit until further notice. Mrs Morrisroe will work on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays before Mrs Sheehan takes over on Thursdays and Fridays. Both have already visited the Unit and Mrs Sheehan started today; I anticipate that Mrs Morrisroe will be able to start next week.



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Like Mrs Belton, both teachers bear overall responsibility for the provision in our Early Years Unit – supporting the other adults working in each of the two classes (Nursery and Reception) to meet pupils’ needs and statutory staff : pupil ratios.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding at what has been a challenging time for our staff team. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact me directly so that I can work with you to resolve any issues.

We also plan to re-advertise our current Deputy Headteacher Vacancy imminently. We have been working closely with our multi-academy trust on recruiting for this particular post and the day-to-day management of the school has been unaffected.

### **Children going to Church**

Where possible, please support our parish community by enabling your child/children to participate in Mass at St Norbert’s Church on Sundays at 9am. I am sure that the existing congregation will be delighted to see you in attendance.

### **Study United’s Limitless Lego Sessions**

Please see below links to Study United’s Limitless Lego sessions taking place over the February half term.

AM <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/limitless-lego-tickets-529262005907>

PM <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/limitless-lego-tickets-529255867547>

### **Community Dance Boys and Epworth Dance**

Please also see the attachments from Kimberley School of Dance regarding two community projects being run in Epworth and at the Baths Hall.

### **Reminder - Out of School Club Safe Word/Password**

If you use the Out of School Club and have not yet completed the online form with your child’s safe word/password, could you please do so by the end of this week when the form will close. The form was sent to you by email on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

School will close to children for half-term on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February; the Goldstar Out of School Club will still be open on this afternoon. Children should return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson