



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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

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Dear Families,

Harvest Celebration – Friday 20th October 9am for 9.30am

Tickets for our Harvest Celebration have been sent home with your child tonight. Please watch out for the brown envelope in your child's book bag.

In view of the number of parents who have requested tickets, there are no extra or reserve tickets available; tickets are limited to two per family. Please do not attend if you have not ordered tickets and please do not bring children to sit on your knee as these would need to be included in the maximum number allowed for the school hall.

If you do not need either or both of your tickets, please return them to the school office as soon as possible so that they can be allocated elsewhere.

Doors will open at 9am and the Friends of St Norbert's will be serving hot drinks and biscuits. Please take your seats before 9.30am as there will be no admittance to the Celebration once started - this disrupts the Celebration. If you can, please bring your tickets with you as these show your seat number and this makes entry into the hall easier for everyone attending.

Ticket numbers: 1 – 11, 22 – 32, 43 – 53, 64 – 74, 85 – 95, 105 – 114, 124 – 133, 142 – 150 should enter the school hall through Door 1 and ticket numbers: 12 – 21, 33 – 42, 54 – 63, 75– 84, 96 – 104, 115 – 123, 134 – 141 should enter through Door 2.

The Collection Point for donations to our local foodbank will be open from next Monday, 16th October. Any items from the following list which the Foodbank urgently require will be most appreciated:

UHT long-life milk, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meats, tinned soups, tinned fruit, instant coffee (small jars), packet snacks (noodles) or toiletries.

Jewellery

For the avoidance of any doubt, children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school – with the exception of a simple wristwatch (not a smart device) should they wish to bring one. This policy is unchanged, has been in place for many years and includes jewellery which is transparent. Ear-piercing at the start of the summer holidays will allow plenty of time for your child's ear lobes to heal fully if you decide to do this.



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I have to mitigate against the very real risk of injury presented when children wear jewellery. Primary-aged children lead active and physical lives and may - for example - catch earrings on clothing, potentially tearing the skin around the ear lobe. Plasters covering earrings to lessen this risk become loose during the day and fall off, creating further problems.

Please note additionally that NHS advice is to avoid swimming, ideally until a piercing wound has healed completely; particular consideration should be given to this advice if your child is in Class 4 and due to start swimming lessons in the new year.

School Crossing Patrol

The School Crossing Patrol will not be outside school next Wednesday afternoon. Please take extra care when crossing the road.

Reminder - Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6

If you have not already done so, could you please use the link below to give or decline permission for your child to receive their winter flu vaccination. Details and accompanying information and paperwork were sent out in my email dated 27th September.

<https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/Lincolnshire>

Future School Visits

Permission for school visits will now be sent out by email which will include a link for you to complete a short online form to give permission for your child to attend. This works in the same way as ordering your child's lunches for the coming weeks and I hope this process will prove more efficient and accessible.

A link has already been sent out to the parents of children in Classes 4 and 5, who will be taking part in the re-scheduled Orienteering Event at the Axholme Academy on 7th November. Could you please check your emails and complete the link to give permission, if you have not already done so. If you experience any difficulty with this new approach, please let the office know. Thank you.

Half-Term Holiday

School will close for the half-term on Friday 20th October. Both the Breakfast Club and Out-of-School Club will be open on this day as usual. School re-opens after the holiday on Monday 30th October.

All Saints Day Mass

Mass in celebration of All Saints Day – a holy day of obligation – will take place on Wednesday 1st November at 2pm in Saint Norbert's Church. Please consider joining the children in Church for this event, especially if you have not attended mass with us before. You do not have to be Catholic to participate in masses – only to receive Holy Communion; you will be given an 'order of service' to explain what is happening at each stage. The children sit together at the front of the church but there is space at the back for visitors.

We very much look forward to seeing you if you are able to join us during the hour before you collect your child at home-time. All are welcome!

Please note that children will need to return to school briefly at the end of the Mass to collect their belongings; they will meet you in the usual way at 3pm.

Thank you

As always, I would like to thank you for your support, cooperation and understanding. Should there be anything you wish to discuss with me in relation to your child's education, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson