



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,

Foodbank Donations

Thank you so much to everyone who has already generously donated to our local Foodbank. The collection point will remain open until after our Harvest Celebration tomorrow morning if you are able and still wish to donate. The food will be collected after our Celebration tomorrow and taken to the Foodbank distribution point in Epworth.

The Foodbank urgently require:

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Doors will open at 9am tomorrow for our Harvest Celebration. All tickets have now been allocated. Please do not attend if you do not have a ticket. Also, please do not bring babies or children to sit on your knee unless you have a ticket for them as they have to be included within the maximum number allowed in our school hall to comply with fire regulations. Pushchairs and prams should be left outside and not brought into the school hall as they can block the aisles and fire escapes.

The Friends of St Norbert's will be serving refreshments from 9am before the Celebration begins at 9.30am. Once started, there will be no admittance as this disrupts the Celebration.

Reminder - 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. All families and friends are very welcome to join us. If you are able to send your child with a small amount for the collection, that would be appreciated. Thank you.

Homework Club

Homework will not be set on Friday this week for the half-term holiday. As a result, there will be no Homework Club on Tuesday 31st October. Drama Club and the Year 6 Booster Club will however start again from the first week back.



Artsmark
Gold Award
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Whizz, Bang Sparkle – Food Festival Day

If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to try a school lunch on Monday 6th November, the following choices are available:

BANGers! or Veggie BANGers! with Smashed Potatoes and Smokey Bonfire Beans
Funfetti Sparkle Sponge

Please email the **School Meals** email address on schoolmeals@stnorbertscrowle.co.uk and confirm your child's name and choice before Monday 30th October. You should also make a payment of £2.40 through Parentpay, please.

Children who normally have a school meal do not need to book and will be given their choice from the school meals choices form already completed.

Class 5 Collective Worship – Remembrance

Collective Worship with Class 5 takes place on Friday 10th November. Doors will open at 2.20pm with the Worship starting at 2.30pm. As usual, there will be no admittance once started as this disrupts the Worship. All families of children in Class 5 are invited to attend.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppy-related items will be available to purchase through the school office after the half-term holiday during morning break and at 3pm. All items are available for a donation of your choosing. However, please note that this is a sealed collection box on behalf of the Royal British Legion and the office do not have any change available. Thank you.

Remembrance Services take place on Sunday 12th November at Ealand (10.45am) and at Crowle (12pm). Thank you.

In-School Parents' Appointments – All Children from Nursery to Class 5

Parent Consultation Meetings will take place in school on the following dates and times:

- Monday 13th November from 4pm until 7.30pm
- Tuesday 14th November from 1.10pm to 5pm

Please email a preferred first and second choice time slot to admin@stnorbertscrowle.co.uk and you will be allocated a time as close as possible to your choices. Each meeting will be for 10 minutes. If you have more than one child attending the school, we will try to schedule meetings so that waiting time is kept to a minimum for you.

Should you require a longer consultation following your initial meeting, please book an additional appointment on a different date. Similarly, if you would like to meet with me to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please contact me for a separate meeting.

Where parents have shared responsibility but do not live together, we will not contact you further to ask about an appointment if one parent has been seen. If both parents would like appointments, you are – of course – very welcome to email and book these separately.

Representatives from 'With Me in Mind' will be in school on the Monday evening should you wish to speak to them or look at any of the information they will have available.

Goldstar Out-of-School Club

We have worked hard - for a significant number of years - to provide extended wraparound care, which includes our Breakfast Club and Goldstar Out-of-School Club. We believe that our offer has consistently been very affordable; prices have not in fact risen for a long time.

Sadly, schools are not immune to rising costs and the impact of inflation – which we have tried to resist for as long as possible. As a result, Goldstar has been operating at a loss. I am therefore sorry to inform users of the service that, in order to reduce the burden on the overall school budget, it will be necessary to increase the cost of Goldstar sessions from the 8th January 2024.

The price will rise from £8.20 per session to £10.20 for the first child; sibling bookings will cost £8.20 per session.

I do acknowledge that this will be very unwelcome news. However, we continue to offer relatively inexpensive childcare at a cost of under £3.50 per hour, with food provided.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals, which can provide additional financial support with other aspects of school life. You can check to see if you are eligible and apply here: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/>.

Reminder - Half-Term Holiday

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

A Dawson