



# 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,

## Reminder - Harvest Celebration

Ticket requests for the Harvest Celebration have almost reached the maximum number we can accommodate. If you have still not ordered your tickets, could you please do so by 3pm on Wednesday this week. Tickets, including those on the reserve list, will be allocated on Thursday morning this week and then sent home. After this time, I will not be able to guarantee that any further tickets will be available.

If you have kindly offered to help at the Harvest Celebration with our PTA, please make sure you have also ordered your ticket. Thank you.

If you would like to make a donation to our collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries for the Foodbank, the collection point will be open from Monday next week. Please see below as a reminder of the items 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 once again for your support.

## Year 6 Booster and Gardening Club

The Gardening Club with Miss Tonge finished last week. There will be no Gardening Club this week. In addition, the Year 6 Booster Club will be postponed this week but will take place next week.

## Staffing Update

We will be really sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Sheehan at the end of this half-term. Mrs Sheehan has been working in our Reception Class since January this year and we are very grateful for the support and dedication she has shown, for her commitment and for her hard work.

If donating a contribution to a gift for Mrs Sheehan is something you would like to do, please send your donations into the school office in an envelope marked 'Collection for Mrs Sheehan'.



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We are also very grateful to Mrs O'Neill, who will continue in our Reception Class until further notice and on a full-time basis after the half-term break; we thank her for her continued support at this time.

Our colleague and friend - Mrs Belton - remains in our prayers and we continue to wish her well over the coming months.

### **Poverty Proofing**

As you are already aware, we aim to 'poverty-proof' our school day; we recognised that poverty can create significant barriers for children and can have a harmful impact on their chance to thrive. As a Rights Respecting School, we look carefully at factors which could potentially affect children's overall chances of success. We are therefore committed to ensuring that we do not unfairly disadvantage any child or family financially.

Where there may be a cost to participating in school life, we aim to keep this as low as possible or remove it altogether. Should any aspect of school present a financial burden for you, please speak with me – in confidence – so that we can look for solutions together. Similarly, if you feel that we have overlooked an opportunity to do even more, please do let us know.

### **Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes**

Costly water bottles and lunch boxes are strongly discouraged, not least because items such as these are easily broken or damaged if dropped – in much the same way as far cheaper (and therefore easier-to-replace) alternatives. Similarly, we seek to create an environment in which we reduce or remove the pressure on children – and families – to 'keep up' with the latest trends.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Dawson".

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