



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,

Welcome Back

I would like to wish you all a very happy new year. It has been a great pleasure to welcome our school community back today after the Christmas break.

Start of School Day

Teaching begins promptly at 8:30am; attendance registers are completed before 8:30am to minimise 'lost' learning time. We open the school doors from 8:20am so that children have time to store their belongings and get themselves organised for the beginning of the day; learning activities are also available during this time.

Thank you for ensuring that your children arrive at school on-time. Your support in facilitating a smooth start to the day is greatly appreciated and will be highly beneficial.

Clubs

All clubs – including the Y6 Breakfast Revision Club – will begin from Monday 15th January. Our usual Breakfast and Goldstar out-of-school clubs are operating as normal this week.

Staffing Update

Following the departure of Mrs Metcalfe at the end of last term, Goldstar out-of-school club will – until further notice – be led by Mrs Maczka and Mrs Naseer, who has previously worked for us here at Saint Norbert's.

Mrs Pitois (Class 5 Teacher) will be working from Tuesday to Friday each week from now on. Mrs Peake – who has already worked in Class 5 for a considerable time – will now be teaching on Mondays.

Miss Marsden's statutory entitlement to non-contact time will now be covered by Mrs Sheehan for one half-day each week until further notice. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Sheehan back to Saint Norbert's.

Speech and Drama Festival

The Scunthorpe Speech and Drama Festival first began more than 90 years ago and has become a local tradition. It provides a great opportunity for children to develop greater self-confidence, teamworking skills and have some fun.



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All children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will be learning the choral speaking poetry as part of our planned English curriculum. Children taking part in the Festival individually will be supported at lunchtimes to help them learn their poems if this is needed and beneficial. However, for your child be able to take part in the Speech and Drama Festival – either alone; with a partner or as part of a group; or as part of the choral speaking group – could you please return the permission slip and your child's choice of poem as soon as possible. The deadline for entries is Saturday 20th January and there are no exceptions made by the Festival Committee.

If your child would like to take part but needs help in choosing a poem, please let me know. If your child would like to perform one of the set poems, I can arrange for this to be sent out.

Dental Survey

Dental Workshops will be taking place in all classes this month; these are designed to teach children about their oral health and effective toothbrushing. Your child will be unable to participate in these sessions – which will be led by the Community Dental Service – unless you have completed the online form giving permission for him/her to do so. The link can for this permission be found on my email dated 4th December and will be sent again with this letter.

School Website

Please do check our school website for updates when you are able. All letters are saved in the 'News' section of the site for you to read again at any time. There is also information about what your child is due to be taught in the 'Curriculum' section, as well as termly 'Curriculum Newsletters' shared on individual class pages.

'Open-Door Policy'

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do feel able to contact me. Your child's Class Teacher is also available to speak with you at the start and of each day.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson