



# 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,

## Visiting Artists: Chris Teal and Karen Raithby

Thank you so much to our PTA – the Friends of Saint Norbert's – for supporting art workshops for all pupils this term. We have welcomed professional artist, Chris Teal, who worked with all classes on graffiti art; we also welcomed professional artist, Karen Raithby, who has been delivering clay workshops with every group of children. None of this would have been possible without the incredible fundraising efforts of our school community. Thank you!

## Our Library Project

The School Council have been making decisions about the redecoration of our School Library. Our aim is to make this a really inspiring space to promote a love for and curiosity about reading. Mr Brady – our Caretaker – has already started to transform the space and we look forward to sharing progress with you via our Twitter page. Thanks once again must be extended to the Friends of Saint Norbert's who are supporting this exciting project, which we hope will be completed by the time we return from the Easter holidays.

## Friends of St Norbert's PTA Meeting

You will note that I am keen to acknowledge the work of the Friends of Saint Norbert's PTA in this letter. Over so many years, their efforts have made a real difference to our school and we have been able to offer a wide range of experiences to children that would otherwise have been impossible. I must also thank all of our families for continuing to support PTA fundraising; your generosity – in any form – reminds me just how special our school community is.

To date this year, the PTA have facilitated (amongst other projects):

- Pantomime visit and refreshments
- Christmas parties
- Murton Park visit
- Crucial Crew visit
- Speech and Drama Festival entry – including choral speaking
- Starlincs planetarium visit
- Graffiti art workshops
- Clay workshops
- Cooking equipment
- 'Wow said the Owl'
- Library renovation project



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Please feel very welcome to attend the next meeting of the PTA, which will take place in school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 3-4pm. New members are always encouraged!

### **Parents' Appointments**

You should have received confirmation of your parents' appointments by Wednesday last week. If you have not yet requested an appointment, please do so that we can discuss your child's progress and wellbeing. Similarly, if you would like to meet with me to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please make a separate appointment through the school office.

As always, please note that teachers are available at either school gate in the mornings, or on the playground at the end of the day, should you need to discuss anything or pass on a message. If you require a longer conversation, we can arrange to meet at the earliest mutually-convenient time.

### **CAFOD Big Lent Walk**

Our Big Lent Walk took place on Friday afternoon last week, with all children and staff participating. We estimate that we walked in excess of 100km together as a school and have raised £405 for CAFOD so far. Thank you for your incredible support. If you have any further sponsorship money outstanding, please do forward this to the school office so that we can send the final donation to CAFOD.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Outdoor Activities**

First Step Sports returned to school on Friday to deliver orienteering activities with all classes as part of our agreement with the company to enrich our PE curriculum over the course of this year. To date, children have also enjoyed archery and fencing days; 'quidditch' and 'skills drills' days are scheduled to take place during the Pentecost (summer) term.

### **Collective Worship with Class 2**

The children in Class 2 will be leading our act of worship this Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Family and friends of the children in Class 2 are very welcome to attend. Gates will open at 2.20pm ready for the Worship to begin at 2.30pm. There will be no admittance once started. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

### **Reminder: Music Festival – After School Club – Children from Classes 4 and 5 only**

KS2 Choir Club will begin tomorrow from 3-4pm, taking place every Tuesday, until the Festival week in May. If your child wishes to be part of the KS2 choir and you have not yet given permission for him/her to do so, please use the link provided.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson