



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,

Holy Week

We have now entered Holy Week – the most important week in the Liturgical Year. When speaking about this, Pope Francis said:

“During these holy days, let us draw near [Jesus]. Let us place ourselves before him ... to take an honest look at ourselves, removing whatever is superfluous. Let us let Jesus regenerate hope in us.”

St Norbert's Church – Parish Newsletter and Spring Fayre

Please find attached the Parish Newsletter from St Norbert's Church; this shows the scheduled Masses over the Easter period.

The church has also asked me to let you know that everyone is warmly invited to their Church Spring Fayre on Saturday 13th April. This takes place in the Church Hall from 10am to 1pm. Stalls will include a tombola, bottle bags, cakes, refreshments, raffle etc. All money raised is for church funds. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

We will soon be starting preparatory sessions for children due to make their First Holy Communion. If your child is baptised Catholic and currently in Class 4, please do let me know if you would like him/her to take part.

Mass for St George's Day

Children will be attending Mass to celebrate St George's Day, in Saint Norbert's Church, on Tuesday 23rd April at 10.30am. Please do feel welcome to join us if you are able – it would be great to see you there.

As is the case with any Mass, it would be so appreciated if you could send your child with a small amount of change for the collection. Thank you.

Mufti Day and Easter Bingo

Thank you so much to everyone who donated prizes and gifts for our Easter Bingo on Mufti Day. Your support is very much appreciated and really makes a difference to our school.



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The Easter Bingo takes place this evening. Doors will open from 6pm, with 'eyes down' at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available together with a raffle, sweet shop and board games.

Any cakes left over from this evening will be sold in school at 3pm on Wednesday afternoon by our PTA; any cakes remaining after this time will then be donated to the Forge Project.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity; we very much look forward to seeing you.

Mr Walker – Deputy Head

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous recruitment process earlier this term, we have now appointed a new Deputy Headteacher – Mr Walker – who will join our staff team in September. I am sure that you will welcome Mr Walker to our school community when he arrives.

Summer Uniform

Children should return in their summer uniform after Easter, please:

Girls – green and white short-sleeved checked dress, white socks, black shoes or sandals and green school cardigan. No trainers.

Boys – black shorts or trousers, white short-sleeved shirt, plain black socks, black shoes or sandals and green school jumper. No trainers.

Our supportive PTA – the Friends of St Norbert's – have stocks of second-hand uniform available at very reasonable prices. Please contact Catherine Coggrave for full details. If you do not have contact details for Catherine, please contact the school office.

As always, thank you for supporting our well-intentioned uniform policy and for helping to keep costs low. If you experience any problems accessing the summer uniform, please call or visit me so that I can help. Please also be assured of my discretion.

Big Lent Walk

Thank you once again to everyone who donated to our CAFOD Big Lent Walk appeal. I can confirm that we raised a brilliant amount: £480. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Children Walking Home

We allow children in Class 5 (Years 5 and 6) to walk home unaccompanied if there is nobody in the playground to collect them at 3pm. If you do not wish your Class 5 child to walk home on his/her own until further notice, please let the office know as soon as possible. Similarly, do please inform the office if there are to be any unexpected changes at the end of the day and we will either communicate these to your child or keep him/her safe until you arrive.

When children do walk home unaccompanied, they are advised to return to school if they have any problems and ring the buzzer on the gate to be re-admitted.

Children from Class 4 and below should always be collected at the end of the day by a responsible adult (with password if applicable). Alternative arrangements – such as going with friends' parents, for example – should be communicated to the office before 3pm.

Goldstar Out of School Club

Our Goldstar Out of School Club will not be open on Thursday 28th March, the last afternoon this week before the Easter Holidays. Please do not make bookings through Parentpay for this day and all children should be collected at 3pm please. Breakfast Club will – however – be open as usual.

Clubs

For clarity, please note the following regarding clubs after Easter:

- Breakfast Club will be open every day from Monday 15th April

- Goldstar Out-of-School Club will be open every day from Monday 15th April
- Year 6 Breakfast Booster Club will be open every day from Monday 15th April
- Year 6 After-School Booster Club will begin from Thursday 18th April
- Tennis Club will begin from Monday 22nd April
- Choir Club will begin from Tuesday 23rd April
- Homework Club will begin from Tuesday 23rd April (if needed)
- Mission Club will begin from Wednesday 24th April

New clubs after Easter will be:

- Gardening Club (Class 4 initially) from Thursday 25th April with Miss Tonge
- Playground Games Club (open to Class 2 initially, with the possibility of places for children in Class 3) from Thursday 25th April with Mrs O'Neill

Links to give permission for these new clubs are attached to this email.

Bags2School Collection

The Friends of St Norbert's have arranged a Bags2School collection for Wednesday 1st May. If you wish to donate any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc, please bring them into school on the morning of 1st May. Although we really do appreciate your donations, please do not bring them in before that date as there is no suitable storage space in school. Thank you again for your support.

Information from North Lincolnshire Council and Community Groups etc

Please find attached information regarding Measles, Whooping Cough, Family Hub Sessions, Crowle Colts Wildcats, Scunthorpe Theatres and 'With Me in Mind'. Thank you.

Easter Holidays

School will close on Thursday 28th March at 3pm. As detailed above, all children should be collected at 3pm on this day. School will re-open on Monday 15th April and we look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson