



# 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,

## **Rights Respecting Award Re-accreditation**

Last Wednesday, we were visited 'virtually' by two UNICEF Assessors as part of our Rights Respecting Award re-accreditation process. Having already compiled and submitted a large portfolio of evidence beforehand, we participated in a comprehensive programme during the morning which would enable the assessors to closely examine our work to promote children's rights in school.

I would like to thank children, parents, staff and governors (in no particular order) for their considerable contribution during our re-accreditation assessment and for their often very moving testimonies.

I very much look forward to sharing whatever the outcome of the re-accreditation is with you when we receive feedback from UNICEF in a few weeks' time.

## **First Holy Communion**

If your child is Catholic and is currently in Class 4, First Holy Communion sessions will be starting soon. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part in this sacramental preparation.

## **Keeping Children Safe Online**

Do you know what content your child is accessing or viewing? We often become aware that children are viewing online content or engaging in activity on social media that is not age-appropriate.

The NSPCC provide advice and guidance about inappropriate or explicit online content which can be viewed here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>.

Please do consider reviewing your parental controls as well as the content that your child has been able to view recently; you may be surprised.



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### **Head Lice**

There are cases of head lice in school. Although this is nothing to do with 'dirty' hair and is nothing to be embarrassed about, it is important to check everyone in the household and begin treating everyone who has head lice on the same day. If you are treating head lice, you do not need to keep your child off school.

The NHS provide further information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> .

Our uniform policy is that – boy or girl – long hair should be tied back at all times to minimise the possibility of head lice spreading.

### **Reminder - Melwood Pilgrimage**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Pilgrimage to Melwood will take place in honour of Saint Augustine Webster at 12pm. Please see the poster attached to my previous letter for further details.

### **Goldstar Out of School Club**

Our Goldstar Out of School Club opens between 3pm and 6pm each day, except the last day of each full term. Please ensure that you collect your children by 6pm at the latest. Our staff will contact you by telephone if your child has not been collected by 6pm and will then follow the procedures detailed in our Uncollected Child Policy which can be found on our website.

Late collection from the Out of School Club must and will incur a fee of £10.

Please only telephone the Out of School Club mobile from the school gate once you have arrived and are ready to collect your child. If you telephone before you arrive, Goldstar staff must wait at the gate with your child until handover; other parents are then not able to collect their children quickly and are kept waiting.

### **School Lunches**

Payment for school lunches should be made in advance please at the beginning of the week through Parentpay. Office staff are having to send email reminders each week to parents whose payments have not been received; this must then also be followed up – in some cases – by a telephone call. Parents who do not make payment in advance will be asked to send their child with a packed lunch.

Should you wish to change from a school lunch to a packed lunch, please do give at least one week's notice as catering raw materials are ordered in advance and must obviously be paid for.

Please continue to use the online form to order your child's lunch. If an order is not received, your child will be allocated a main meal as would always be the case.

### **Class 3 Visit to Rand Farm Park**

Thank you to all parents who quickly gave their permission for their child to take part in this visit. Could you please make your payment through Parentpay as detailed in my previous letter. Please see me in confidence should you have any issues in making this payment and I will try to help.

### **May Day Bank Holiday**

School will be closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holiday Weekend and will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



A Dawson