



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,

Harvest Celebration – Friday 18th October

Thank you so much to everyone who has already supported our collection for the Foodbank which opened this week; I am sure that your help will be really appreciated. The collection will remain open until after the Harvest Celebration on Friday and the items will then be sent to our local Foodbank. If you would still like to donate any items, we are informed that the following is urgently required:

UHT long-life milk, cereals, pasta sauces, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meats, rice pudding, tinned fruit, instant coffee (small jars), packets or tins of custard

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, a collection bucket will also be available in school on Friday afternoon.

Please do remember that there is no expectation regarding donations; we are simply making the option to donate a possibility for you.

The Harvest Celebration will begin at 2pm on Friday afternoon. Doors will open at 1.30pm for you to take your seat and enjoy refreshments provided by our PTA. Please note that your ticket number is also your seat number as all seats are allocated. Please enter the hall through either of the doors on the side of the hall.

We are trialling a new way of numbering the seats in the hall; please note that the seat numbers will now be on the *back* of your chair and not on the front. Our office staff will be available in the hall to help you to find your seat.

Please do not come to the Celebration if you do not have a ticket; the maximum number of tickets available have been allocated and we have a maximum permissible headcount. There will be no admittance to the Celebration once it has begun at 2pm.

Thank you for supporting both our Harvest Celebration and for showing solidarity with our local Foodbank – one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

School Crossing Patrol

The School Crossing Patrol will not be outside school on Thursday afternoon this week. Please do take extra care when crossing the road at this busy time. Mr Besser will return on Friday morning.

Bread Making with Aspens – Children in Class 3 Only

Children in Class 3 will be taking part in a bread-making session with Aspens, our school caterers, on Wednesday 30th October. All equipment and ingredients will be provided.

However, could you please send your child with a plastic container – with a lid – to bring the bread dough home for baking (and then eating). Thank you.

Mass for All Saints

Mass for All Saints Day, with Canon Matthew, will take place on Friday 1st November at 11am. All families and friends are very welcome to join us in church – it would be very special to see you there. If you are able, could you please send your child with a small amount of change for the collection.

Celebration of the Word

The families and friends of children in Class 5 are invited to join us for a Remembrance-themed 'Celebration of the Word' on Friday 8th November. Doors will open at 2.20pm with the Celebration starting at 2.30pm. Please note that there will be no admittance once started at 2.30pm. We very much look forward to seeing Class 5 families there if you are available.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and poppy-related items will be available through the school office during morning breaktimes after half-term. Items will be available in exchange for a donation to the Royal British Legion Appeal. Thank you.

Reminder - Imagination Library Book Chatter Event

The Imagination Library Team will be in school again on the afternoon of Thursday 14th November from 1pm to 2.45pm for a 'Book Chatter' Event. This is open to families around Crowle with children from 0 – 3 years old. Children from our Nursery and Reception Classes will be attending. Please see my separate letter with full details.

In-School Parents' Appointments – all Children from Nursery to Class 5

Parent Consultation Meetings will take place in school on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 19th November from 1.10pm to 5pm
- Wednesday 20th November from 3pm until 6.30pm

Please complete the link on the accompanying email with this letter, indicating your preferred first and second choice time slots, and you will be allocated a time as close as possible to your choices. Each meeting will be for 10 minutes. If you have more than one child attending the school, we will try to schedule meetings so that waiting time is kept to a minimum for you. Please do complete the link for each child.

Should you require a longer consultation following your initial meeting, please book an additional appointment on a different date. Similarly, if you would like to meet with *me* to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please contact me for a separate meeting.

Where parents have shared responsibility but do not live together, we will not contact you further to ask about an appointment if one parent has been seen. If both parents would like appointments, you are – of course – very welcome to email and book these separately.

Please note that the link to book your appointment will close at 8.30am on Friday 8th November to enable appointment times to be allocated and distributed. Thank you.

Homework Club

As no homework will be set on Friday night for the half-term holiday, there will be no Homework Club on the first Tuesday back after half-term. Thank you.

Information regarding Pharmacy First

Please find attached details received from Wheldricks Pharmacy regarding 'Pharmacy First'.

Vaccination UK

Please also see the attachment from Vaccination UK with the dates and times of flu catch up sessions available for your child, if needed. Thank you.

Study Utd

Please see the flyers attached for activities taking place at Study Utd during the half-term holiday.

Half-term

School will close on Friday 18th October for half-term. Goldstar Out of School Club will be open as usual on this day. School re-opens on Monday 28th October.

Yours sincerely,

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

A Dawson